Dairy in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The Asian Dairy Sector is strongly positioned to help reach the Sustainable Development Goals. However, there are still challenges that we must overcome.

**STRENGTHS**
- Dairy supports rural livelihoods and generates poverty-alleviating growth.
- Biogas from dairy is a renewable (clean) form of energy.
- Dairy generates year-round, inclusive and productive employment.
- Productive dairy reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
- Dairy provides vital nutrients and contributes to household food security.
- Dairy products are a part of healthy, affordable and sustainable diets.
- Smallholder dairy is a powerful vehicle for women empowerment in poor countries.

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION**
- Provide sound policy frameworks for inclusive dairy development.
- Invest in enhanced quality and safety of dairy products.
- Promote school milk programs linked to local dairy development to enhance food security and nutrition.
- Further reduce and optimize the water footprint.
- Enhance consumer education to enable more informed food choices.
- Promote farmer to farmer transfer of technologies, knowledge and best practices.
- Provide more leadership opportunities for women in dairy.
- Utilize biogas from dairy as a form of clean energy.
- Offer opportunities for smallholder dairy development.
- Enhance inclusive dairy development in the dairy value chain.
- Increasing productivity and profitability of dairy products.

**1. NO POVERTY**
- Promote responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative institutions through the dairy value chain.

**2. ZERO HUNGER**
- Promote region-specific good animal welfare practices while considering productivity, profitability and product quality.

**3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**
- Promote policies and investment to prevent water pollution.

**4. QUALITY EDUCATION**
- Dairy converts inedible plant material into high-value food.

**5. GENDER EQUALITY**
- Recognize the role of dairy as a net contributor to sustainable food security.

**6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**
- Provide small businesses with access to credit and technology.

**7. AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**
- Dairy converts inedible plant material into high-value food.

**8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**
- Offer opportunities for smallholder dairy development.

**9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Enhance inclusive dairy development in the dairy value chain.

**10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES**
- Promote region-specific good animal welfare practices while considering productivity, profitability and product quality.

**11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**
- Recognize the role of dairy as a net contributor to sustainable food security.

**12. RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**
- Promote small businesses with access to credit and technology.

**13. CLIMATE ACTION**
- Offer opportunities for smallholder dairy development.

**14. LIFE BELOW WATER**
- Enhance inclusive dairy development in the dairy value chain.

**15. LIFE ON LAND**
- Recognize the role of dairy as a net contributor to sustainable food security.

**16. PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**
- Promote region-specific good animal welfare practices while considering productivity, profitability and product quality.

**17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**
- Promote region-specific good animal welfare practices while considering productivity, profitability and product quality.