



## IDF REGIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE



**MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY
1000 – 1600	REGISTRATION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 2026**

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



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1045-1145	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING	
1200-1300	<b>SESSION TWO: DAIRY TRADE POLICIES AND ECONOMICS IN THE REGION (AfCTA, COMESA, SADC)</b> <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	LUNCH	
1400 – 1530	<b>SESSION THREE (A): FARM MANAGEMENT &amp; LABOUR</b> <i>Farm economics, management, human resources, and the role of farms in sustainable food systems</i>	<b>SESSION THREE (B): HUMAN NUTRITION &amp; HEALTH</b> 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>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	<b>VIRTUAL TOURS</b> Medium scale dairy farm, Small scale processor, Analytical Laboratory	<b>EXHIBITION PLATFORM AND NETWORKING</b>
1830-2100	WELCOME DINNER	



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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY	
0900-1010	<b>SESSION FOUR: REGIONAL DAIRY EMERGING ISSUES</b> 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>	
	<b>Discussions (Q&amp;A)</b>	
1010 – 1045	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
1045 – 1230	<b>SESSION FIVE (A): DAIRY PROCESSING AND TECHNOLOGY</b> Technological aspects of processing, packaging, storage, and distribution of dairy products, including innovations and process optimization	<b>SESSION FIVE (B): ANIMAL HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELFARE</b> 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>
	<b>Discussion (Q&amp;A)</b>	<b>Discussion (Q&amp;A)</b>
1230 – 1400	<b>LUNCH</b>	



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<b>1400 – 1530</b>	<b>SESSION SIX (A): ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY</b> <i>Strategies to improve sustainability, enhance energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve water, and lower operational costs for dairy farms and processors</i>	<b>SESSION SIX (B): BREEDING, GENETICS AND FARM INFORMATION SYSTEMS</b> <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>
	<b>Discussion (Q&amp;A)</b>	<b>Discussion (Q&amp;A)</b>
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>1600-1700</b>	<b>SESSION SEVEN (Panel Discussions): Dairy Industry Trends and Opportunities</b>  <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>	
<b>1700-1730</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**

TIME	ACTIVITY
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Organized Tour of Victoria Falls rain forest</b> Participants to register with conference organizers</li><li><b>2. Organized Business Visits</b> Participants to indicate trip preferences for necessary arrangements</li></ol>