

The Global Dairy Agenda for Action – A pledge to a sustainable dairy sector

In September 2009, the dairy industry signed a Global Dairy Agenda for Action to join forces to address climate change. Signed by seven organizations on behalf of the world's dairy associations and companies, it is an industry pledge to reduce carbon emissions as part of its contribution to proactively address climate change.

The Global Dairy Agenda for Action is about sharing technologies, knowledge and practices within the global dairy industry to achieve a reduction in emissions. This initiative encourages and shares new and innovative technologies and practices including resource efficiency on farms and energy efficiency by food manufacturers in processing plants and in warehouses.

It is an unprecedented level of cooperation across national borders and along the dairy supply chain.

Our objectives

- To demonstrate the positive activities that the dairy sector is undertaking to support its commitment to sustainability: environmentally, socially and economically.
- To catalogue the continuous improvements already made and in progress as evidence of the industry's commitment.
- To make a call for action from policy makers to provide a supportive regulatory policy environment in which the sector can deliver on its commitments, without compromise to the dairy industry's contribution to global nutritional and social wellbeing.

Our commitment

1. Promote the development of a standard method for measurement of greenhouse gas production
2. Promote and share best practices to minimise the production of greenhouse gases
3. Advance the establishment of systems and protocols for measurement of emissions
4. Promote opportunities for emissions reduction on the farm
5. Share research and information to maximise progress in developing mitigation technologies.

The evidence

To achieve our objectives, we recognize the need to provide evidence.

Evidence has been collected on past, current and planned work in the form of a "Green Paper".

The Green Paper has 307 sustainability initiatives catalogued under six primary areas and searchable through an online catalogue. It comprises the following areas:

1. **Emissions Reduction**
2. **Energy Efficiency**
3. **Transport Efficiency**
4. **Reduction in loss of milk and milk products**
5. **Resource Efficiency**
6. **Life Cycle Analysis and Management**

Other initiatives catalogued include '**Cow of the Future**' and '**water efficiency**'

It is a living document, to be regularly updated and evaluated to reflect the industries global efforts. It is available for public viewing through an internet site <http://www.dairy-sustainability-initiative.org/>

The sustainability website is the evidence that the worldwide dairy industry is addressing the issue of sustainability. It is a good opportunity for anyone working in the dairy chain to visit the portal and learn about the initiatives of others, potentially finding inspiration to create or share their own initiatives.

Do you want to take part in this initiative? Do you have an example in your organization that would fit into any of these categories?

Join us in the sustainability area at the IDF World Dairy Summit. Demonstrations and highlights of the Green Paper will be presented live. Do not miss out this opportunity!

Why is it important to contribute?

- Support the objectives of the Agenda for Action
- Provide a public gallery of your efforts
- Profile your company
- Demonstrate alignment with other dairy sector activities
- Demonstrate dairy's environmental performance globally
- Assist your organization in quantifying the benefits of your efforts

You are interested in knowing more about this unique commitment?

An update session is organized on Tuesday 9 November, 9:00-11:30 at the IDF World Dairy Summit.

Visit the sustainability area where demonstrations of the site will be organized including presentations of highlights of the Green Paper. Join us and learn more about this initiative!

More information will follow!

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