

DRAFT STATEMENT

1st Annual Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) Conference:

Coming Together for a Global Public Good

The 1st Annual GFSP Conference convened at the World Bank Offices in Paris on December 10- 12, 2012, to launch the GFSP, report on progress to date and review future actions. The Conference brought together over 90 participants from some 50 organizations, including US FDA Commissioner Hamburg, EU DG-SANCO Deputy Director General Ladislav Miko, OIE DG Bernard Vallat, WHO Assistant DG Keiji Fukuda, New Zealand Ambassador to France H.E. Rosemary Banks, Consumer Goods Forum MD Jean-Marc Saubade, Grocery Manufacturers Association President and CEO Pam Bailey, senior representatives from Waters Corporation and Mars Inc., USAID, Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, and a large number of other international organizations, trade associations, food producers, governments, universities and technical institutions, and the World Bank Group. Video messages were provided by UN Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition David Nabarro and World Bank Vice President Rachel Kyte; the meeting was opened by World Bank Director for Agriculture and Environmental Services Juergen Voegelé. The Conference was followed by two days of workshops addressing tools for assessing capacity for food safety systems in developing and middle income countries, development of curricula for undergraduate and graduate programs, and promotion of good agricultural practices on-farm and good aquaculture practices.

The Conference reflected a variety of perspectives, and provided an opportunity to develop the basis for a consensus on the fundamental need for enhanced capacity to ensure food safety from farm to fork with a focus on developing and middle income countries. The Partnership represents a new paradigm for collaboration across the public, private and service provider sectors, recognizing that all stakeholders have important roles to play in improving global food safety systems and supporting better access to domestic and global food markets.

The Conference devoted attention to several key issues:

Food Safety is a Global Public Good that requires local solutions in close collaboration between the public and private sectors, based on globally applicable principles. Improving food safety globally would contribute significantly to economic development, facilitating trade, improving public health, and mitigation of global food and nutrition security risks.

Progress in 2012 and planned for 2013. The Partnership has evolved from a World Bank -- APEC FSCF cooperation initiative to a broader and more inclusive global partnership as defined in the GFSP Indicative Roadmap and 5-year Action Plan. Key activities include:

- Training Program Implementation, with initial capacity building focused on (i) Supply Chain Management (SCM), (ii) Food Safety Incident Management, (iii) Laboratory Competency, (iv) Risk Analysis, (v) Food Safety Regulatory Systems, and (vi) On-farm Quality Assurance.
- Global Capacity Building Scaling Up, including country capacity building needs assessments. Food safety issues along the entire value chain would be addressed, including the farm level good agricultural practice and quality assurance programs in terms of raw material supply and market access to emphasize rural development impacts. The current capacity building needs assessment tools were the subject of a dedicated workshop just after the Conference.
- Program Facilitation, to provide management and administration of the GFSP through a small Secretariat hosted at the World Bank and supported by advisory Working Groups (WGs), and

annual Partnership Conferences that include all stakeholders. Program Facilitation also includes an Open Knowledge and Innovation Platform for effective capacity building and to provide state-of-the-art, up-to-date resources for the training and capacity building delivered under the GFSP.

Funding. Early backing from Waters Corporation, Mars Incorporated, and USAID totaling \$1.0M was instrumental in creating the partnership and delivering initial training activities. The Netherlands has pledged \$1 million to the GFSP. A new Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) is being established to raise at least \$45M for implementation of the Roadmap and 5-year workplan. The World Bank's Development Grant Facility (DGF) has committed \$400,000 for FY13, with potential for \$800,000 more over the next two years. Outreach to additional donors will continue, and interested parties are encouraged to contact the GFSP Secretariat for information on becoming a donor.

Advisory Working Groups (WGs) consisting of experts from public and private sectors and service providers would be formed as needed and tasked to provide technical input and expertise in the design and delivery of the work program. Initial WGs will provide critical guidance to the Secretariat during the first 5-year period for: (i) establishment of the Open Source IT Platform (ITWG); (ii) communications strategy (CWG); (iii) technical inputs for topics and content of competency-based training materials, quality control, service provision, and delivery systems (FSTWG); (iv) Monitoring, Quality Control, Coordination and Evaluation (MEWG); and (v) future Governance and Fund Raising (GWG). The ITWG, CWG and FSTWG would initially be facilitated by Massey University, funded by the DGF grant, while the MEWG and GWG would be facilitated by the Secretariat.

A number of organizations have agreed to collaborate in the near term to prepare a framing document to facilitate formation and operation of the working groups. The framing document would focus *inter alia* on the process for establishing the working groups, membership criteria, ToRs, operational options, and coordination across working groups. The framing document is expected to be completed by end February 2013, and the working groups should be populated and operational beginning March 2013.

In addition to the advisory working groups referenced above, the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) is leading an initiative by academia and other partners to identify gaps in food safety curricula, building capacity and establishing and harmonizing core competencies at the university and graduate levels.

Results. A comprehensive system will be developed with the advice of the MEWG to provide for analysis and metrics to evaluate food safety capacity building, the findings from which would inform further decision-making, resource allocation, funding priorities for the MDTF, WB lending, bilateral aid agency grant making, and other interventions. Specific case studies and analytical work would be carried out to evaluate the public health and economic impact of the GFSP and related capacity building programs at the national, regional and global levels.

The **2nd Annual GFSP Conference** will be held December 9-13, 2013 at a venue to be announced.

Paris, 12 December 2012

1st Global Food Safety Partnership Conference

December 10-12, 2012

Paris

AGENDA

Venue

World Bank Paris Office
66, Avenue d'Iéna
75116 Paris

Monday – December 10, 2012

Arrivals, registration, evening welcome reception

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| 8:30am | Registration open |
| 12:00–6:00pm | Arrivals and registration |
| 6:00–8:00pm | Welcome cocktail reception <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Juergen Voegele, World Bank Agriculture and Environmental Services Director• Remarks by US FDA Commissioner Hamburg• Remarks by Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs representative Frederik Vossenaar |

Tuesday – December 11, 2012

Plenary sessions

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| 8:00am | Registration open |
| 9:00am | Opening Plenary (Moderator: Juergen Voegele) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings to Conference by the World Bank Vice President for Sustainable Development Rachel Kyte (by video)• Welcome and context (Juergen Voegele)• Agenda, logistics notes (GFSP Secretariat) |
| 9:20am | Food Safety as a Global Public Good (Moderator: Dr. Keiji Fukuda, Assistant Director-General for Health Security and Environment, WHO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote remarks (US FDA Commissioner Hamburg)• Opening views<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Bernard Vallat, Director General, OIE○ Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for the Food Chain – EU DG Health & Consumers○ Jean-Marc Saubade, Managing Director, Consumer Goods Forum○ H. E. Rosemary Banks, New Zealand Ambassador to France• Questions and discussion• Farewell remarks by Juergen Voegele |

- 10:30am Coffee/tea break
- Group photo
- 11:00am **Food Safety Partnership: Making the Links with the Global Agenda** (Moderator: Mr. Ladislav Miko)
- Keynote remarks
 - Development perspective – food safety, security and nutrition (Dr. David Nabarro by video)
 - Industry perspective: Pam Bailey, Grocery Manufacturers Association
 - Panel discussion with representatives from donor organizations:
 - Sonia Bradley on behalf of Jim Willis, Waters Corp.
 - Jean Reidmeister, Mars Inc.
 - Kelly Cormier, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
 - Frederik Vossenaar, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Department of Agriculture of the Netherlands
 - Questions and discussion
- 12:00pm Lunch (on site)
- 1:30pm Quick click feedback session (Massey University)
- 1:45pm **Status of the GFSP** (Moderator: Sonia Bradley, Waters Corp.)
- History and evolution leading from APEC FSCF to a true global partnership (Megan Crowe, US Dept. of Commerce)
 - Achievements to date and roadmap for the future (Brian Bedard, World Bank)
 - EFO outputs
 - Brief overview of the 5-yr Roadmap
 - Food Safety Capacity Building Overview: A New Paradigm
 - Discussion
- 3:15pm Coffee/tea break
- 3:45pm **How the GFSP will Work:** (Moderator: Francois Le Gall, World Bank)
- Guiding principles, longer term sustainable partnership, current and future governance
 - DGF activities (Massey University)
 - Country selection process (Brian Bedard)
 - Working groups (Massey University and Secretariat)
 - Measuring results (US FDA)
 - Governance (Francois Le Gall)
 - Funding needs and how to become to become a donor partner (GFSP Secretariat)
 - Discussion
- 5:00pm **Closing Plenary** (Moderator: Francois Le Gall, World Bank)
- Discussion of plans for the 2nd Partnership Conference
 - Week of 9-13 December 2013
 - Venue in Asia, to be advised

- Presentation of Conference Statement

6:00pm Adjourn for the day

Wednesday – December 12, 2012

Technical Discussions

8:30am Registration

9:00am **Where do we Stand after Day 1** (Francois Le Gall, World Bank)

9:15am **Thoughts on the Need for Strengthened Regulatory Systems** (US FDA Associate Commissioner Mary Lou Valdez)

9:30am Update on **Inventory of Current Food Safety Programs and Capabilities** (Massey University)

10:00am **Working Groups Status and Discussion** (Massey University)

11:00am Coffee/tea break

11:30am 3 Case Studies on Food Safety Public Private Partnerships

- Marc Cwikowski, GFSI
- Ali Bardaneh, UNIDO
- Les Bourquin, MSU

12:00 Discussion

12:30pm Lunch (on site)

2:00pm Continue discussion

3:45pm Coffee/tea break

4:15pm Mike Robach re SSAFE / GFSI

Aman Wira, IUFoST re Curriculum development needs

5:00pm **Final Plenary Discussions**

- Summary and way forward

6:00pm Conference Adjourned

Additional Technical Meetings
Venue: World Bank Office in Paris

Thursday – December 13, 2012

9am – 4:00pm: Workshop on national food safety capacity assessment toolkits: assessment and alignment?

Venue: Conference room A

Background: This session would attempt to gain consensus on the most appropriate food safety capacity assessment toolkit(s) to guide GFSP and partner organizations in our national level assessments. The session would also help target the initial countries that could participate in the GFSP. Ideally, this workshop would include all of the organizations that are interested in seeing the national assessments being done in a collaborative and consolidated way, such that the Governments involved and the critical industry players endorse the approach and are fully committed to the strategy that evolves from the collective gap analysis. The GFSP World Bank teams need clear guidance to avoid redundancy, duplication and to provide consolidated guidance to Government counterparts. This session would provide a forum for the international organizations, donors and the GFSP Secretariat to work together and share collective resources in cost-effective fashion, to address the training and capacity building needs using the national system gap analyses as guidance.

Some of the National Food Safety Assessment toolkits identified to date include:

- FAO Guidelines for Strengthening National Food Safety Control Systems: Capacity Building Needs Assessment (applied in a number of countries and being updated)
- WHO approaches for food safety and FBD
- OIE PVS Pathway
- EU FVO National assessments
- WTO/STDF MCDA Toolkit (being piloted)
- IFC Food Safety Investment Climate Toolkit (under development)
- CODEX Committee CCFICS (guidance on national food control systems under development)
- IPPC/PCE (as it relates to food safety risks i.e. pesticides, aflatoxins, etc.)
- WB SPS Guidance note
- PTIN National food safety laboratory assessment toolkit and roadmap (under development)
- Other donor projects' ad hoc assessments, etc.

Agenda

9:00am Introduction and review of Roadmap implementation at country level

Zambia: How the GFSP can Work throughout Value Chains

9:20-10:30am Individual presentations of available toolkits

10:30-10:45am Coffee break

10:45-12:00pm Discussion

12:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:00pm Review of country selection criteria

3:00-3:45pm Recommendations for country selection for national needs assessments

3:45-4:30pm Next steps

Thursday – December 13, 2012

Parallel Workshop for Academic programs (IU FoST)

Venue: Conference room B

9:00-1:00 Parallel Workshop for Academic programs (IU FoST)

To develop a proposal for undergraduate and graduate food safety curricula.

Friday – December 14, 2012

9am – 12pm: GAP Workshop to provide guidance to GFSP

Venue: Conference room A

Background: The GFSP has a mandate to provide practical and effective food safety training and capacity building along specific agri-food value chains from farm to fork and beginning with the promotion of good agricultural practices (GAP) on-farm and good aquaculture practices (GAqP). FAO uses Good Agricultural Practices as a collection of principles for on-farm production and post-production processes, resulting in safe and healthy food and non-food agricultural products, while taking into account economical, social and environmental sustainability. GAPs may be applied to a wide range of farming systems and at different scales. The application of GAPs should economically and efficiently produce sufficient (food security), safe (food safety) and nutritious food (food quality).

The GFSP would be expected to support the promotion and delivery of GAPs with a focus on food safety and, as such, is in the process of identifying the most appropriate approaches and respective resources in terms of training content, delivery mechanisms and trainers. The FAO, for example, has developed a comprehensive database of on-line content for this purpose. Many organizations offer alternatives including but not limited to: (i) GlobalGAP, (ii) the Global Food Safety Initiative's "Primary Production program", (iii) USDA GAP/GHP, (iv) Global Aquaculture Alliance "BAP" and many more. The GFSP is seeking guidance on the most appropriate approach to supporting and promoting GAP and GaqP through national level needs assessments and to address the needs of farmers and producers. The proposed GAP workshop would bring together interested GFSP stakeholders to begin the dialogue and provide directions to the GFSP on the way forward to effectively support GAP/GaqP training and capacity building on a global basis.

9:00-9:30am Introduction and review of existing programs

9:30-10:30am Presentation of existing programs by participants

10:30-10:45am Coffee break

10:45-12:00pm Recommendations and next steps