



## GLOBAL DAIRY PLATFORM

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### **Global Dairy Platform's Nourish 2019 Focuses on the Role Dairy Plays Preserving our Planet and Nourishing Consumers of the Future**

**Chicago, Ill. (June 19, 2019)** – Nourish 2019, June 17–19 in Chicago, Ill., welcomed world-renowned speakers such as, H.E. Mario Arvelo, Chair of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security, to share their perspectives on the state of our planet, the impact heightened environmental concerns are having on consumers, policy makers and rural communities around the world, and the role the global dairy community can play in creating a truly sustainable future for everyone.

“Nourish 2019 provided honest conversations about the role dairy plays in the future of our planet,” said Donald Moore, Executive Director, Global Dairy Platform, who hosted the conference. “This event is a statement by food and dairy industry partners of our continued commitment to collaboratively create a sustainable future.”

The dynamic roster of engaging leaders in media, technology, food and public health, who participated in Nourish 2019, included representatives from the United Nations, World Wildlife Fund, Dairy Farmers of America, Chobani, Food tank, World Resources Institute, Emerging Ag, Rabobank, The Good Food Institute, U.S. Dairy Export Council, Arla Foods, China Mengniu Dairy Company and Royal FrieslandCampina.

A thought-provoking event hosted by Global Dairy Platform (GDP), Nourish 2019 offered dialogue and panels with diverse topics which challenged the dairy sector to enhance collaboration towards continued positive action. Here is a look at the core themes:

#### **Protecting Our Resources and Building Anew**

There is no denying the world is in a constant state of change, and it is the responsibility of the food industry to be aware and engaged in discussions around the environment and the fundamental role dairy can play. Melissa D. Ho, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Fresh Water and Food, World Wildlife Fund–U.S., provided a unique perspective on the state of our environment and the adjustments which should be considered as part of the food system to protect natural resources.

#### **Redefining Our Food System**

Which food system helps us sustain the planet the most? There isn't a clear-cut answer. However, this session, moderated by Robynne Anderson, President, Emerging Ag, highlighted different perspectives on the future of food systems by expert panelists, showcasing the number of varying opinions on this topic.

#### **Dairy Without Borders**

The current and potential benefits of dairy are far and wide across the globe. From providing access to healthy and affordable nutrition to creating new employment opportunities, there is no denying dairy will play an important role in emerging communities. Moderated by Secretary Tom Vilsack, President and Chief

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Executive Officer, U.S. Dairy Export Council, global dairy leaders weighed-in on how geopolitical trade issues are affecting the food and dairy industry and their impact on giving global access to nutrition.

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#### About Global Dairy Platform

Established in 2006, GLOBAL DAIRY PLATFORM's membership of dairy companies, associations, scientific bodies and other partners collaborate pre-competitively to promote the necessary intake of nutrient-rich dairy products, build evidence on dairy's role in the diet, and show the sector's commitment to responsible and sustainable food production. Together, the collaboration aims to demonstrate dairy's contribution to global food systems, healthy diets, and sustainable livelihoods. Visit [www.globaldairyplatform.com](http://www.globaldairyplatform.com) for more information.