

## NEW DSF COMMUNITY OF INTEREST GROUPS START



The DSF is delighted to announce the first two Community of Interest (CI) Groups will be for **Animal Care** and **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions**. In the 2019 DSF Member reporting period, these two criteria were the most highly prioritised of the 11 DSF Sustainability Criteria with 94% (Animal Care) and 90% (GHG Emissions) of milk production focussing on these areas.



Following on from the successful Webinar series in 2020, the DSF will be initiating CI groups for Members for each of the various DSF Sustainability Criteria. The concept behind the initiative is to provide a platform for DSF members to share and compare actions that are implemented in different situations and geographies with the aim of collaboratively identifying solutions to common challenges. Groups will be facilitated by a DSF Member and will determine the frequency of their meetings and topics.

***The Community of Interest groups are for Implementing and Aggregating DSF Members only.***

**Animal Care CI** - will be facilitated by Alejandra Viedma of Consorcio Lechero (DSF Aggregating Members from Chile). Alejandra is a veterinarian with a diverse background in the dairy industry. For the last 5 years Alejandra has been coordinating the Dairy Farm Management program of Consorcio Lechero, focusing on the Pastures and Irrigation, Animal Welfare and People and Organizations programs and their respective committees.

The first meeting will be held on **27 January 2021 at 19hr00 UK time**. **If you would like to participate in this group, please email the [DSF Secretariat](#) with your name, company name, country and contact details putting **Animal Care CI** in the email subject.**

**GHG Emissions CI** - will be facilitated by Joe McMahan of Innovation Center for US Dairy. Joe is VP, Sustainably Initiatives with the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy (DSF Aggregating Member from the USA). Joe collaborates across an array of industry and external stakeholders to advance sustainability efforts of the U.S. Dairy Stewardship Commitment, the national platform for the dairy community to work collectively and transparently demonstrate progress.

**The first meeting will be held on 9 February 2021 at 19h00 UK time**. **If you would like to participate in this group, please email the [DSF Secretariat](#) with your name, company name, country and contact details putting **GHG Emissions CI** in the email subject.**