



South African National Committee of the International Dairy Federation (IDF)

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Quarter 2 2026 (April 2026 till June 2026)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Maintain South Africa's membership of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) Ensure that IDF and IMP membership fees are paid before 31 March each year, taking advantage of favourable exchange rates where possible.

Achievements

The primary objective of this project is to maintain membership of the IDF by ensuring that the membership fees of both IDF and IMP are paid before 31 March each year, at the most favourable exchange rate possible.

The IDF membership fee for 2026 was set at €46 500 and was paid on 12 February 2025 at a Rand value of R886 898.

The International Milk Promotion (IMP) membership fees of €1000-00 (R19 459-62) have been paid by Milk SA on the 26th of May 2026.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - Ensure appropriate South African representation on IDF bodies Review and maintain representation of suitably qualified South African experts on IDF Standing Committees, Action Teams, and other technical bodies.

Achievements

The current list of South African experts serving on IDF bodies was reviewed and updated. Experts who indicated that they no longer wish to serve were removed, and all fields of expertise were reconfirmed to ensure accurate representation across the various IDF working areas.

While representation remains strong in several areas, certain committees and task forces

continue to have limited or no South African representation and will be addressed in future recruitment efforts.

New experts that were added during this reporting period are:

Nala Manamela for IDF SC on Analytic Methods for Dairy Microbiology

Deon Gallus for IDF SC for Animal Health and Welfare

Prof Corinna Walsh for SC Nutrition and Health

South African Experts:

Management level

Board of Directors

Melt Loubser

Food Standards Steering Group

No representation

General Assembly

Melt Loubser

Maretha Vermaak

SPCC

No representation

Sustainable Steering Group

Colin Ohlhoff

Standing Committees

SC Animal Health and Welfare

Dr Mark Chimes

Deon Gallus

Inge Marie Petzer

SC Analytical Methods for Composition

No representation

SC Analytical Methods

No representation

SC Dairy Policies and Economics

Dr Ndumiso Mazibuko

Alwyn Kraamwinkel

SC Dairy Farming

Bertus van Heerden

SC Dairy Science and Processing Technology

Anneke van Niekerk

SC Environment

Dr Colin Ohlhoff

Enrike Maree

Dr Heinz Meisner

SC Food Hygiene

Prof Elna Buys

Chane Pretorius

SC Farm Management

Bertus van Heerden

SC Laboratory Statistics and Quality Assurance

No representation

SC Marketing

Christine Leighton (IMP)

Enrike Maree

Alwyn Kraamwinkel

SC Methods for Dairy Microbiology

Chané Pretorius

Nala Manamela

SC Nutrition and Health

Maretha Vermaak

Louise Gottsche

Prof Corinna Walsh

Standing Committee of Analytical Methods for Additives & Contaminants

Thabang Rampa

Azelle Swemmer

SC Residues and chemical contaminants

Thabang Rampa

Anneke van Niekerk

Chané Petorius

Azel Swemmer

Niele Erasmus

SC Standards Identity and Labelling

Thabang Rampa

Anneke van Niekerk

Chané Petorius

Task forces

TF Paris Dairy Declaration

Melt Loubser

TF Women in Dairy

Christine Leighton

TF The Place of Dairy in Protein Transition

Maretha Vermaak

Task Force Greenhouse Gases Mitigation Strategy

Colin Ohlhoff

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Facilitate timely and appropriate South African input into IDF activities Coordinate and ensure that South African representatives provide technical inputs and comments to IDF consultations and work items within the prescribed deadlines.

Achievements

IDF sent out one questionnaire within the second quarter:

Questionnaire 0326/SCAMAC

Milk and milk products — General requirements for the harmonisation and simplification of the use and interpretation of certificate of analysis for standards of veterinary medicines

ISO/DIS 24141 | IDF 262

The National Secretary consulted with the South African Experts and submitted South Africa's response in a timely manner.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Advocate the work of the IDF within the South African dairy sector Promote awareness of IDF activities and encourage participation by identifying and recruiting South African dairy experts to contribute to relevant IDF working areas.

Achievements

The National Secretary promptly share all communication received from the IDF with the relevant experts throughout the year.
Promotional material to promote the IDF, what it stands for and how members can benefit from the IDF is in the

Non-achievements / underperformance

The Milk SA World Dairy Summit report 2025 has not yet been printed and distributed to members.

Reasons for non-

process of being updated. The National Secretary will continue to identify potential new associate members and will promote the work of IDF and SANCIDF to potential members.

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All the material has been collected. In the past, this function was handled by the offices of Milk SA. Due to various work commitments and other priorities, this task could not yet be completed.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

The task has now been handed over to the National Secretary and will be completed before the end of the third quarter.

Goal 5 - Promote the annual World Dairy Summit (WDS) Promote participation in the WDS among South African dairy industry stakeholders by sharing promotional materials with SAMPRO, DALRRD representatives and South African Standing Committee members, and through articles in relevant dairy industry publications.

Achievements

The 2026 IDF World Dairy Summit will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 15 to 20 November 2026. The IDF World Dairy Summit is the flagship global gathering of the dairy sector. It will take place from 15–20 November 2026 at the New Zealand International Convention Centre in Auckland, New Zealand. Under the theme “Healthy People, Healthy Planet, Healthy Economies,” the Summit will bring together dairy farmers, processors, scientists, policymakers and industry leaders from around the world to explore the future of dairy through science, sustainability, innovation and global collaboration.

The National Secretary shared the WDS registration announcement with all experts and members and encouraged them to share it within their networks.

Members were also encouraged to present their work by submitting abstracts for presentations and posters, as well as nominations for the IDF Innovation Awards. Mrs Chane Preorius and Mrs Tania Blignaut both submitted poster presentations which were accepted, while Dr Mark Chimes will be delivering a presentation during the Summit on the State of Foot and Mouth Disease in South Africa.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 6 - Facilitate South African participation at the World Dairy Summit Enable a delegation of two SANCIDF representatives to attend the World Dairy Summit.

Achievements

A total of eight candidates were nominated to attend the IDF World Dairy Summit in New Zealand from 12 to 19 November 2026. These dates include the IDF business meetings, which are presented prior to the Summit.

The following candidates were nominated to attend the World Dairy Summit:

Mr Melt Loubser, SANCIDF President and IDF Board member

Dr Colin Ohlhoff, Vice Chair, Standing (SC) Environment

Dr Ndumiso Mazibuko, delegate, SC Dairy Policies and Economics

Mrs Christine Leighton, Chair SC Marketing; IMP

Mrs Maretha Vermaak, National Secretary; delegate SC Nutrition and Health

Mrs Chane Pretorius, delegate SC Food Additives; Methods for Dairy Microbiology; Residue and Chemical contaminants; Identity and Labelling

Mrs Anneke van Niekerk, delegate Identity and Labelling; Residue and Chemical contaminants

Dr Mark Chimes, SC Animal Health

The National Secretary (NS) provided clear instructions and guidance on the business meetings programme, early bird registration, accommodation, and visa requirements.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 7 - Ensure industry feedback following WDS participation Ensure that WDS delegates submit a written report and provide meaningful feedback to the South African dairy industry within one month of returning from the Summit, in accordance with the SANCIDF reporting requirements.

Achievements

To ensure effective knowledge transfer and feedback to the South African dairy industry following the IDF World Dairy Summit (WDS), all eight nominated delegates will receive a formal Delegate Agreement one month prior to the Summit. The agreement stipulates that each delegate is required to submit a comprehensive written report covering the IDF Business Meetings, Standing Committee and Action Team meetings, technical sessions attended during the Summit, as well as relevant networking and social events. Delegates are also encouraged to include photographs where appropriate. In accordance with the SANCIDF reporting requirements, all reports must be submitted to the National Secretary within eight weeks of the final day of the Summit. These reports will form the basis for disseminating key outcomes and international developments to the South African dairy industry and relevant stakeholders.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 8 - Disseminate WDS reports to levy payers Compile and distribute an electronic collection of all delegates' reports to levy payers and relevant industry stakeholders.

Achievements

This will be issued in the third quarter of 2026.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 9 - Obtain annual reports from South African representatives on IDF bodies Collect and compile annual reports from South African experts serving on IDF Standing Committees, Action Teams and other technical bodies.

Achievements

Annual reports from all South African delegates who attended the IDF World Dairy Summit 2025 in Santiago, Chile, have been received. Reports from South African representatives serving on most IDF Standing Committees and technical bodies have also been submitted. The only outstanding reports are those from the Standing Committee on Methods for Dairy Microbiology and the Standing Committee on Food Hygiene.

The reports are currently being compiled into a professionally formatted annual publication, which will be distributed electronically and in print to SANCIDF members and relevant dairy industry stakeholders. The 2025 Annual Report is scheduled for publication and distribution by the end of September 2026.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 10 - Increase awareness of IDF publications and outputs Promote access to IDF publications (Bulletins, Standards, and Newsletters) by publishing relevant information on the Milk SA website and in industry publications such as The Dairy Mail and Milk Essay.

Achievements

During the second quarter of 2026, IDF published a number of important technical publications and guidance documents, including:

Bulletins

Bulletin 540/2026 – Guidance on the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (CXS 192-1995), providing practical guidance for the dairy industry.

Bulletin 541/2026 – The Codex General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms: Its Nature, Intent and Implications.

Factsheets

Factsheet 49/2026 – Understanding Lactose: From Digestion to Health Outcomes.

Factsheet 50/2026 – Executive Summary of IDF Country Updates – June 2026.

Standards and Reference Methods

ISO 9877 | IDF 258:2026 – Milk and milk products — Determination of ash.

ISO/TS 27265 | IDF/RM 228:2026 – Heat-processed milk and dried milk products — Enumeration of thermoresistant spores of thermophilic bacteria.

Technical Guidelines

ICAR-IDF Wiki Guideline: Sensor-based Behaviour Information for Functional Traits, with a Focus on Rumination.

ICAR-IDF Wiki Guideline: Body Condition Scoring (BCS).

Webinars and Knowledge Exchange

IDF continued to provide members with a broad range of scientific and technical webinars during the quarter, including:

Artificial Intelligence in the Dairy Sector: Practical Applications from Farm to Processing.

Latest Updates on Food-Based Dietary Guidelines in the Netherlands.

World Food Safety Day 2026: Pasteurisation as a Pillar of Safe Dairy Worldwide.

Dairy Farmers Roundtable: Next Generation Farmers.

*Protecting Dairy Integrity in a Changing Landscape.
IDF Nutrition & Health Symposium 2026 (two global sessions) focusing on lactose digestion, lactose intolerance, health outcomes and current scientific evidence.

Other IDF Activities and Events

During the quarter, IDF also facilitated a number of international knowledge-sharing initiatives and technical meetings, including:

IDF Podcast: Celebrating the Contribution, Leadership and Expertise of Women in the Global Dairy Sector.

IDF/ISO Analytical Week 2026.

ICAR-IDF Joint Workshop on Sensor Data for Dairy Animal Health and Welfare, held in Verona, Italy.

Publication of the IDF World Newsletter (June 2026) highlighting current Federation activities and member updates.

Standards Development and International Representation

IDF continued to represent the global dairy sector through its technical contributions to international standard-setting bodies, including participation in:

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) – Chongqing, China (13–17 April 2026).

Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) – Ottawa, Canada (11–15 May 2026).

These activities contribute to the development of internationally harmonised standards, guidelines and scientific recommendations that support food safety, fair trade and the continued advancement of the global dairy sector.

These activities and notices are communicated to all the SANCIDF members and representatives throughout the year.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 11 - Recruit associate members to strengthen SANCIDF participation and sustainability Encourage additional organisations and individuals within the South African dairy value chain to become associate members of SANCIDF, thereby increasing industry exposure to IDF work and strengthening financial sustainability.

Achievements

An action plan to recruit more associate members are in process. The proposal was made during the annual Exco meeting in March, and a list of possible members will be identified after which an action plan will be established.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	SANCIDF Finansiele state Jun 26.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

[SANCIDF Popular Report - Q2 2026.docx](#)

Popular report and Additional documentation

[Report on the IDF Mid-year meeting 2026.docx](#)

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes
Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes