



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	Session Chair: Dr. Kaushik Khamrui, Head (Dairy Technology) ICAR- National Dairy Research Institute, India Recent Advances and Prospects of Non-Bovine Milk Dairy Products and Their Distinguishing Characteristics Dr. Photis Papademas, Associate Professor, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus Present Status: The Amul Ambition on Camel Milk Mr. Sameer Saxena, Head (QA & NPD), Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, Gujarat, India 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
11:00-11:30	Health Break
Session 5: Non-Bovine Dairy Product Development: Nutritional Specificities and Bio-Functionalities	
11:30-13:00	Session Chair: (TBC) 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 Nutraceutical and Health Benefits of Goat Milk Dr. Manish Kumar Chatli, Director, ICAR-Central Institute of Research on Goats, Mathura, India Donkey Milk: A Forgotten Elixir with Modern Scientific Promise Dr. Muhammed Kutty V H, Scientist, ICAR- National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar, India Nutritional and Biological Value of Donkey Milk for Infant Nutrition Dr. Laura Cavallarin, Research Director, CNR, Istituto Di Scienze Delle, Produzioni Alimentari, Italy, (Virtual)
Lunch	
Session 6: Biosecurity and Disease Management in Non-Bovine	
14:00-15:00	Session Chair: Jamie Jonker, Chief Science Officer, National Milk Producer Federation, USA 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 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 Disease Control Strategies for Sheep Dr. Ganesh Sonawane, Head, Division of Animal Health, ICAR- Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, India
15:00-15:30	Health break
Session 7: Global Standards and Trade Policies for Non-Bovine Milk	
15:30-17:00	Session Chair: Dr. Sanjay Dave, Former Chair, CAC, India 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 Regulations in Respect of Non-Bovine Milks- Case of India Mr. Sunil Bakshi, Advisor, National Dairy Development Board, India
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

