



IDF WORKSHOP RESULTS IN STANDARDIZED METHODOLOGY FOR CARBON FOOTPRINT IN DAIRY

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Brussels, 3 July 2009 - Forty leading experts from the dairy industry and academia gathered at the IDF Workshop "Towards a Standard Methodology for Carbon Footprint in the Dairy Sector" to determine the pathway towards standardization of various existing carbon footprint methodologies.

Experts from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform proactively participated in this debate. The workshop created an effective dialogue that will lead to a report made available by the end of the year 2009.

The workshop generated agreement among participants on the key issues surrounding the establishment of a standard methodology such as the goal and scope of the methodology, the level of details, the functional unit, the key parameters, the calculations rules and uncertainties. It also identified the remaining work on any outstanding issues.

"While indeed we are very pleased with the progress made, we recognize that there is still additional research required, in particular to assess carbon footprint in relation to buildings and equipment and to evaluate carbon sequestration and land use change as well as the pros and cons of different allocation choices. We remain confident that IDF will publish an agreed standard methodology for carbon footprint as a consensus paper of the world dairy sector according to plan by the end of the year 2009" said IDF's project leader Ms. Sophie Bertrand of the French Livestock Institute in Paris.

Preliminary results of the IDF work and an on-going parallel FAO project on quantification of greenhouse gas emissions from animal food chains will be presented and debated at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Berlin/Germany from 20 to 24 September 2009: <http://www.wds2009.com> - register now!

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- Growing IDF membership accounts for about **86%** of the world's total milk production.