

## **Breeding for Milk Production in Tropical / Non-Temperate Environments**

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### **Recommendations to support dairy development in Asia**

- There is felt need for a regional multi-stakeholder platform to promote collaboration and cooperation in dairy development and APHCA should take the initiative of promoting such a platform;
- The platform should have representation of stakeholders from all levels of the dairy value chain but must be independent in its functioning;
- The platform would:
  - Facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue at international, national and local level so as to stimulate sharing of knowledge, interaction, and identification of collaboration and cooperation opportunities,
  - Implement and support joint analyses and assessments to enhance common understanding of dairy sector sustainability;
  - Develop harmonized guidelines, manuals and methodologies;
  - Develop capacity through facilitation of trainings, expert exchanges, study tours, etc
- Similar national multi stakeholder platforms may be promoted with appropriate linkages with and representation on the regional platform.
- National focal institutions should be identified to establish the linkage mechanism between national and regional platforms.
- A regional meeting should be organized within the next three months to:
  - seek endorsement of the strategic framework for sustainable dairy development, and
  - formulate membership modalities and criteria, rules and procedures, scale of contributions, and structure of the regional (and national) multi-stakeholder platform(s).
- Considering substantial experience of India in smallholder dairy development, such a meeting may best be organized in India.

These recommendations were formally discussed, endorsed and adopted by APHCA delegates in the 38<sup>th</sup> APHCA Business Session on November 7, 2014 and as such may be considered as APHCA recommendations.