



# 9<sup>th</sup> IDF International Symposium

## Sheep, Goat, Camel & other Non-Bovine Milk

9-11 February, 2026 | Anand, India

### Programme Schedule

Date	Time	Session
09 February 2026, Monday	09:30-10:30	Inaugural Session
	10:30-11:00	Health break
	11:00-12:30	<b>Session 1:</b> Emerging Markets and Consumer Trends <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Camel milk and milk products consumer trend – - Dr. A Punia, ICAR-National Research Centre, Camel</li><li>2. Community led Goat Milk Value chain development process: A case study of Caprico Goat Milk– Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Goat Trust</li><li>3. Donkey and Horse milk (TBC)</li></ol>
	12:30-13:30	Lunch
	13:30-15:00	<b>Session 2:</b> Livelihoods and Smallholder Empowerment: The Socio-Economic Impact of the Non-Bovine <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Women Empowerment - Economic Case study of a non-bovine farm -Shabnam Qureshi, Care India</li><li>2. Research extension and farmer linkage to promote goat production system for livelihood – Dr. D Thirunavukarasu, Professor, TANUVAS</li><li>3. Livelihoods and Smallholder Empowerment: The Socio-Economic Impact of the Non-Bovine, Braja Swain, ILRI</li></ol>
	15:00-15:30	Health break
	15:30-17:00	<b>Session 3:</b> Farm Management Strategies: Resource Optimization and Sustainability <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Genetic Improvement and Breeding Programs for Non-Bovine Dairy Animals: Selection for Yield, Composition, and Resilience, Dr. Luiz Brito, Associate Professor of Quantitative Genetics and Genomics, Purdue University, USA</li><li>2. Animal Welfare- Nutritional interventions to augment sheep reproduction, Dr. Michal Friend, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Performance &amp; Governance, Charles Strut University of Australia</li><li>3. Climate resilient Goat production: an ideal model for sustainability and economic stability for small holder farmers Dr. V Sejian, ICAR-NIANP, Bangaluru, India</li><li>4. Farm Management Strategies: Resource Optimization and Sustainability, Prof George Arsenos, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</li></ol>

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10 February 2026, Tuesday	09:30-11:00	<b>Session 4:</b> Processing Technologies, Quality Aspects and Innovations in Non-Bovine Milk <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent advances and prospects of non-bovine milk dairy products and their distinguishing characteristics. Photis Papademas, Associate Professor, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus.</li> <li>Camel milk processing, innovations and quality assurance, Shri Sameer Saxena, GCMMF</li> <li>Analytical Challenges in Non-Bovine Milk Characterization: Adulteration Detection and Compositional Variability .Dr. Mutamet Ayyash, Professor in Food Science and Department Chair, Department of Food Science, United Arab Emirates University</li> <li>Value added Goat milk and entrepreneurship development – Dr. A K Verma, ICAR-Central Institute of Research on Goats, Mathura, UP</li> </ol>
	11:00-11:30	<i>Health Break</i>
	11:30-13:00	<b>Session 5:</b> Non-Bovine Dairy Product Development: Nutritional specificities and Bio-functionalities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bioactive peptides from milk of Indian breeds of Camel, Goat and Sheep, Dr. Subrata Hati, Dairy Science College, Anand</li> <li>Nutraceutical and health benefits of Goat milk - (Dr. Manish Chaitli, ICAR-Central Institute of Research on Goats, Mathura)</li> <li>Composition and nutritional specificities of Donkey milk – (TBC)</li> </ol>
	13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
	14:00-15:00	<b>Session 6:</b> Biosecurity and Disease Management in Non-Bovine <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of EVM for non-bovines - One health approach in respect of non-bovines Dr. N. Puniamurthy, Professor Emeritus TDU Bangalore, EVM consultant AH group NDDB</li> <li>Animal health – camel and small ruminants - Abdelmalik Khalafalla, Professor and Expert at Division of Veterinary laboratories, Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, UAE</li> <li>Disease Control strategies for Sheep – Dr. Ganesh Sonawane, Head and Principal Scientist, Sheep Diseases, Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar</li> </ol>
	15:00-15:30	<i>Health break</i>
	15:30-17:00	<b>Session 7:</b> Global Standards and Trade Policies for Non-Bovine Milk <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Standards and Regulations for Non-Bovine Milk Raj Rajasekaran, Adviser, Trade Facilitation and Standards, Policy and Trade and former vice chair of Codex, Ministry of Primary Industry, New Zealand</li> <li>Regulations in respect of non-bovine milks- Case of India, Shri Sunil Bakshi, Advisor, NDDB</li> </ol>
11 February 2026, Wednesday	09:30-11:00	<b>Session 8:</b> Abstract/ poster presentation
	11:00-11:30	<i>Health break</i>
	11.30-12.30	Concluding session
	13.30 onwards	Technical tours