



IDF REGIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE AFRICA

A ZAMBEZI RIVER LODGE, VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

"Driving Dairy Competitiveness and Sustainability in Africa and Beyond"



TIME	ACTIVITY
MONDAY, MARCH 30th 2026	
0900 – 1700	REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY
0730-0900	REGISTRATION
0900-0945	Setting the scene – Mr. <i>Kumbirayi Katsande, Director of Ceremonies</i>
	Moderator: <i>Dr. D Kutwayo, Agricultural Research, Innovation and Specialist Services, Zimbabwe</i>
	Presentation 1: <i>Ms Laurence Rycken, Director General, International Dairy Federation (IDF)</i>
	Presentation 2: Positioning Africa's Dairy Sector to deliver the Kampala Declaration - <i>Dr. Sarah Ashanut Ossiya, Senior Projects Officer, African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)</i>



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Moderator: Ms. Paidamoyo Chadoka, Chief Executive Officer, Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers

0945-1035 **SESSION TWO: REGIONAL DAIRY EMERGING ISSUES**
Comprehensive approaches to address the challenges (climate, price volatility) facing the African dairy sector value chain inefficiencies

Presentation 3: Kenya, Ms Joyce Cerere – Karasha, Senior Corporate Communications Officer, Kenya Dairy Board

Presentation 4: South Africa, Mr. Fanie Ferreira, Chief Executive Officer, Milk Producer Organization

Presentation 5a: Rwanda, Mr Jean Claude Ndorimana, Director General in Charge of Livestock and Animal Resources
Presentation 5b: Rwanda, Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo, Inyambo Cattle: Preserving Heritage and advancing Dairy productivity in Rwanda.

Presentation 6: Zambia, Ms Doreen C. Kabunda, Chairperson, Dairy Association of Zambia

Discussion (Q&A)

1035-1100 **HEALTH BREAK**

Moderator: Mr. Craig Ivan, Agriculture, Rural Development Authority Board Chairperson

1100-1200 **SESSION THREE: SCALING UP AFRICAN DAIRY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**
Through reflecting on the effect of past or current projects and amplifying the opportunities for dairy to significantly contribute to addressing malnutrition

Presentation 7: Show casing dairy development programs, Mr Elijah Rusike, Programme Manager, We Effect Zimbabwe

Presentation 8: Approach for dairy development in the region, Ms Jacqueline Machangu-Motcho, International Fund for



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	<p>Agricultural Development (IFAD), Tanzania</p> <p>Presentation 9: Dairy Business Ecosystem at Work, Mr. Carel van Oosterzee, Country Manager, PUM Zimbabwe</p> <p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>
<p>Moderator: <i>Dr Pius Makaya, Chief Director Veterinary Service, Zimbabwe</i></p>	
<p>1200-1230</p>	<p>SESSION FOUR: STRATEGIES FOR AGRICULTURAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Presentation 10: Case study of Zimbabwe: Agriculture Food Systems & Rural Transformation Strategy II, Prof Dr. Obert Jiri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development</p> <p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>
<p>1230-1330</p>	<p>Dairy Africa Alliance Launch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organising the African Dairy Sector for Growth</i>, Dr. Sarah Ashanut Ossiya, Senior Projects Officer, African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) • <i>Overview, Objectives and Structure of the Africa Dairy Alliance</i>, Mr. Ariong Abbey, Dairy Value Chain Expert, African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) • <i>Reading of the Joint Communiqué signed by Heads of National Dairy Boards/Platforms/Associations endorsing the formation of the Africa Dairy Alliance</i>, Dairy Alliance Interim Committee Chairperson • <i>Launch by: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Prof Dr. Obert Jiri</i> <p>African Union Representative. <i>Dr. Sarah Ashanut Ossiya, Senior Projects Officer, African Union-Interafrican</i></p>



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	Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)	
1330-1430	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION	
Moderator: <i>Mrs. Kuda Lamin-Bangura, Senior Vice President of Scientific Affairs, National Dairy Council, USA</i>		
1430-1520	<p>SESSION FIVE: DAIRY SECTOR TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES <i>Exploring the future of the dairy industry and opportunities for women, youth, and new entrants</i></p> <p>Presentation 11: Women Driving the Future of Dairy: Celebrating the International Year of the Woman Farmer, Ms. Apolina Fos, Office and Membership Manager (IDF), Belgium</p> <p>Presentation: 12: The Role of Commodity Associations in Value Chain Development, Ms. Florence Musiime Umurungi, Rwanda National Dairy Platform (RNDP)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (P3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Panellists: Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Zimbabwe</i> 	
Moderator: <i>Dr. Kundai Chandaengerwa, Dairy Farmer, Midlands Province, Zimbabwe</i>		Moderator: <i>Ms. Sikhulile Ncube, District Nutritionist, Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe</i>
1520 – 1600	<p>SESSION SIX (A): FARM MANAGEMENT & LABOUR</p> <p><i>Farm economics, management, human resources (skills), and the role of farms in sustainable food systems</i></p>	<p>SESSION SIX (B): HUMAN NUTRITION & HEALTH</p> <p><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></p>



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	<p>Presentation 13: "Securing the future, identifying successors and developing their skills: Practical Strategies for Succession Planning in Africa's Dairy Sector" – Case studies of successful transitions, Mrs Carol Smith (Dairy farmer) and Mr. Marlon Gwede (Dairy farmer), Zimbabwe</p> <p>Presentation 14: Rethinking Dairy Development in Africa: A Regional Comparative Analysis Using International Farm Comparison Network (IFCN) Data, Mr. Oloruntobi O Tunmise, Dairy Researcher, Bowen University, Nigeria</p>	<p>Presentation 15: Positioning Milk in Africa's Evolving Food Environment: Implications for Nutrition Now and in the Future, Dr. Faith. A Manditsera, Senior Lecturer/ Researcher, Department of Food Processing Technology, Harare Institute of Technology, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Presentation 16: Generational health: Role of Dairy Foods in Closing the Nutrition Equity Gap, Mrs. Kuda Lamin-Bangura, Senior Vice President of Scientific Affairs, National Dairy Council, USA</p>
	<p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>	<p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>
<p>1600 – 1700</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Addmore Waniwa, Chief Dairy Officer, Veterinary Services, Zimbabwe</p> <p>VIRTUAL TOURS</p> <p>Medium & Large-scale dairy farm, Medium-scale processor, Analytical Laboratory</p>	<p>EXHIBITION PLATFORM AND NETWORKING</p>
<p>1800-2100</p>	<p>WELCOME DINNER </p>	



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 st 2026	
TIME	ACTIVITY
0800-0845	Registration
0845-0900	Recap – Mr. Kumbirayi Katsande, Conference Director of Ceremonies
Moderator: Mr. Nation Mudzitirwa, Acting Director, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Zimbabwe	
0900-1000	<p>SESSION SEVEN: DAIRY TRADE POLICIES AND ECONOMICS IN THE REGION (AfCTA, COMESA, SADC)</p> <p><i>Potential impact of AfCTA on the African dairy industry and the challenges facing regional trade integration in Africa. Feed and Fodder standards for trade are critical for Livestock nutrition as key anchor of dairy production. Addressing end to end contracting trade especially the cold chain logistics across Africa.</i></p> <p>Presentation 17: Improving the efficiency of the African dairy value chain: Theory of change for enhancing strategic partnerships and coordination among and between dairy producing and dairy consuming countries/ regions to boost intra-African dairy trade, Presenter -Lovemore Chundu, Chairperson Technical Committee 04, Milk and milk products, African Regional Standards Organization (ARSO)</p> <p>Presentation 18: Industry Perspective of Dairy Trade Policies and Economics in the Region, Ms. Sekai Kuvarika, Chief Executive Officer, Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries</p> <p>Panel discussion (P1): Unlocking Intra-African Dairy Trade; Constraints and Pathways to Growth</p> <p>Panellists: ARSO, AUIBAR, MoIC, MLAFWRD Economics and Markets</p>



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Moderator: Ms. Lucy Mazingi, Country Director, We Effect Zimbabwe

1000 – 1100

SESSION EIGHT: COST OF DAIRY PRODUCTION AND MILK CONSUMPTION TRENDS IN AFRICA

Current milk production and consumption trends in Africa, dairy sector growth potential and initiatives to improve productivity, quality, nutrition and food security

Presentation 19: International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) – Climate Change and Dairy Production in Africa: A Growing challenge for Smallholder Systems, Prof Sikhhalazo Dube, ILRI Country Representative, Zimbabwe

Presentation 20: Consumption Focus: Powering Dairy for addressing the perennial Nutrition limitations in Africa, Dr. Sarah Ashanut Ossiya, Senior Projects Officer, African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)

Presentation 21: School Milk Feeding Programs as a tool powering dairy, Dr Mark Chimes, Milk SA, South Africa

Discussion (Q&A)

1100 –1130

HEALTH BREAK

Moderator: Prof Dr. Obert Jiri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development

1130-1230

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

- Traditional Performance



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- **National Anthem**
- **Welcome Remarks** – Honourable Richard Moyo, Minister of State for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Matabeleland North Province
- **Zimbabwe Dairy Sector Remarks-** Mr. Mahlatini Mutsvairo, Chairman, Zimbabwe Dairy Industry Trust
- **Dairy Value Chain Brief Documentary** – *Farms, Laboratory, Processor*
- **IDF Remarks** – Ms. Laurence Rycken, IDF Director General
- **African Union Remarks-** His Excellency, **Mr. Moses Vilakati, African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment**
- Remarks by Honourable Minister Nqobizitha Mangaliso Ndhlovu, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- **Introduction of Guest Speaker**, Honourable Davis Marapira, Deputy Minister, Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development
- **Key Note Address and Official Opening by Guest Speaker**, Honourable Dr. Anxious Jongwe Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development
- **Signing ceremony – Government of Zimbabwe endorsement of The Paris Dairy Declaration on Sustainability**
 - Honourable Dr Anxious Jongwe Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Honourable Nqobizitha Mangaliso Ndhlovu, Minister of Industry and Commerce ○ Ms. Laurence Rycken, IDF Director General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of Gift ● Official Photoshoot
1230-1400	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION
Moderator: <i>Mrs Medilinah Magwenzi, Chief Director, Agricultural and Rural Development Advisory Services, Zimbabwe</i>	
1400-1500	<p>SESSION NINE: FINANCE AND INVESTMENT MODELS FOR RESILIENT DAIRY VALUE CHAIN</p> <p><i>Initiating livestock financing tailor made products for dairy across the value chain and promoting dairy sector investment models. Unpacking the data driven finance and investment opportunities to step up African Dairy productivity and trade. Climate proofing the African Dairy initiatives against the catastrophic effects of droughts.</i></p> <p>Presentation 22: Aggregator led fodder financing: A pathway to stabilizing dairy productivity in Africa, Mr. David Maina, Feed and Fodder Business Development Expert, African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)</p> <p>Panel Discussion (P2):</p> <p><i>Panellists: Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Agricultural Marketing Authority, IFAD, Agricultural Finance Cooperation</i></p>
	Discussion (Q&A)



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	<p>Moderator: Mr. Tatenda Napata, Managing Director, Kefalos Cheese</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr Lawrence Dinginya, Director, Veterinary Services, Zimbabwe</p>
1500-1545	<p>SESSION TEN (A): DAIRY PROCESSING AND TECHNOLOGY</p> <p><i>Technological aspects of processing, packaging, storage, and distribution of dairy products, including innovations and process optimization</i></p> <p>Presentation 23: Scaling African dairy industrialization through private sector led value chains, Mr. Dayford Nhema, Acting Director, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Zimbabwe</p> <p>Presentation 24: Solar cooling of milk and processing. Mr. Christophe Duigou, Export Manager Africa & Middle East, SERAP Group, France</p>	<p>SESSION TEN (B): ANIMAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION</p> <p><i>Innovations in animal health, nutrition, and welfare, with implications for production and disease prevention.</i></p> <p>Presentation 25: Optimising Dairy Cow Nutrition to Improve Milk Quality, Feed Efficiency and Farm Profitability, Dr Emmanuel T. Nyahangare, Researcher, University of Zimbabwe</p> <p>Presentation 26: Unlocking Small holder Dairy Potential; integrating Pastoral Systems into Competitive and Sustainable Value Chains Professor Demo Kalla, Director, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nigeria</p>
	<p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>	<p>Discussion (Q&A)</p>
	<p>Moderator: Mr..Sibangilizwe Dhlodhlo, Provincial Director, Agricultural and Rural Development Advisory</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Andrew Chamisa, Director, Agricultural</p>



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	Services, Zimbabwe	Research, Innovation and Specialist Services, Zimbabwe
1545 – 1645	SESSION ELEVEN (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 ELEVEN (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>
	Presentation 27: Climate Change effects on agriculture production systems in Africa , Dr. Julie Ojango, Senior Scientist, Quantitative Genetics/Animal Breeding, ILRI CGIAR Research Centre, Zimbabwe	Presentation 29: Farm information systems and driving data management integration to step up dairy , Mr. Dai Harvey, Royal Jersey Agricultural & Horticultural Society, UK
	Presentation 28: Integrated Climate-Smart Strategies for Reducing Methane Emissions in Dairy Farming: Water Hyacinth Feed, Seaweed Additives, and Improved Manure Management , Dr Edson M Chifamba, Dairy Expert (Nutrition & Technology), Pan Afro Dairy, Canada	Presentation 30: 'Can we discuss a Jersey for Africa?' Mr. David Hambrook, African Jersey Forum, Jersey Island, UK
		Presentation 31: Crossbreeding Strategies for Smallholder Dairy Farmers in Zimbabwe: Integrating Indigenous Tuli with Exotic Dairy Breeds , Mr. Bruce Tavirimirwa, Matopos Research Institute, Zimbabwe
	Discussion (Q&A)	Discussion (Q&A)
Moderator: Mr. Kumbirayi Katsande, Director of Ceremonies		



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CLOSING CEREMONY	
1645-1715	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conference resolutions, African declaration on dairy, Way forward</i> • <i>Zimbabwe Dairy Industry Trust (ZDIT) Remarks, Mr. Edward Warambwa, Vice Chairman, ZDIT</i> • <i>Conference Communique, Mr. David Maina, Feed and Fodder Business Development Expert, African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)</i> • <i>Government Of Zimbabwe closing remarks</i>

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd 2026	
TIME	ACTIVITY
0700-1200	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organized Tour of Victoria Falls rain forest <i>Participants to register with conference organizers</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Organized Business Visits <i>Participants to indicate trip preferences for necessary arrangements</i>