



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: (TBC) Selling the Unsung Milks: Opportunities Beyond Bovine Dairy Dr. Chiedza Tsvakirai, Researcher, University of Pretoria, South Africa 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 Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Managing Trustee, The Goat Trust, India Opportunity and Challenges in Manufacturing and Marketing of Goat and Sheep Cheeses in India - Experience Sharing Shri Arpanbhai Hajabhai Kalotra, Panchal Dairy Pvt. Ltd, Gujarat, India
<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 Mr. Takayuki Hagiwara, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Representative in 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: (TBC) Genetic Improvement and Breeding Programs for Non-Bovine Dairy Animals: Selection for Yield, Composition, and Resilience Dr. Luiz Brito, Associate Professor, Quantitative Genetics and Genomics, Purdue University, USA Animal Welfare - Nutritional Interventions to Augment Sheep Reproduction 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, Head (Dairy Technology) ICAR- National Dairy Research Institute, 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</p>
11:00-11:30	Health Break
Session 5: Non-Bovine Dairy Product Development: Nutritional Specificities and Bio-Functionalities	
11:30-13:00	<p>Session Chair: (TBC)</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</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>
Lunch	
Session 6: Biosecurity and Disease Management in Non-Bovine	
14:00-15:00	<p>Session Chair: 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</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	Health break
Session 7: Global Standards and Trade 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>
Day 3	11 February 2026, Wednesday
Session 8: Abstract/ Poster Presentation	
09:30-11:00	Session Chair: Dr. Suneeta Pinto, Dean, SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, India
11:00-11:30	Health break
11.30-12.30	Concluding session
13.30 onwards	Technical tours

Each session will include 20 minutes of discussions after completion of all presentations

