



Recommendations for the first King Abdul Aziz camel conference -Riyadh Kingdome of Saudi Arabia

Description

Recommendations and further steps need to be taken – My personal recomendations

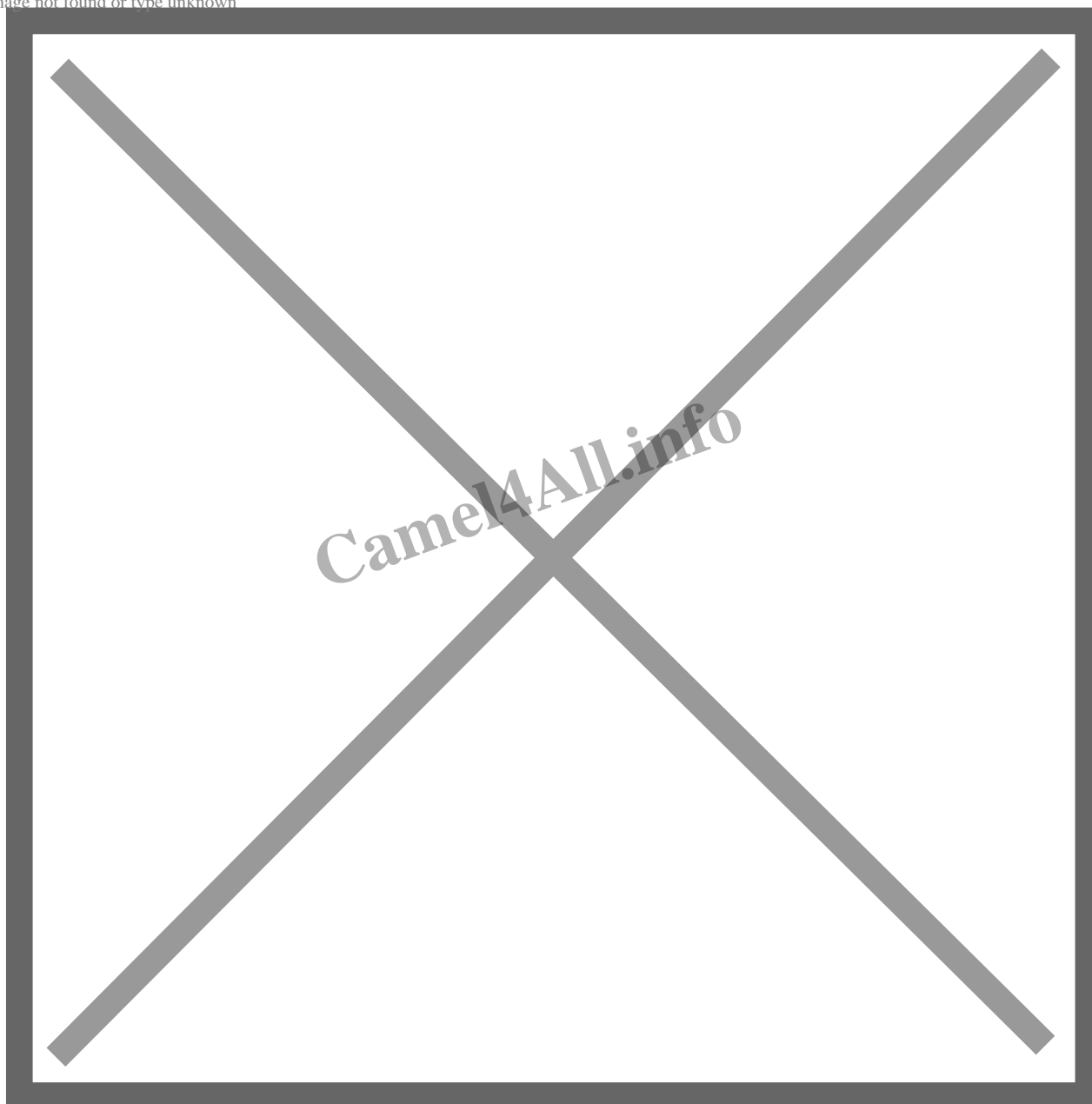
My conclusive remarks at the end of my talk as a first speaker of the conference.

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- **Declaring the camel milk as a heritage food:** The governments should buy (camel milk) with subsidized rates and can provide to the schools children (heritage/slow food), hospitals (natural health), and police/army personal (stronger security). The countries like Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and other gulf states can easily support such initiatives
- **Channellisation (milk) through cameleers cooperatives:** The milk of the camel can assure an additional income for a sustainable camel production. This way the camel milk business will not go in the hands of few giant companies but with the cameleers (the major share).
- **Giving a chance to the female cameleers:** The female needs to give a chance in the camel milk business. I have a very scientific module for involving females in camel dairying to enhance their income, promote family wellness and the health of mother and kids
- **Utmost need to support the camel keeper:** The camel farmers/beduins need support as they are facing climate change catastrophe, **revegetation of the deserts** with the help of new technologies can provide feeding opportunities to the camels in future, the native flora revegetation will work as two prong solution – food for livestock and provision shelter to the wildlife
- **The camel helps the drylands:** The desert is a living phenomenon and its life is strongle connected with the grazing practice (conversion of woody vegetation into manure), especially the camels. **The desert without camels will loose its fertility** and the carbon (sunk in rangelands) will be release into the atmosphere which is an irreversable loss to the environment
- **Formation of a multistakeholders platefarm:** ICO can take more active part in coordinating of the multistakeholders platform on camel production, milk, meat etc
- **A conference on camel – once in 2 years:** I recomend International Camel Organization (ICO) to arrange a conference (one in 2 years) and ensure the participation of the international camel scientists, production professionals, representatives of the camels organization (from Asia and Africa) to ensure a consistant camel policy at global level

- **Camel mapping as a pilot project** – start from KSA and manipulate in other parts of the world. This will help in a wide primary data about the camels, size of herd, male:female, herd composition, milk production, consumption of camel products, prospects of camel keepers etc
- **Knowledge management**, we have information about the camels but knowledge is very sporadic. Documentation of the available traditional knowledge with the support of universities as well as translation of the camel science in Arabic will be a great step

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