

## **“72 HOURS OF MILK” IN BRUSSELS – Week from 8 to 12 April 2019**

As part of the campaign “My milk is local” and with the support of civil society organisations, European milk producers and dairy farmers from six West-African countries – Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Mauritania, Chad and Niger – have the pleasure of informing you of a week of exchanges on milk issues in Europe and West Africa to be held in the week from 8 to 12 April 2019.

*Organisations taking part: European Milk Board (EMB), Oxfam Solidarité, SOS Faim, Veterinarians without Borders.*

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Monday, 8 April 2019 – Session of exchanges**

##### **“The value chain of local milk in West Africa: what support for which sector?”**

*Exchanges to share the experiences of development in the sector and to identify the outlines of technical and financial solutions to the persisting challenges, with the participation of West African and European co-operatives, dairies, international NGOs and state stakeholders.*

**Where?** European Economic and Social Committee (EESC, Room JDE 63) – Rue Belliard 99-101, 1000 Brussels

**When?** Monday, 8 April, from 09.00 to 12.30 hours

#### **Registration and full programme:**

<https://veterinairessansfrontieres.be/actualites/conference-le-lait-local-en-afrique-de-louest-quel-soutien-pour-quelle-filiere>

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#### **Tuesday, 9 April 2019 – Round table**

##### **“How coherent Community policies can support the development of the local dairy sector in West Africa”**

*Discussion on the influence of the policy of the European Union, institutions and companies on the development of a sustainable local dairy sector in Africa. Analysis of the proposals on European trade and agricultural policy in the presence of West African and European milk producers, representatives of local and European dairy industries, experts from the sector, NGOs, European and West African institutional stakeholders.*

**Where?** Résidence Palace (Maelbeek Room, ground floor) – Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels

**When?** Tuesday, 9 April from 09.00 to 13.30 hours

#### **Registration and full programme:**

<https://www.oxfamsol.be/fr/node/9294>

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### Wednesday, 10 April 2019 – Symbolic action and press conference

#### Press conference:

*Press conference on the consequences of European overproduction on local milk production in West Africa, with the participation of European and West-African milk producers. Presentation of the current context and outlines of solutions for sustainable milk production in Europe and in Africa.*

**Where?** Résidence Palace (Maelbeek Room, ground floor) – Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels

**When?** Wednesday, 10 April, from 10.00 to 11.00 hours

#### Symbolic action:

*Highly symbolic and “culinary” action with tractors near the Schuman roundabout, organised jointly by European and West-African producers and by various development organisations. Signing of a joint declaration in front of the media.*

**Where?** Rue de la Loi (between Schuman roundabout and Avenue de la Joyeuse Entrée), 1040 Brussels

**When?** Wednesday, 10 April, from 11.00 to 13.00 hours

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### Thursday, 11 April – Visit, film screening and discussion meeting

**Visit** by delegations of West African and European producers to the Netherlands: meetings and visit to a dairy farm

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**Screening of the film** “La planète lait” [The Milk Planet] and **discussion meeting** on the issues of the current situation of milk production in Europe

**Where?** Cinéma Galeries – Galerie de la Reine 26, 1000 Brussels

**When?** Thursday, 11 April, from 19.00 to 21.30 hours

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Information: <https://festivalalimenterre.be>

### Friday, 12 April – Presentations and visit

**Presentations** at the European Commission’s Infopoint

**Where?** The European Commission’s Infopoint – Rue de la Loi 43, 1040 Brussels

**When?** Friday, 12 April, from 12.30 to 14.00 hours

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**Visit** by delegations of West African and European producers to Belgium: visit to the Herve Société cheese dairy and visit to the “Ferme du Bois de Herve” dairy farm

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### **From 14 to 16 April**

Visit by a delegation of West African and European producers to Germany: meetings, visit to a dairy farm, opening of the photo exhibition “Milk doesn’t like travelling, but dairy farmers do!”.

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