



IDF and SAI Platform Dairy Working Group Roadmap for collaboration 2009 onwards



Current situation:

- SAI Platform and IDF collaborate and share information on an on-going basis to promote the implementation of sustainable dairy farming practices.
- SAI Platform has taken a leading role within the commercial dairy sector with regard to addressing sustainable dairy farming.
- IDF and SAI Platform support the aim of developing an international approach for estimating greenhouse gas emissions from dairy using LCA.
- IDF is actively involved in SAI Platform Dairy Group meetings and activities.
- SAI Platform has the opportunity to provide input into all IDF working bodies dealing with sustainability issues; this may include the development of joint initiatives where appropriate.

Objectives for 2009:

1. Development of an international approach for LCA/LCM: SAI Platform is invited to provide input into the forthcoming IDF/FAO/UNEP work item with regard to developing a guide for LCA/LCM for practical application in the dairy sector; the work comprises an up-date of the existing Guide on Life Cycle Assessment towards Sustainability in the Dairy Chain (UNEP/IDF Bulletin 398/2005).
2. Exploring the possibility for IDF to officially endorse the updated SAI Platform Principles and Practices (P&P) for Sustainable Dairy Farming through consultation with IDF National Committees: the document is largely derived from the IDF/FAO Guide to Good Dairy Farming Practice of 2004 but also contains additional P&Ps relating to economic and social sustainability.
3. Sharing the findings of an on-going SAI Platform study on comparing existing methodologies to measure GHG emissions - with possible identification of an IDF/SAI Platform recommended methodology for the dairy sector.
4. Increasing the level of SAI Platform/IDF collaboration to enable direct input from SAI Platform to IDF Standing Committee on Environment and vice-versa, and to request feedback on any considered standards/publications.
5. Implementation of the IDF/FAO Guide to Good Dairy Farming Practice & SAI Platform P&P: explore joint IDF-SAI Platform workshops on sustainability issues with identification of best practice (e.g. possibly at the IDF World Dairy Summit Berlin 20-24 Sept. 2009).
6. IDF will consult with SAI Platform and take its priorities into account with regard to the development of a forthcoming IDF communication plan pertaining to environmental sustainability

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