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ESADA congratulates the [Milk Producers Organisation](#) on joining the ESADA chapters. This brings the total to eight chapters which include Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Mauritius, Rwanda and now South Africa [.....more](#)

\$42.8M for the East Africa Dairy Development project

The Bill and Melinda Gates foundation granted \$42.8 million to support the dairy industry in the East Africa region. The grant project, to run for four years, is aimed at helping one million people, approximately 179,000 families living on small 1-5 acre farms, lift them out of poverty by providing them with an opportunity to produce and market milk in a more profitable way. The project will develop 30 strategically located milk collection points as the means for small farmers to join the growing dairy industry in East Africa. It will particularly target women for both the benefits of the project and leadership. It also includes training for 10,000 farmers to become growers of nutritious animal fodder to sell to dairy farmers as supplementary livestock feed... more

<http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/>

Post election violence affects dairy in Kenya

As a result of the post-election violence in Kenya, the dairy sector has been severely hit. The effect has come at a time when the country's milk production is on the decline occasioned by the dry season which begins in December and continues through to March and April.

The Rift Valley province which is Kenya's bread basket was the worst hit. Over 50% of milk in Kenya is produced in the Rift Valley province. The violence paralyzed the transport system in the region hindering collection and transportation of raw milk to processors and which has forced ESADA to postpone the 4th ADC & E to August 6th -8th 2008 (see below).

COMESA Regional Consultative meeting on Harmonization of Dairy standards.

The Regional Consultative Meeting on Harmonization of Dairy Standards was held at the COMESA Secretariat in Lusaka, Zambia, from 1st to 5th October 2007, under the auspices of COMESA with the participation of the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat. <http://www.dairyafrika.com/news.asp?ID=39>

Dairying in Africa - Status and recent developments The quest for more knowledge on the African dairy sector is increasing over the recent years. Dairying has been envisaged as a means of improving the nutritional status and income generation capabilities of poor African families. This has led to the implementation of a number of developmental projects in favour of dairying. Different trends have been noticed in the dairy sectors of different countries over the past years. <http://www.cipav.org.co/lrrd/lrrd19/8/ndam19111.htm>



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The 4th African Dairy Conference and Exhibition

The Eastern and Southern African Dairy Association (ESADA) would like to announce the changes of the date and venue of the **4th African Dairy Conference and Exhibition**. The event will now be held in **Nairobi, Kenya** on the **6th-8th August 2008**. Both the conference and exhibition will take place at the Safari Park Hotel. This has been occasioned by the post-election violence in the recent past in Kenya and the need for the industry and especially the local players to recover from the skirmishes that have severely hurt the sector. ESADA would like to take this opportunity to apologize to all the stakeholders for the inconveniences caused by the changes.

The theme this year is ***"AFRICAN DAIRY: REGIONAL INTEGRATION – THE KEY TO GROWTH"*** For more information and registration visit our website www.dairyafrika.com

Second Global Dairy Congress; 11-13 March, 2008. Theme. "Taste of the Future" in Athens. More info <http://www.zenithinternational.com/events>.

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