



9th IDF International Symposium Sheep, Goat, Camel & other Non-Bovine Milk

9-11 February, 2026 | Anand, India

Programme Schedule

Time	Session
Day 1	09 February 2026, Monday
09:30-10:30	Inaugural Session
10:30-11:00	<i>Health break</i>
Session 1: Emerging Markets and Consumer Trends	
11:00-12:30	Session Chair: Mr. K M Jhala, Advisor NDDB, Gujarat, India Camel Milk in India's Dairy Markets: Challenges and Opportunities Dr Anil Kumar Puniya, Director, ICAR- National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India Community Led Goat Milk Value chain development process: A case study of Caprico Goat Milk Professor Sanjeev Kumar, Managing Trustee, The Goat Trust, India Opportunity and Challenges in Manufacturing and Marketing of Goat and Sheep Cheeses in India - Experience Sharing Mr Arpanbhai Hajabhai Kalotra, Panchal Dairy Pvt. Ltd, Gujarat, India Selling the Unsung Milks: Opportunities Beyond Bovine Dairy Dr Chiedza Tsvakirai, Researcher, University of Pretoria, South Africa (Virtual)
<i>Lunch</i>	
Session 2: Livelihoods and Smallholder Empowerment: The Socio-Economic Impact of the Non-Bovine	
13:30-15:00	Session Chair: Dr Artabandhu Sahoo, Director ICAR-National Institute of Animal Nutrition & Physiology, Bengaluru, India Women's Empowerment through Goat rearing: Insight from the PashuSakhi Initiative Ms Shabnam Qureshi, Project Manager, AATAPI Seva Foundation, Gujarat, India Field-Based Interventions to support Non-Bovine Milk by FAO Dr Mohammad Hasib, Animal Health Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), India Strengthening Research-Extension-Farmer Linkages for Improved Goat Production Systems and Livelihoods Dr D Thirunavukkarasu, Professor, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, India Small Livestock, Big Impact: The Role of Non-Bovine Animals for Inclusive and Resilient Livelihoods Dr Braja Bandhu Swain, Research Project Coordinator, International Livestock Research Institute, New Delhi, India
15:00-15:30	<i>Health break</i>
Session 3: Farm Management Strategies: Resource Optimization and Sustainability	
15:30-17:00	Session Chair: Dr. R O Gupta, SGM, Productivity Enhancement, NDDB, Gujarat, India Genetic improvement in non-bovine dairy species: lessons learned and future directions Dr Luiz Brito, Associate Professor, Quantitative Genetics and Genomics, Purdue University, USA Farm Management Strategies: Resource Optimization and Sustainability Professor Michael Friend, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Charles Sturt University, Australia Climate Resilient Goat Production: An Ideal Model for Sustainability and Economic Stability for Small Holder Farmers Dr Veerasamy Sejian, Principal Scientist, ICAR- National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Bengaluru, India Farm Management Strategies: Resource Optimization and Sustainability Dr Georgios Arsenos, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (Virtual)



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Day 2	10 February 2026, Tuesday
Session 4: Processing Technologies, Quality Aspects and Innovations in Non-Bovine Milk	
09:30-11:00	<p>Session Chair: Dr Kaushik Khamrui, Principal Scientist, Dairy Technology Division ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, India</p> <p>Recent Advances and Prospects of Non-Bovine Milk Dairy Products and Their Distinguishing Characteristics Dr Photis Papademas, Associate Professor, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus</p> <p>Present Status: The Amul Ambition on Camel Milk Mr Sameer Saxena, Head (QA & NPD), Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, Gujarat, India</p> <p>Analytical Challenges in Non-Bovine Milk Characterization: Adulteration Detection and Compositional Variability Professor Mutamed Ayyash, Department Chair, Department of Food Science, United Arab Emirates University, UAE (Virtual)</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Health Break</i>
Session 5: Non-Bovine Dairy Product Development: Nutritional Specificities and Bio-Functionalities	
11:30-13:00	<p>Session Chair: Dr. Atanu Jana, Former Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, India</p> <p>Bioactive Peptides from Milk of Indian Breeds of Camel, Goat and Sheep Dr Subrota Hati, Associate Professor, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, India</p> <p>Nutraceutical and Health Benefits of Goat Milk Dr Manish Kumar Chatli, Director, ICAR-Central Institute of Research on Goats, Mathura, India (Virtual)</p> <p>Donkey Milk: A Forgotten Elixir with Modern Scientific Promise Dr Muhammed Kutty V H, Scientist, ICAR- National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar, India</p> <p>Nutritional and Biological Value of Donkey Milk for Infant Nutrition Dr Laura Cavallarin, Research Director, CNR, Istituto Di Scienze Delle, Produzioni Alimentari, Italy, (Virtual)</p>
<i>Lunch</i>	
Session 6: Biosecurity and Disease Management in Non-Bovine	
14:00-15:00	<p>Session Chair: Dr Jamie Jonker, Chief Science Officer, National Milk Producer Federation, USA</p> <p>Ethnoveterinary Functional Remedies: Mitigating AMR and Advancing One Health in Non-Bovines Dr N. Punniamurthy, Professor Emeritus, The University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) Bengaluru, India</p> <p>Health Management of Camels and Small Ruminants, and Zoonotic Diseases Associated with Milk Dr Abdelmalik Khalafalla, Professor and Biosecurity Expert, Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, UAE (Virtual)</p> <p>Disease Control Strategies for Sheep Dr Ganesh Sonawane, Head, Division of Animal Health, ICAR- Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, India</p>
15:00-15:30	<i>Health break</i>
Session 7: Global Standards and Policies for Non-Bovine Milk	
15:30-17:00	<p>Session Chair: Dr Sanjay Dave, Former Chair, CAC, India</p> <p>Global Standards and Regulations for Non-Bovine Milk Mr Raj Rajasekar, Adviser, Trade Facilitation and Standards, Policy and Trade and Former Vice Chair of Codex, Ministry of Primary Industry, New Zealand</p> <p>Regulations in Respect of Non-Bovine Milks- Case of India Mr Sunil Bakshi, Advisor, National Dairy Development Board, India</p> <p>Niche Markets for Non-Bovine Milk: Policy Support for strengthening the value chain Dr. Khem Chand, Principal Scientist, National Institute of Agriculture Economic and Policy Research, New Delhi, India</p>
Day 3	11 February 2026, Wednesday
Session 8: Abstract/ Poster Presentation	
09:30-11:00	Session Chair: Dr Suneeta Pinto, Principal, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, India
11:00-11:30	<i>Health break</i>
11.30-12.30	Concluding session
13.30 onwards	Technical tour
Each session will include 20 minutes of discussions after completion of all presentations	

