Core values and consensus

Consider the rapid growth in the demand for milk and milk products an opportunity to make substantial contribution to the national and regional food security, nutrition, rural development and to the empowerment of women in Asia.

Appreciate that while capitalizing on this opportunity, we need to be conscious about growing pressure on natural resources (land, water and biodiversity), climate change and the need for more equitable national and regional development.

Stress that the notion of sustainability must be considered in its full complexity encompassing all its pillars—economic, social and ecological; and sustainability must be considered a societal issue.

Recognize that meeting the future challenges requires integrated efforts by a wide range of stakeholders so as to capitalize on the strength and diversity of dairy production systems in the region and to minimize the potential negative impacts of rapid growth in demand and supply of dairy products.

Commit to

- Facilitating exchange of knowledge and information on all aspects of dairy development.
- Supporting dairy institutional development.
- Supporting policy and strategy for dairy development.
- Advocating and developing new investment partnership in dairy development in support of food security, nutrition, livelihoods and sustainability objectives.
- Facilitating and collaborate in research and development in dairy.

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