

Launch of Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) Report

FOOD SAFETY IN AFRICA: PAST ENDEAVORS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Radisson Blu Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Monday, 11 February 2019

Meeting Purpose: To launch the GFSP Report and engage diverse representatives of the food safety community in defining critical areas for improving food safety outcomes in Africa.

Meeting Objectives: 1) Present and discuss the GFSP Report and discuss most pressing challenges from the perspective of leadership in African countries. 2) Deliberate on three proposed themes and define ways to mobilize, target and coordinate public and private action.

8:30 **Arrival/Registration – Sholla, Floor 1 (above the lobby level)**

9:00 **Welcome** Lystra N. Antoine, CEO, GFSP

9:05 **Opening Remarks** Simeon K. Ehui, Director, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank
Martin Fregene, Director, African Development Bank (AfDB)
Kelley Cormier, Division Chief, USAID (GFSP Governing Committee member)
Dave Crean, Vice President Corporate Research and Development, Mars, Inc. (Report Sponsor)

9:30 **Report Presentation and Introduction of Key Themes from Report**

Silvia Alonso, Animal and Human Health, ILRI and Michael Taylor, Former Deputy Commissioner, US Food and Drug Administration

- **Public Health for Africans** – effectively addressing food-borne illness for Africans through knowledge and intervention strategies
- **Addressing Informal Markets** – adapting risk-based prevention strategies to improve the local conditions of food safety governance
- **Harnessing Consumer Awareness** – using consumer demand and market forces to increase private sector initiative to drive progress

10:00 **Panel Discussion** Nathan Belete, Practice Manager, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, WB, and Edward Mabaya, Manager, Agriculture and Agro Industry Division, AfDB – Introductory Remarks

- Of the GFSP Report recommendations, which are the most ***critical areas of concern and what is most needed*** for improving national food safety systems?
 - Robert Kilonzo, Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation, Kenya
 - Heran Grba, DG, Food, Medicine, Healthcare and Control Agency, Ethiopia
 - Zainab Jallow, DG, Food Safety Authority of The Gambia
 - Prof. Kwaku Tano-Debrah, Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Ghana
 - Yona Sinkala, Director, Department of Veterinary Services, Zambia

11:00 **Coffee/Tea BREAK**

11:15 **Comments and Roundtable Discussion: For development partners, what are your questions, responses and ideas for future investment?**

- Kelley Cormier, USAID
- Lee Gross, USDA FAS
- Aurelia Calabro, UNIDO
- Rebecca Ygberg Amayra, SIDA
- Melvin Spreij, STDF
- Sarah Ockman, IFC
- Matthew Hudson, EC, DG SANTE

12:15 **Recent Food Safety Programs for Africa Funded by BMGF/DfID**

- Ashagrie Zewdu, Addis Ababa University
- Silvia Alonso, ILRI

12:30 **Hosted Lunch Buffet** (media interviews)

14:00 **Lessons from the India experience with empowering consumers: Pawan Agarwal, CEO, Food Safety and Standards Authority, India**

Further Comments and Roundtable Discussion: Consideration of Future Actions

- Identifying opportunities and channels for advancing public health through informal markets and consumer awareness on African Food Safety
- Options for strengthening regulatory frameworks in African countries and key roles for the Private Sector
- Strategies for planning and funding Africa Food Safety, 2019 – 2025 programs
- Comments from Private Sector, Research and Non-State Actors:

- Owen Fraser, Nestle
- Samuel Godefroy, Laval University
- Cris Muyunda, CAADP Non-State Actors
- Lucy Muchoki, PANAAC
- Bassirou Bonfoh, CSRS CI

15:45 **Coffee/Tea BREAK**

16:00 **Defining Priorities and Strategies to Guide Planning and Investment**

- Responses from other Private Sector Representatives? Other National Government Representatives? International Research and Africa Academia?
- **Comments from the Audience**

16:40 **Responses and Reflections** Nathan Belete, Practice Manager, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, WB

16:55 **Closing Comments** Lystra N. Antoine, CEO, GFSP

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