



IDF REGIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



MONDAY, MARCH 30th 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
1000 – 1600	REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
1000 – 1600	REGISTRATION
0830 – 0900	REGISTRATION
0900-1010	SESSION ONE: WORLD AND REGIONAL DAIRY SITUATION <i>Economic and statistical analysis of the global and regional dairy sector, including factors driving dairy consumption</i> Presentation 1 Presentation 2 Presentation 3 Discussions (Q&A)
1010 – 1045	HEALTH BREAK



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1045-1145	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING	
1200-1300	SESSION TWO: DAIRY TRADE POLICIES AND ECONOMICS IN THE REGION (AfCTA, COMESA, SADC) <i>Potential impact of AfCFTA on the African dairy industry and the challenges facing regional trade integration in Africa</i>	
	<i>Presentation 4</i>	
	<i>Presentation 5</i>	
	Discussion (Q&A)	
1230 – 1400	L U N C H	
1400 – 1530	SESSION THREE (A): FARM MANAGEMENT & LABOUR <i>Farm economics, management, human resources, and the role of farms in sustainable food systems</i>	SESSION THREE (B): HUMAN NUTRITION & HEALTH <i>Developments in human nutrition and health, with a special emphasis on exploring the dairy sector's potential to address malnutrition in all its forms and contribute to food security</i>
	<i>Presentation 6</i>	<i>Presentation 7</i>
	<i>Presentation 8</i>	<i>Presentation 9</i>
	<i>Presentation 10</i>	<i>Presentation 11</i>
	Discussion (Q&A)	Discussion (Q&A)
1530 – 1600	HEALTH BREAK	
1600 – 1730	VIRTUAL TOURS <i>Medium scale dairy farm, Small scale processor, Analytical Laboratory</i>	EXHIBITION PLATFORM AND NETWORKING
1830-2100	WELCOME DINNER	



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	
0900-1010	SESSION FOUR: REGIONAL DAIRY EMERGING ISSUES Comprehensive approaches to address the challenges facing the African dairy sector value chain inefficiencies	
	<i>Presentation 1</i>	
	<i>Presentation 2</i>	
	<i>Presentation 3</i>	
	Discussions (Q&A)	
1010 – 1045	HEALTH BREAK	
1045 – 1230	SESSION FIVE (A): DAIRY PROCESSING AND TECHNOLOGY Technological aspects of processing, packaging, storage, and distribution of dairy products, including innovations and process optimization	SESSION FIVE (B): ANIMAL HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELFARE Innovations in animal health, nutrition, and welfare, with implications for production and disease prevention.
	<i>Presentation 6</i>	<i>Presentation 7</i>
	<i>Presentation 8</i>	<i>Presentation 9</i>
	<i>Presentation 10</i>	<i>Presentation 11</i>
	Discussion (Q&A)	Discussion (Q&A)
1230 – 1400	LUNCH	



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1400 – 1530	SESSION SIX (A): ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY <i>Strategies to improve sustainability, enhance energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve water, and lower operational costs for dairy farms and processors</i>	SESSION SIX (B): BREEDING, GENETICS AND FARM INFORMATION SYSTEMS <i>Use of integrated systems to support decision-making in agricultural operations by farmers and agricultural businesses to optimize their practices, improve efficiency, and increase productivity</i> <i>Role of breeding and genetics in improving dairy productivity and sustainability in Africa</i>
	<i>Presentation 6</i>	<i>Presentation 7</i>
	<i>Presentation 8</i>	<i>Presentation 9</i>
	<i>Presentation 10</i>	<i>Presentation 11</i>
	Discussion (Q&A)	Discussion (Q&A)
1530-1600	HEALTH BREAK	
1600-1700	SESSION SEVEN (Panel Discussions): Dairy Industry Trends and Opportunities <i>Panel 1: Exploring the future of the dairy industry and opportunities for women, youth, and new entrants</i> <i>Panel 2: Exploring the role of young people in driving innovation and entrepreneurship in the dairy sector</i>	
1700-1730	CLOSING REMARKS	



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THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Organized Tour of Victoria Falls rain forest Participants to register with conference organizers2. Organized Business Visits Participants to indicate trip preferences for necessary arrangements