



### **TURKEY AND ZIMBABWE JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL DAIRY FEDERATION**

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Berlin, September 20, 2009 - At the 96th General Assembly held in Berlin, Germany on 20 September 2009, the International Dairy Federation (IDF) welcomed Turkey and Zimbabwe as new members, bringing IDF's global representation up to 58 countries and increasing IDF's presence even further.

The President of the Turkish National Committee is Mr. Ali Ülker of the Association of Packaged Dairy, and the Secretary, Prof. Nevzat Artik.

'With world and EU integration as one of its priorities, we have taken the first step in this respect by becoming a member of the International Dairy Federation. We intend to play an integral role in the decision mechanism of IDF and ensure effective participation in committee studies,' pledges the President of the Turkish National Committee, Mr. Ali Ülker.

Turkey is the 11th major milk producing country in the world and now 10th among IDF members with its annual milk production of 12 billion litres.

The National Dairy Committee of Zimbabwe, with the support of the Zimbabwe Dairy Industry Trust, was welcomed today with Mr. E Mupunga as Chairman.

'As we strategize to rebuild our industry we have recognized the need for the support of the International Dairy Federation. We need to be up to date on the full spectrum of issues that affect our dairy industry and this will be available through IDF,' says R J Van Vuuren, Trustee for Zimbabwe Dairy Industry Trust.

'It is with great honour that IDF accepts Turkey and Zimbabwe as members. I am pleased to welcome both of these countries into the International Dairy Federation and I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship,' says Christian Robert, Director General of IDF.

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Note to editors:

- The International Dairy Federation is the pre-eminent source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders in the dairy chain.
- Growing IDF membership accounts for about **86%** of the world's total milk production.
- The IDF World Dairy Summit 2009 under the theme "United Dairy World 2009" takes place in Berlin, Germany, 20-24 September 2009. Environment, energy sources and technological innovation with regard to milk supply and dairy processing will be key elements addressed at the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009. More information can be found at [www.wds2009.com](http://www.wds2009.com)