

# Dairy Asia

Towards Sustainability





## THE CHALLENGE

Asian dairy is on the cusp of transformation. Consumption of milk and milk products has grown rapidly in Asia making it 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. According to OECD FAO Outlook 2015, global milk production is projected to increase by 175 Million Tonnes by 2024 when compared to the base years (2012-14), the majority of which 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 critically important. Farmers worldwide face the challenge of producing more with less while at the same time addressing climate change and impact 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 about dairy development across Asian countries
2. Support institutional development for dairy development in Asia
3. Support Policy and Strategy development in support of dairy sector development in Asian countries
4. Advocate for and broker investment partnerships for sustainable dairy development in Asia.
5. Facilitate collaborative R&D activities in support of sustainable dairy development.

## THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

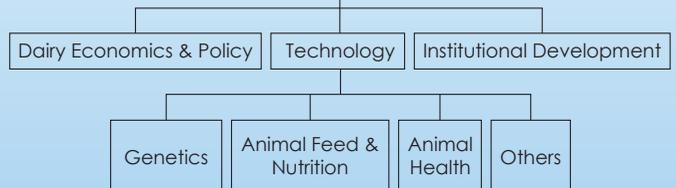
Dairy Asia is committed to being a non hierarchical, consensus based multi-stakeholder platform. The technical work under the platform is led by semi-autonomous Technical Working Groups.

A Steering Committee comprising representatives from national focal points, knowledge partners, sponsors and technical working group members provides strategic guidance and oversight; and the Secretariat co-ordinates 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

- National Dairy Development Board, India
- Department of Livestock, Government of Bhutan
- Department of Livestock Services, Government of Bangladesh
- Dairy Association of China
- Vietnam Dairy Association
- Dairy Farming Promotion Organization and Department of Livestock Development, Government of Thailand
- Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Government of Afghanistan
- Department of Animal Production and Health, Government of Sri Lanka
- National Dairy Development Board, Nepal
- Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of Mongolia
- National Dairy Development Board of Myanmar and Myanmar Dairy Association
- Union of Indonesian Dairy Cooperatives, Director General of Animal Health Services and Indonesian Centre for Animal Research and Development, Indonesia
- National Dairy Authority, Philippines



## KNOWLEDGE PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

- Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock
- Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- CGIAR Research Program on Livestock and Fish
- The Global Dairy Agenda for Action
- International Farms Comparison Network
- International Dairy Federation

# DAIRY ASIA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the world leaders in September 2015 represent the aspirations of 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. Dairy Asia is fully aligned with the spirit of SDGs and committed to contributing towards their achievement in partnership with all stakeholders.

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



## 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](http://www.dairyasia.org). Please send signed consensus document to [asia-dairy-network@fao.org](mailto:asia-dairy-network@fao.org),

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