



Dairy Asia – Domestic stakeholders meeting

NDDB organised a domestic stakeholders meeting to encourage the Indian stakeholders to join the Dairy Asia platform for exchange of knowledge and best practices on 15 May 2017. The meeting was attended by about 50 participants from all over India representing Dairy Federations, Milk Producer Companies, academic institutions, NGOs and experts from NDDB.

In his inaugural address, Shri Dilip Rath, Chairman NDDB said that most of the South Asian Countries have smallholder production system and thus a platform such as Dairy Asia can help in fostering a regional cooperation and help each other in mitigating certain challenges such as climate change, etc. He also said that we can find points of critical common interest such as productivity enhancement in native breeds, reduction in contribution of dairying in green-house gases, disease control and promote dairying in a socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable manner. He further added that Dairy Asia will have great symbolic strength and give stronger voice to Asian Countries at international dairy forums.

Presentations made during the meeting highlighted activities of Dairy Asia and advocated formation of a national working group. Another aspect covered during the meeting was cooperation beyond boundaries.

At end of the meeting, consensus on certain areas such as exchange of best practices, technical know-how,



promoting Indian milch animal breeds and dairy products among Asian countries emerged.

Dairy Asia is a multi-stakeholder partnership of willing partners committed to visioning and building a sustainable dairy sector in Asia and the Pacific region. It aims to find common ground and aligning actions towards social, economic and environmental sustainability. It is based within the Asian region but reaching out to partners around the globe. It is being supported by international organisations such as FAO, IDF, IFCN, DSF, ILRI and APHCA.

