DAIRY ASIA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the world leaders in September 2015 represent the aspirations of a global community in addressing a wide range of global issues, including eradication of hunger and poverty, health, climate change, economic development, human rights and gender equality. The Asian dairy sector is strongly positioned to help reach the SDGs.

However, there are still challenges that we must overcome. To address these, Dairy Asia developed a sustainability framework, which is fully aligned with the spirit of the SDGs. Dairy Asia committed to contributing towards their achievement in partnership with all stakeholders.

HOW TO JOIN

Dairy Asia is a voluntary platform that functions on the principles of consensus and mutual respect. Membership is open to those organizations who subscribe to the vision and core values of the platform by signing the consensus document. The consensus document can be downloaded from www.dairyasia.org. Please send the signed consensus document to asia-dairy-network@fao.org

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THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
Dairy Asia is committed to being a non-hierarchical, consensus based multi-stakeholder platform. The technical work under the platform is led by semi-autonomous technical working groups. A steering committee comprising representatives from national focal points, knowledge partners, sponsors and technical working group members provides strategic guidance and oversight. The secretariat coordinates the organizational level decision-making and provides the liaison function between various arms of the platform. This structure allows for semi-autonomous working building on the strengths of all partners and creating opportunities towards more coordinated action in pursuit of our joint vision.

NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS
• Dairy Association of China
• Department of Livestock Development, Government of Thailand
• Department of Animal Production and Health, Government of Sri Lanka
• Department of Livestock, Government of Bhutan
• Department of Livestock Services, Government of Bangladesh
• Directorate General of Livestock Services, Government of Indonesia
• Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Government of Afghanistan
• Food Production Policy Implementation and Coordination Department, Government of Mongolia
• National Dairy Authority, Philippines
• National Dairy Development Board, India
• National Dairy Development Board of Myanmar
• National Dairy Development Board, Nepal
• Vietnam Dairy Association

KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS AND SPONSORS
• Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific (APHCA)
• Dairy Sustainability Framework (DSF)
• International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
• Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
• Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL)
• International Dairy Federation (IDF)
• International Farm Comparison Network (IFCN)

THE CHALLENGE
Asian dairy is on the cusp of transformation. Consumption of milk and milk products has grown rapidly in the region making Asia the strongest growing region for dairy product consumption during the last three decades. While production has responded strongly to growing demand, supply continues to fall short of demand. Consequently, net imports of milk and milk product in the region are up threefold over this period. According to OECD-FAO Outlook 2016, global milk production is projected to increase by 177 MT by 2025 when compared to the base years (2013-15), and the majority of which (73 percent) is expected to come from developing countries, especially from Asia. These conditions provide an attractive opportunity for developing Asian nations to further consolidate these gains by investing in measures to enhance productivity, quality, food safety and market access.

This growth in demand is happening at a time when concerns about resource scarcity, climate change and the need for equitable economic development are becoming exceedingly important. Farmers worldwide face the challenge of producing more with less while at the same time addressing climate change and impacts on ecosystems. The sector is under pressure to increase the efficiency of natural resource use to meet society’s growing food and environmental needs. Investing in sustainable dairy is no longer a question of choice. It is the only option.

WHAT IS DAIRY ASIA
Dairy Asia is a multi-stakeholder partnership of willing partners committed to visioning and building a sustainable dairy sector in Asia and the Pacific region.

OUR VISION
A socially and environmentally responsible Asian dairy sector that enhances rural livelihoods, improves nutrition, and contributes to economic prosperity.

CORE FUNCTIONS
1. Facilitate knowledge and information exchange.
2. Support institutional development.
4. Advocate for and broker investment partnerships.
5. Facilitate collaborative R&D activities, dairy development.