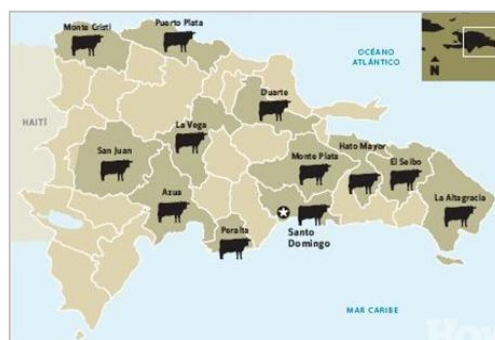


THE DAIRY SUPPLY CHAIN WHITIN THE FRAMEWORK OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

In the dedicated section on the milk production of the [FAO website](#) (Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations) is evidence that milk in most countries is produced by small farmers and sold in the informal market. These data show the importance of adopting a territorial approach in supporting the small milk producers by creating supply chains to improve the key factors such as the animals health, the valorisation of local races and pastures, the milk collection and its processing into finished products but also the marketing so that most of the economic value added, benefits the people of the territory.



In this prospective, the Network of Local Economic Development Agencies of the Dominican Republic ADELCOM realized on October 2013 the Conference *Boosting milk starting from local*, in collaboration with national relevant institutions of the sector. The event represented the first opportunity of integration and coordination among all the actors of the national milk supply chain and the LEDAs have positioned themselves as strategic instruments of coordination at the territories.



The event was opened with the participation of the Minister of Agriculture, the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, the Director General of Livestock, the Director of CONALECHE, the President of APROLECHE and President of the ADELDOM Network. About 130 representatives from all regions of the country, public and private companies, universities, producer's associations, responsible for local economic development entities took part at the conference. The technical work has been animated by 21 experts from the Dominican Republic and for 4 senior experts from Cuba, Uruguay and Venezuela. Dr. Pastor Ponce, inventor of the product Stabilack, collaborated in conducting the meeting in his current role as consultant to the Presidency of the Dominican Republic.



During the event, in the panels and roundtables, all the key issues for the promotion of the dairy supply chain were discussed within the framework of local development: profitability and competitiveness, infrastructure and energy, strengthening human resources, self-sufficiency in animal feed production systems, innovation, traceability and animal health, quality and safety, regulatory framework, integration and organization, milk processing technology, ways to facilitate formalization of small businesses, the importance of access to school feeding program, financing, cooperatives and partnerships, the role of Local Economic Development Agencies.



The event and its conclusions are reported in more than 15 national and local media. During the meeting 10 partnerships between actors in national dairy chain were signed.

The [LEDA of the Province of Dajabón](#) assumed the role of secretary of the event. This agency, as you can see in its website, identified the [dairy chain](#) as one of the most important for the local development. The LEDA works by supporting all the actors of the sector to implement projects improving strategic aspects of the dairy sector. The actors directly involved are 11 livestock associations, 3 milk producers cooperatives, a dairy cooperative and also the Cooperative of Agriculture and of Multiple Services for Border Dairy Processors, the first in the country. This cooperative associates 56 partners organized in 32 small and medium-sized processing plants in family and non-family cores. The LEDA works improving these actors and articulating their activities with local, national and international institutions.

The Congress, as a first meeting between different public, private and social sectors of the country's dairy, allowed to valorise the experience of organization and management of the dairy chain in the context of local economic development strategies, to display the future of this important sector of the economy.

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