Welcome Message

Welcome to our first GFSP newsletter for 2016. With this New Year, comes a new structure and new governance for our Partnership, which we are excited to share with you.

As we reported last in our last newsletter, the GFSP Leadership Group worked diligently to advance our Strategic Framework for the period of 2015-2020. By defining an updated vision and operational structure for the Partnership, we are able to evolve our ambition to become recognized and acknowledged as a major public-private enabler, catalyst and knowledge-sharing hub for food safety capacity building initiatives in low and middle income countries.

Part of our growth strategy includes convening a new decision-making body in the form of the GFSP Governing Council (GC) comprised of financial donors, international organizations and other key stakeholders. In order to further advance and operationalize the GFSP, including determining priorities, the Governing Council will be meeting in late May in Washington D.C. Among a range of initial actions, the GC has actively supported recruitment of a CEO/Program Manager for the partnership, who will provide critical leadership for us toward fulfillment of our 2015-2020 Strategic Framework and spur energetic engagement of donors and technical partners in the years to come.

As we await transition to the new CEO/Program Manager, we have also made some modifications to the GFSP Secretariat as it relates to the efficient functioning of day-to-day operations of the partnership. Sonia Bradley and Valentina Paskalova are currently serving as interim co-heads of the Secretariat. Sonia is taking primary responsibility for all external engagements, while Valentina is managing all internal administrative functions of the GFSP within the World Bank. With this shift, we offer heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the past and current members of the Secretariat, and most notably Amy Evans, for their tireless efforts in leading and managing the various activities of the GFSP. We are especially grateful to Amy for the continuing support and guidance she provides to Sonia and Valentina.

The other colleagues I would like to thank are the previous Co-Chairs of the GFSP Advisory Working Groups. One of the changes that we've made as part of the implementation of the Strategic Framework 2015-20 is the formation of Task Groups instead of the ongoing Advisory Working Groups. Task Groups will be formed on the basis of need and will undertake collaborative work on specific topics including some of the ongoing projects. While building on earlier work, we're hopeful that this new approach will provide a focused mechanism for key stakeholders to engage and contribute important inputs to the development of the GFSP Work Plan.

You'll see in this issue of our newsletter that we continue to provide news, updates, feature stories and resources of value to the food safety community, our friends, and our partners. Plans are advancing to launch a new and improved website and we will be seeking content from you so that we can strengthen the Partnership.

In closing, I invite your attention to how the new GFSP has responded to Indonesia’s request for assistance regarding their food safety systems. In addition, we are actively working with GFSI on ways we can collaborate and align our efforts and will provide updates on this as we develop our
plans. You'll also see a brief review of a stimulating discussion around the lessons learned from reforming the food safety system in Ukraine. And, an innovative IFC partnership with Nestle to improve the quality and quantity of milk produced by dairy farmers in Pakistan.

In the coming months, through this newsletter, we will keep you updated about the latest developments and results achieved by the Partnership. I invite you to continue sharing your thoughts, contributions and news updates with us at gfsp@worldbankgroup.org

Best Regards
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About the GFSP
The Global Food Safety Partnership is a unique public private partnership, facilitated by the World Bank, that seeks to improve food safety globally through capacity building in low- and Medium-income countries. For more info and key documents, please visit our website at www.gfsp.org.

Features: GFSP Up Close

GFSP’s Strategic, Coordinated Response Debut in Indonesia

In January, 2016, a GFSP Governing Council delegation met with Indonesian Ministries, led by the country’s Head of the National Drug and Food Control Agency (BPOM), to understand key issues and challenges in the country and to identify potential avenues of cooperation between the Indonesian government and GFSP partners in the area of food safety capacity building.

Significantly, this was in response to a formal request from Indonesian Government for GFSP to provide assistance regarding food safety system and allowed for implementation of our new strategy, built on preparing a coordinated response involving public, private, and academic organizations. Read More

Read Nathan Belete’s recent opinion piece about GFSP’s work in the February/March 2016 issue of Food Safety Magazine.

Snapshot of Select Current GFSP Projects

Laboratory Capacity Building: China Pilot

Learn more about our first step towards a sustained GFSP effort to address needs in laboratory training.
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<th><strong>Development of GFSP Chemical Risk Assessment Module (Feb 2013 - Jun 2016)</strong></th>
<th><strong>Objectives:</strong> Create a globally applicable online module to build capacity in chemical risk assessment for regulators and businesses in developing and middle-income countries.</th>
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<td><strong>Food Safety Capacity Building Needs Assessment in China (Mar 2014 - Jun 2016)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Objectives:</strong> Help the newly established China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) to develop a comprehensive assessment of food safety capacity development needs in selected provinces.</td>
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<td><strong>Development of GFSP Module on Aquaculture Food Safety Training of Trainers in East Asia (Nov 2013 - Dec 2015)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Objectives:</strong> Develop and demonstrate the use of a common education platform to support the delivery of comprehensive, certificate-level aquaculture food safety and supply chain management training programs in selected East Asian countries.</td>
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<td><strong>Global Food Safety Curriculum Development Initiative (Oct 2012 - Dec 2017)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Objectives:</strong> Identify gaps in food safety curricula and establish and harmonize core competencies and develop curricula at the undergraduate and graduate levels in order to improve food safety and security worldwide.</td>
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<td><strong>Global Food Safety Partnership Online Discovery Platform (Jul 2015 - Jun 2016)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Objectives:</strong> Address critical gaps in coordination of capacity building initiatives through an open source knowledge sharing platform and community of practice.</td>
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<td><strong>Supplier Training in China (Jun 2014 - Dec 2016)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Objectives:</strong> To support improvement of food safety outcomes for small and medium enterprise suppliers in China through a sustainable business model.</td>
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**Partner Features**

**IFC and Nestle Partner To Improve Milk Quality in Pakistan**

International Finance Corporation (IFC) has partnered with Nestle, one of the largest dairy processors in Pakistan, in a project aimed at improving the quality and quantity of milk produced by dairy farmers. Pakistan ranks 5th globally in terms of numbers of milking animals. However productivity rates per head are very low compared to global averages of other countries. Through the project, farmers will be provided with technical support and assistance to improve breeding, feeding, and herd management to impact productivity. [Read More](#)

**Reforming Food Safety in Ukraine**
The lessons learned from reforming the food safety system in Ukraine was the subject of a robust discussion hosted in December by the World Bank's Trade & Competitiveness and the Agriculture Global Practices, which has been helping the government to reform the food safety system since 2009. Read More

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Image courtesy of IFC Policy Paper: Reforming Food Safety Regulation in Ukraine: Proposals for Policymakers

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Other News And Resources

- **New IARC Report Urges Action Against Widespread Mycotoxin Contamination In Developing Countries**
- **Rethinking the Value Chain.** The Consumer Goods Forum (CGF) and Capgemini's report identifies future trends in the consumer products and retail (CPR) sector
- **Capitalizing on the Shifting Consumer Food Value Equation**, a new report from Deloitte
- **FDA'S Food Safety Modernization Act Final Rules - What You Need to Know**
- **Global Food Safety Forum (GFSF) February-March FOCUS**
- **Global Food Traceability Center Newsletter (Winter 2016)**

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Upcoming Events

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<td>Jul 31-Aug 3</td>
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