Dairy As a Driver of the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – launched by the United Nations in 2015 – are a transformative declaration to improve all lives around the world, while also fostering environmental stewardship. The SDGs recognize the interconnected dimensions of sustainable development: Economic, Social and Environmental.¹

How the Dairy Community is Championing the Sustainable Development Goals

The dairy community works to support efforts to make the SDGs vision a reality by:

- Investing in global dairy communities
- Tracking global sustainability commitments through the Dairy Sustainability Framework and Rotterdam Declaration
- Advancing research that supports dairy’s role in addressing the SDGs

Dairy Embraces the 5 Ps of Sustainable Development

People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnerships and Peace

**PLANET**
Dairy’s ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship links sustainable food systems to the SDGs.

- 7% of the total land on earth is used for feeding dairy animals²
- 25% reduction by 2030 in dairies’ greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for fluid milk³
- U.S. dairy cows generate fewest greenhouse gas emissions per gallon of milk⁴

**PEOPLE**
Dairy foods and ingredients help nourish people across the lifespan around the world.

- The dairy community makes dairy foods and ingredients available to nourish people 365 days a year
- 365 Days

**PEACE**
Conflict can exacerbate food insecurity and dairy acknowledges that sustainable food systems go hand-in-hand with peaceful societies.⁵

- Dairy can be a key contributor to employment⁶ and global food security.⁷ In doing so, it can help play an important role in supporting resilient, nourished communities

**PROSPERITY**
Strengthening global dairy communities can empower prosperous and fulfilling lives.

- One Billion people globally have livelihoods connected to dairy⁸
- 37 Million people
- 365 Days

**PARTNERSHIPS**
Cooperatives and collaboration are at the heart of the dairy community.

- Multi-stakeholder collaboration is required at local/regional levels as part of the Dairy Sustainability Framework

Key Issues Snapshot

- ~815 million people around the world are undernourished⁹
- ~1 in 3 people globally are suffering from some form of malnutrition (overweight, underweight, micronutrient deficiencies)⁹
- 2x as likely
- 50 million global estimated increase of people at risk of undernourishment by 2050 due to climate change⁹

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