

IUF Global Meat Conference

Omaha, 1-2 November 2011



Draft Agenda

- 1) Welcome – Announcements – Opening Addresses
- 2) Overview of the meat sector
- 3) Company profiles / National developments / Union activities
 - Latin America
 - JBS, Brasil Foods, Marfrig
 - Brazil, Argentina
 - Africa
 - Ghana
 - Asia/Pacific
 - Japan, Australia, New Zealand
 - Organizing poultry workers in Thailand
 - China's rising pork demand
 - Europe
 - Danish Crown, Vion, Groupe Doux
 - Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Hungary, UK
 - North America
 - Smithfield, Tyson, Cargill
 - Canada, United States
- 4) Retail buyer power: Effects on global food supply chains
- 5) Worker Health & Safety: Ammonia safety in meatpacking plants
- 6) IUF Transnational company work
- 7) Identification of potential areas of collaboration amongst meat processing unions
- 8) IUF and the meat sector: a global organization for a globalized sector
- 9) Recommendations and conclusions

Notes to the Draft Agenda

This conference aims to review sector and union developments since the 2nd IUF International Meat Conference, held in Eastbourne, in the UK, in June 2008, and to identify priority issues around which to organize union solidarity and strength in the context of rapid meat sector consolidation and corporate expansion.

In particular, we will look at how we can organize ourselves within the IUF to effectively support meat workers' unions in their efforts to confront the challenges of the sector and raise standards for meat workers through recruitment and organizing.

Conference delegates are asked to make short presentations to the conference on developments in the meat sector in their respective countries and on the union response. In particular, you may like to highlight:

Employers: the effects of concentration and of ownership change

Workforce: precarious employment, migrant workers, union membership levels

The organizing environment

Any other issues of importance to your membership

There will be specific presentations on organizing poultry workers in Thailand, the world's fourth-largest poultry exporter; on China's rising pork demand and the potential implications for global meat production; on the effects of retail concentration and buyer power on global supply chains; on ammonia safety for meat workers; and on the IUF's transnational company work.

Throughout the conference, we will identify common challenges that can lead us to an understanding of how we can best work together. Conference participants will be invited to make a recommendation on the establishment of a Meat Division within the IUF to advance the interests and defend the rights of meat workers and their unions.

Agenda
UFCW/ICU Global Meat Conference
Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center
1616 Dodge Street
Omaha, Nebraska
October 31st – November 3rd, 2011

Monday, October 31st (*Travel Day for International Participants*)

4:00pm — 4:30pm

Advisory Committee Meeting, UFCW Food Processing, Packing & Manufacturing Division

5:00pm – 6:30pm

UFCW General Session

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Reception

Tuesday, November 1st

8:30am – 9:10am

Welcome/Opening Addresses:

Joe Hansen, UFCW International President

Ron Oswald, IUF General Secretary

9:10am — 9:20am

*Agenda Review/Logistics: **Dennis Olson** (UFCW)*

9:20am – 9:35am

*Overview of the meat sector: **Jacqueline Baroncini** (IUF)*

9:35am – 10:35 am

*Corporate Profiles: **Richard Pantoja** (UFCW):*

JBS

Brasil Foods

Marfrig

Nippon Meat

--Responses to Corporate Profiles

10:35am – 11:05am

BREAK

11:05am – 11:45 am

*Regional/Country reports: **Latin America***

Brazil

Argentina

11:45am — 1:00pm

LUNCH – *On your own*

Tuesday, November 1st (Continued)**1:00pm – 2:00pm***Regional/Country Reports: Asia-Pacific*Japan
Australia
New Zealand**2:00pm – 2:45pm***China Rising: China's Rising Pork Demand: Implications for the Global Meat Industry***--Arne Anderson, Director, UFCW Strategic Resources Department****2:45pm – 3:15pm****BREAK****3:15pm – 3:30pm***Organising poultry workers in Thailand: Hidayat Greenfield (IUF)***3:30pm – 4:30pm***Corporate Profiles: Jacqueline Baroncini*Danish Crown
Vion
Groupe Doux**--Responses to Corporate Profiles****4:30pm – 5:15pm***Regional/Country reports: Europe*Denmark
Sweden
Norway
Germany*Dinner – On your own*

Wednesday, November 2nd**8:30am — 8:40am – Announcements****8:40am — 9:45am***Regional/Country Reports: Europe (Continued)*Belgium
Germany
Spain
UK**9:45am — 10:30am***Corporate Profiles: Seth Payer (UFCW)*Smithfield
Tyson
Cargill**--Responses to Corporate Profiles****10:30am – 11:10am***Regional/Country Reports: North America*Canada
United States**11:10 am – 11:30 am****BREAK****11:30am – 12:45pm***Retail Grocery Buyer Power: Effects on Global Food Supply Chains***--Barry C. Lynn - Author, Journalist, Director of the Markets, Enterprise, and Resiliency Initiative, and a Senior Fellow at the [New America Foundation](#).**

12:45pm – 2:00pm

LUNCH – *On your own*

2:00pm – 2:40pm

Workers' Safety and Health: Ammonia Safety-- Jackie Nowell (UFCW)

2:40 - 3:50pm

IUF transnational company work - Ron Oswald, IUF General Secretary

Identifying Potential Areas of Collaboration Among IUF Meat Processing Unions

3:50 – 4:15pm

BREAK

4:15pm – 5:00pm

Discussion and Decision on Recommendation to Create a Meat Division within IUF

5:00pm

Adjournment

Dinner – *On your own*