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The Role of Dairy in Sustainable Diets: looking at the environmental and socioeconomic impact of dairy

On 1-2 February 2018, worldwide experts will be debating the overall impact of dairy in Seville, Spain.

Dacia Whitsett-Morrow, Director Strategy and Insight at U.S. Dairy Export Council, Arlington, VA, will focus on the “*Benefits of dairy nutrition in global development*” and will shed further light on the latest scientific advancements on the beneficial nutritional role of dairy ingredients for vulnerable populations.

“Protein quality is essential to food aid. Providing vulnerable populations with high-quality dairy proteins as ingredients in food aid products will serve as long-term treatment and a preventive measure for malnutrition. I will confirm that dairy ingredients provide high-quality protein that supports healthy childhood development and aids in the treatment of malnutrition and in recovery from stunting.” commented Mrs Whitsett-Morrow.

Eric Grande, Regulatory Affairs Director at Lactalis, will update participants on “*the sustainability metrics used in dairy companies.*”

“The report system of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of our dairy companies is based on sustainability metrics that highlight not only the “values” of the companies but also the importance of the dairy chain and in a more holistic approach of the deep interconnections between dairy sector actors.” said Mr. Grande.

In the dairy sector, even more than in other food sectors, the scope of the metrics is not restricted to the dairy companies but covers all the sector, including milk producers.

This is true not only for environmental metrics but also for most of social and social/economic metrics. The past, present and future of some regions are linked to the development of the dairy sector and dairy companies. This is reflected in the sustainability metrics used by the dairy industry.

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