



US-IDF Press Release

For more information:
Debra Wendorf Boyke
dwboyke@cdr.wisc.edu
608.219.4115

US-IDF Endorses Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam

September 27, 2017, Rosemont, IL –The United States National Committee of the International Dairy Federation (US-IDF) together with IDF have endorsed the Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam with an official signing at its annual membership meeting this week.

A joint effort between the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Dairy Declaration signals a recognition of the dairy sectors' commitment towards feeding the world with safe, sustainable products, and enhancing sustainability. The Declaration, in support of the U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, provides a framework for IDF sustainability actions and highlights IDF's commitment to take an integrated approach to promote sustainability.

Signing the Declaration were Chair Cary Frye, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, International Dairy Foods Association and Vice Chair Shawna Morris, Vice President, Trade Policy, National Milk Producers Federation on behalf of US-IDF, and Aurélie Dubois, Technical Manager, Standards, International Dairy Federation.

Aurélie Dubois highlighted that the Declaration embodies the importance of dairy in feeding the world with safe and sustainable products, as well as a strong symbol of the collaboration between the dairy sector and the FAO, in helping to achieve some of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

"US-IDF is proud to join with others around the world endorsing the Dairy Declaration that builds upon the U.S. dairy industry's commitment to sustainability, resulting in strong environmental, social and economic contributions of dairy," shares Cary Frye.

Shawna Morris added, "Today, America's dairy farmers are producing a gallon of milk that uses 65% less water, requires 90% less land and has a 63% smaller carbon footprint than it did 70 years ago. The U.S. dairy industry looks forward to continuing to partner with other signers of the Dairy Declaration in building upon dairy's positive track record of providing consumers with the nutritious, responsibly produced products they want while continuing to further its commitment to providing a sustainable dairy food system in this country."

View [Dairy Declaration](#)

About [US-IDF](#)

The US-IDF is one of 45 National Committees representing countries that work together as the International Dairy Federation to serve as the scientific expertise for the dairy sector worldwide. US-IDF members include dairy trade associations, product manufacturers, academia, government, suppliers, and end users, and provide the U.S. perspective to better protect and enhance the U.S. the dairy industry.

-end-



Photo: The US-IDF membership endorses the IDF/FAO Dairy Declaration at its recent membership meeting. Signing the document, left to right, Shawna Morris, US-IDF Vice Chair; Cary Frye, US-IDF Chair; and Aurélie Dubois, IDF.