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South Africa to host 2012 World Dairy Summit

South Africa will host the International Dairy Federation's (IDF) annual World Dairy Summit in 2012. "This is really good news for South Africa and the South African dairy industry, and bears testimony to our industry's stature in the world," said Bertus de Jongh, chief executive officer of Mposa, holding company for the Milk Producers' Organisation (MPO) in South Africa.

De Jongh is currently attending the IDF World Dairy Summit in Mexico City in Mexico. A further honour for the South African dairy industry is the fact that De Jongh was elected to the IDF council for the second consecutive year.

The 53 member countries of the IDF represent 82 per cent of the total world milk production. The IDF organises topical symposia, conferences, congresses and other events to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and cooperation between industry and academia. The annual World Dairy Summit is the culminating event which provides an overview of what is happening in dairying on all fronts. The World Dairy Summit ends on 14 November.

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