

**Memorandum Of Understanding**  
**The Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF)**  
**And**  
**The U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made and entered into by and among the following Parties:

1. **The Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF)**, having its principal office at Farmers Conference Centre, Along Thogoto – Mutarakwa Road, PO BOX 43148-00100 Nairobi, Kenya hereinafter referred to as "KENAFF";
2. **The U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)**, having its principal office at 2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201, United States of America, hereinafter referred to as "USDEC"; and

Each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

**PREAMBLE**

1. The Parties, acknowledging the growing importance of the recognition and empowerment of women in food production and agriculture, the need to enhance the voice of farmers, particularly female farmers, and to promote the role of sustainable production and rules-based international trade in delivering sustainable food systems, and recognizing the potential for enhanced cooperation between the KENAFF and USDEC to improve food security and nutrition, particularly in the field of dairy, hereby express their intention to cooperate on a voluntary basis.
2. This MOU is established as a non-binding framework for collaboration. It is entered into in good faith and shall not give rise to legal nor financial obligations under either international or domestic law. The purpose of this MOU is to articulate a shared vision and to promote collaboration in areas of mutual interest, particularly in promoting the role of women in agriculture, food security and nutrition, and more sustainable food systems.

**ARTICLE I**  
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to enhance cooperation between the Parties to promote the role of women in dairy, and the benefits of sustainable dairy production and consumption for sustainable food systems for the mutual benefit of both countries; facilitate effective engagement in relevant multilateral processes; encourage the exchange of information on sustainability, sustainable food systems, and other environmental and production challenges facing livestock producers; and elevate the focus on food and nutrition security and ensure the centrality of farmers' needs and

interests in the food systems conversation, advocating for a greater recognition of the livestock sector and the major contributions of animal-sourced foods and animal-based products to the

social, economic and environmental sustainability of food systems.

## **ARTICLE II SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The cooperation between the Parties under this MOU shall focus on, but not be limited to, the following areas:

1. The Parties intend to share information, coordinate positions on issues of common interest and, where appropriate, conduct outreach to their respective government representatives on issues in relevant global policy processes and multilateral fora. This includes, but is not limited to, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Codex Alimentarius (Codex), World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and World Trade Organization (WTO). Coordination priorities include promoting the role of women in agriculture, particularly dairy production and processing, the benefits of animal source foods and trade in advancing sustainable food systems, supporting the development and adoption of science-based international standards and guidelines, and advocating for greater recognition of the significant contributions of animal-sourced foods to the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of food systems.
2. The Parties may collaborate in public communication efforts to promote the recognition of women in agriculture and the benefits of dairy. Where appropriate, the Parties may align messaging and coordinate with third-party stakeholders including government institutions, philanthropic organizations, and non-governmental organizations.
3. The Parties intend to promote positive bilateral engagement by supporting the need for greater recognition and empowerment of women in agriculture, the efforts of dairy producers to increase production while being mindful of natural resources, the need to ensure producers have access to the tools and knowledge needed to support more efficient productions, and the importance of ensuring policy measures support this objective.
4. The Parties shall collaborate to promote and publicize activities related to the Programme of Action towards the International Year of the Woman Farmer, including the following events: the Launch of the Women in Dairy Report during the WFO General Assembly; the celebration of the International Day of Rural Women 2026; World Milk Day 2026; the High-Level Dairy Conference 2026; and the World Farmers' Organization General Assembly 2026.

## **ARTICLE III PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation under this MOU shall be guided by the following principles:

1. All activities shall be undertaken on a voluntary basis and with mutual consent, subject to the availability of resources and internal procedures of each Party.

2. The implementation of this MOU shall comply with the respective laws and regulations governing the Parties.
3. Cooperation shall aim to generate mutual benefit, with a commitment to transparency and long-term viability.
4. This MOU shall not be construed as a legally binding agreement, and shall not give rise to rights, liabilities, or financial obligations unless otherwise agreed in writing.

#### **ARTICLE IV IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION**

1. To implement this MOU, the Parties may designate representatives to serve as focal points. These focal points may coordinate communication, facilitate meetings, and monitor progress.
2. The Parties may, where appropriate, establish working groups or conduct technical dialogues to support the implementation of joint activities.
3. The Parties may also hold review meetings to evaluate the progress of cooperation under this MOU and to determine future areas of collaboration.

#### **ARTICLE V CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Parties acknowledge that, in the course of implementing this MOU, they may exchange information that is sensitive or proprietary in nature. Each Party agrees to treat such information with due confidentiality and to refrain from disclosing it to third parties without the prior written consent of the originating Party, unless disclosure is required by applicable law.

#### **ARTICLE VI SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES**

Any differences arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Parties. This MOU shall not be subject to dispute resolution mechanisms, including adjudication or arbitration.

#### **ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any Party may withdraw from this MOU by providing written notice to the other Parties at least fifteen (15) business days in advance. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the continuation of ongoing activities unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE VIII DURATION**

This MOU shall become effective upon the date of its final signature and shall remain in force until 31 December 2027. The MOU may be renewed or extended upon written agreement of the Parties.

**ARTICLE IX  
SIGNATURES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective organizations, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in Nairobi, Kenya on the dates indicated below.

**For the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name : **Janice Giddens**  
Title : Vice President, Sustainable Nutrition  
Date : 03/12/2025

**For the Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF)**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name : **Dr. Daniel M. M'Mailutha (PhD)**  
Title : Chief Executive Officer  
Date : 03/12/2025