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Cover Photo : Cross section of workshop participants posing for photo session.

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ACRONYMS

AEC	Agro-Enterprises Centre
AFU	Agriculture and Forestry University
B.S.	Bikram Sambat
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDCAN	Central Dairy Cooperatives Association of Nepal
CIP	Cleaning-in-place
DDC	Dairy Development Corporation
DFTQC	Department of Food Technology and Quality Control
DIA	Dairy Industries Association
DLS	Department of Livestock Services
DoC	Department of Cooperatives
DT	Dairy Technology
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoN	Government of Nepal
HRD	Human Resource Development
MIS	Management Information System
MOALD	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
NARC	Nepal Agriculture Research Council
NASA	Nepal Animal Science Association
NDA	Nepal Dairy Association
NDDB	National Dairy Development Board
NDSA	Nepal Dairy Science Association
NEFOSTA	Nepal Food Scientists and Technologists Association
NPC	National Planning Commission
NVA	Nepal Veterinary Association
NVC	Nepal Veterinary Council
P.U	Purbanchal University
PSC	Public Service Commission
R&D	Research and Development
SAP	System Application & Product
SMP	Skimmed Milk Powder

Production and marketing of milk and milk products is on the increasing trend due to increased market access, and change in the consumer habits and demand. It is mainly due to the improved government interventions and support services through number of livestock development programme and projects. However, per capita requirement of milk, as recommended by WHO, is yet to be achieved in the country. It can be expected that this lacking will be met within couple of years.

Development of agriculture is a pre-requisite to the overall economic growth of Nepal. Production of safe and quality raw materials for industrial processing should be the main goal of agricultural production, and safety and quality assurance of processed agro-products is must for sustainable agriculture development. Till date, Nepalese agriculture is seriously lacking in achieving sustainability by assuring the safety and quality. Dairy sector is not the exception to this reality.

Major problem is inadequate number of technical human resources providing services in the dairy value chain across the country. Furthermore, there is no clear action plan to integrate dairy value chains with the academic programs producing technical dairy human resources.

To help resolve HR problem, this one-day workshop on **Availability and Requirement of Dairy Science** and **Technology Related Human Resources in Nepal** with the theme **Human Resource Development** for **Sustainable Dairy Sector Development** is a timely effort. We hope the compilation of workshop recommendations, full papers presented in the event and other details in the form of this Proceeding would be a milestone for the dairy sector development.

We hope this publication will be a reference document for the planners and decision-makers, entrepreneurs, academia and other dairy value chain stakeholders.

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Dairy development is one of the key drivers of the national economy, and the share of dairy (milk) in the national economy (GDP) is around 9 % which is very significant. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and livestock development, Nepal produced 1,911,239 MT of milk during fiscal year 2073/74 (2016/17). Most of the milk is consumed or passes through informal channel, and only around 17% of the total production passes through formal channel or through the public and private sector dairy plants.

Significant quantities of value-added dairy products are imported such as milk powders, baby foods, cheeses, long-life milk and cream, butter, ghee etc which could be produced in the country provided adequate processing facilities and trained dairy manpower is available. One of the major gaps in the dairy sector development is inadequate appropriately trained and skilled human resources for the entire value chain of the dairy processing industries. Buzz word for dairy value chain is from *farm/shed to fork/table (Goth Dekhi Oth Samma)*.

In order to identify the HR dairy sector issues and recommend the way forward, a "One-Day Workshop on Availability and Requirement of Dairy Science and Technology Related Human Resources in Nepal" was planned and jointly organised by College of Applied Food and Dairy Technology (CAFODAT; Department of Food Technology and Quality Control (DFTQC); National Dairy Development Board (NDDB); Dairy Development Corporation (DDC); Nepal Dairy Association (NDA); Dairy Industries Association (DIA); Nepal Dairy Science Association (NDSA) and Nepal Food Scientist and Technologist Association of Nepal (NEFOSTA). The objective was to assess existing scenario and future requirements of dairy science & technology related human resources in Nepal, and to develop strategies to fulfil the HRD gap.

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