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OVERVIEW

International Egg Commission Business Insights: "Critical Meeting for the Egg Industry - UN Food Systems Summit " Webinar

Later this year, the UN Secretary General will convene a Food Systems Summit to define the future of food systems and launch 'bold new actions' to transform the way the world produces and consumes food as well as deliver progress on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and potentially influencing food policy at national level.

The summit has established the following five key action tracks in which participants will explore 'game changing activities':

- i) Ensuring Access to Safe and Nutritious Food for All;
- ii) Shifting to Sustainable Consumption Patterns;
- iii) Boosting Nature-positive Production at Sufficient Scale;
- iv) Advancing Equitable Livelihoods and Value Distribution; and
- v) Building Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses.

This summit provides a significant opportunity to position eggs as a vital part of the global food system and to strengthen recognition of the role of the egg in providing healthy, nutritious, affordable and low impact protein all over the world.

The International Egg Commission hosted a meeting for the global egg industry on 10th March to provide members with more information on the importance of this UN Food Systems Summit. The meeting explored why it is essential for the egg industry to be proactive in advocating for the importance, recognition and inclusion of animal protein, specifically eggs, in future diets. This call for active industry participation comes on the back of concerns raised by a number of global experts, that the UN Food System Summit may be targeted by those in favour of pushing for a 'Reset' and the promotion of consumption of plant-based and synthetic foods.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

Under the Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project, the Zimbabwe Poultry Association has established chapters within the Poultry Business Associations (PBAs) to improve its reach and interaction with small to medium scale producers thereby ensuring their representation in lobbying and advocacy processes at national level. The five PBAs situated in Harare, Masvingo, Mutare, Gweru and Bulawayo currently each have an average membership of 300 small to medium chicken and table egg producers.



The PBAs are currently in the process of being formally registered as business entities with the assistance of legal experts from the Centre of Applied Legal Research. With the lifting of lockdown restrictions preparations are underway to hold strategic planning sessions at the Masvingo, Gweru, Mutare and Bulawayo PBAs. Having strategy documents in place will provide guidance on the operations of the PBA and help them focus their activities in a manner that assists them in achieving the objectives of the Association.

Livestock Diary: March 2021

Tuesday 30th Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Wednesday 31st Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

Enclosures

- Correspondence from Ministry of Finance and Economic Development about the ability of research institutes and agricultural colleges to make and accept payments in foreign currency.
- Maricho Magazine, February 2021 Edition
- Agro-Input Monitor Issue 2 of 2021