



Rwanda National Dairy Platform
Rubirizi/Kicukiro District

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Concept Note for the Celebration of World Milk Day and Launching of IDF-National Committee for Rwanda

1. General Overview

Over the past two decades, Rwanda's dairy sub-sector has been developing enormously in terms of increased dairy cattle farming practices as well as an increase in milk production. The increase in milk production is a reflection of improved dairy farming best practices coupled with increased number of improved dairy cattle breeds across the country. The government of Rwanda, has taken dairy production as the quickest means of poverty alleviation and because of that, it has provided various supporting programs aimed at developing the sector holistically. Such services includes the establishment of milk marketing infrastructure; genetic improvement services like artificial insemination; access to liquid nitrogen facilities; milk processing facilities; training of dairy value chain operators, animal health care and feeds resources development services to mention but a few.

Rwanda National Dairy Platform (RNDP) was established in 2015 in order to streamline the Rwandan dairy sector development through implementation of various sector development activities geared towards improving the functioning of the entire dairy value chain segments. The platform was formed based on the provision of the national dairy strategy of 2013-2019 in the framework of Public-Private-Partnership; the reason why the government has supported the entity since its inception to date.

In the same development, the Platform's visibility as the dairy sector leading organization in the country, has gone beyond Rwandan borders since its inception to date, it has joined few regional and international dairy sector development bodies and institutions. RNDP is currently a member of East and Southern Africa dairy association (ESADA) and a partner to the international dairy farm Research network (IFCN). Over the past four years, the platform has started the process of becoming a member of International Dairy federation (IDF) and it has also engaged some working partnership with Global dairy platform in providing key dairy information for Rwanda. The process of joining IDF requires a member country to put in place an IDF-National Committee as per procedure of IDF's membership establishment.

In order to fulfill the IDF's requirement, the Platform has nominated key industry stakeholders (persons) to be the first team of IDF's Rwanda National Committee. The nominated persons will be officially installed during the celebration of world milk day on 1st of June 2023. The event will be complemented by a dairy symposium which will be convened on 31st May. The symposium will cover various dairy products scientific sessions in which international speakers will be invited. It is anticipated that, the event will attract at least 200 Rwandan dairy sector stakeholders.

Concurrently, there shall be staged a three day's mini-dairy expo to show case Rwanda made dairy products for the community to appreciate and also for marketing.

2. Objective of the Event

- ✓ To officially launch IDF NC Rwanda.
- ✓ To familiarize all Rwanda dairy stakeholders with IDF role, work and benefits for Rwanda dairy sector.
- ✓ To interest potential experts and new stakeholders.
- ✓ To exchange on the Rwanda dairy sector challenges, opportunities and priorities.
- ✓ To share the latest science on key topics for the dairy sector stakeholders in Rwanda.
- ✓ To mobilize Rwanda dairy stakeholders and potential sponsors and exhibitors to engage with IDF NC Rwanda.
- ✓ To interest potential experts and new stakeholders.
- ✓ To celebrate the World Milk Day.

3. IDF-Country membership benefits

- ✓ Outstanding opportunities to promote local dairy industries through global and regional events
- ✓ Privileged internal and external communications channels
- ✓ Easy and quick access to IDF publications and data
- ✓ Scientific and technical support for events
- ✓ Networking with global dairy experts and key influencers
- ✓ Participate in creating global consensus on topics related to dairy
- ✓ Contribute to joint response to intergovernmental organizations

4. Expected outcome

- ✓ Rwandan dairy industry acquiring IDF membership
- ✓ Opportunity to host an Africa regional dairy conference and expo in 2024
- ✓ Opportunity to host the world dairy summit in 2027
- ✓ Accessing IDF's scientific dairy expertise through its crop of dairy scientists
- ✓ Connecting Rwandan dairy stakeholders with global dairy operators-networking
- ✓ Promoting school milk feeding program and marketing of dairy products

5. Conclusion

The event shall mark one of the industry's milestones as it will initiate the formal admission of Rwanda in the International Dairy Federation; a community of high-level dairy industry stakeholders. Furthermore, our dairy sector will access global industry stakeholders' network through collaboration and participation in various international industry events, thereby promoting home made products to the international consumers through exhibitions and export.



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PROPOSED TIME TABLE FOR THE LAUNCHING OF IDF- RWANDA NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND WORLD MILK DAY SYMPOSIUM 2023

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE	REMARKS
DAY 1 31.5.2023	12:30-13:00	Arrival of invited guests	RNDP Secretariat	
	13:00-13:10	Introducing the IDF-Rwanda National Committee	ES	
	13:10-13:40	Welcome remarks and the launching of IDF-RNC	DDG RAB (Animal Resources)	
	13:40-14:20	Global Dairy Sector and IDF role	Managing Director IDF	
	14:20-14:40	African Union Strategic Plan for Dairy	AU-IBAR	TBD
	14:40-15:10	Rwandan dairy Strategic Plan (over view)	DG-RAB (Animal Resources)	
	15:10-15:30	Questions and Answers	Session chairperson	
	15:30-16:30	Panel discussion on Rwanda dairy sector challenges, opportunities and priorities	Moderator (Dr. Denis karamuzi)	IFAD, MINCOM,RNDP,HEIFER ,RAB
	16:30-16:50	Rwanda to sign Dairy declaration of Rotterdam	Chairperson of RNDP	
		End of Day 1		
	17:00-18:00	Cocktail	All invited guests	RNDP
DAY2 01.06.2023	8:00-8:30	Arrival of invited guests	RNDP Secretariat	
	8:30-9:00	Milk Break/Sharing a cup of milk	All Invited guests	
	9:00-9:20	Welcome Remarks	Chairperson of RNDP	
	9:20-10:00	Key Speech for the Celebration of World Milk Day	Minister - MINAGRI	
	10:00-10:30	Nutrition Benefits of Milk & Dairy Products (Though all life stages)	Minisante	

	10:30-11:20	School Milk Feeding Program	Dr. Margret Kibogy(MD-Kenya Dairy Board)	
	11:20-12:00	Feeding Milk to Children	Hon.Minister Mineduc Hon.Minister MINAGRI Hon.Minister Minicom MD-IDF:MS Caroline Emond FAO country Rep IFAD countryRep	
	12:00-13:00	Lunch	Hotel Team/RNDP secretariat	
	13:00-13:30	Milk Quality and Hygiene	DG-RICA/ RFDA	
	13:30-14:00	Animal health and welfare	Head animal health and production RAB	
	14:00-15:00	Breeding and Reproduction	Head Animal breeding and genetics improvement- RAB	
	15:00-15:30	The impact and role of Dairy to SDG's	DG Livestock Minagri	
	15:30-16:00	Closing Remarks	FAO Country Rep	