



International Dairy Federation

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About IDF

The International Dairy Federation is the leading source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders of the dairy chain. IDF engages all stakeholders in productive activities and research projects to further current knowledge and science on a wide range of issues.

Today, dairy is one of the most vibrant and strategic sectors, with a major impact on national economies, public health and the environment. Through its working bodies, events and work programme, IDF provides a common platform, systems and processes for the global dairy sector to come together to reach consensus.

Given its consensus-building capacity, IDF represents the global voice of dairy towards stakeholders and intergovernmental organizations.

IDF's Vision

IDF's vision is to help nourish the world with safe and sustainable dairy.

The growing world population needs nutritional security, and we must provide this both safely and sustainably. IDF provides a mechanism for the dairy sector to reach global consensus on how to help feed the world with safe and sustainable dairy products.

As the peak body for the global dairy sector, IDF has an important role to play in ensuring the right policies, standards, practices and regulations are in place to achieve this goal.

IDF in numbers

A global network of **1200** experts

IDF members represent over **75%** of world milk production and over **85%** of milk powder exports

17 Standing Committees

Global Expertise in Dairy

IDF connects scientific and technical dairy expertise from around the world. This facilitates effective identification and resolution of issues on a global scale, while addressing interdependencies between topics.

IDF is committed to furthering current knowledge on environment and sustainable development, health and nutrition, methods of analysis, farm management, animal health and welfare, dairy science and technology, food hygiene and safety, food standards, dairy policies and economics, and marketing.

A recognized international authority

Since 1903, IDF is a recognized international authority which contributes actively to the development of science-based standards for the dairy sector.

IDF and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) have established a joint IDF/ISO work programme for the development of standard methods of analysis and sampling for milk and milk products.

IDF has working relationships with several global intergovernmental organizations, and has a formal status with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme - Codex Alimentarius.

IDF's Structure

Experts from IDF member countries participate in IDF working groups. Each committee is chaired by a member representative and coordinated by the IDF Head Office in Brussels, Belgium.

The IDF President and Board oversee the organization. Board members are nominated by the membership and elected by the General Assembly.



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IDF activities

IDF is the only organization representing the entire dairy value chain at a global level. While IDF working groups cover a wide range of areas of expertise, four focus areas, seen as essential to achieve IDF's vision, provide a common focus for the IDF work programme:

STANDARDS

IDF contributes to the development of science-based globally harmonized standards, guidelines, codes of practice and related methodologies across all working areas, to continually improve regulatory environments for the dairy sector

SUSTAINABILITY

IDF supports a vibrant dairy sector committed to improving its ability to provide safe and nutritious milk and dairy products whilst preserving natural resources

NUTRITION

IDF supports science-based nutrition policies to ensure that dairy is an integral part of the diet for all age groups and contributes to sustainable nutrition for all

FOOD SAFETY

IDF engages in safeguarding the integrity and transparency of the dairy supply chain to ensure the safety and quality of milk and dairy products

Publications

IDF provides a permanent source of authoritative scientific and technical information relevant to the dairy sector.

The World Dairy Situation Report

A unique publication offering a comprehensive analysis of market trends, trade, dairy productions and consumption.

IDF/ISO Standards

International Standards for methods of analysis and sampling of milk and milk products used as references at a national and global level.

Joint reports and guides

Working hand-in-hand with international organizations to publish authoritative guidelines and best practice manuals.

IDF Bulletins

Covering a wide range of dairy-related issues, IDF Bulletins are the go-to references for the dairy professionals.

Events

IDF events offer outstanding learning and networking opportunities for all stakeholders of the dairy chain:

IDF World Dairy Summit

IDF/ISO Analytical Week

IDF Scientific and Technical symposia

IDF local events

Contact

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