Dear Colleagues,

The GFSP team is pleased to share with you the third issue of our quarterly digital newsletter. This outreach effort remains a "work in progress" that evolves with your input and benefits from your contributions. This edition continues to have four main sections: Features, Voices, News and Updates (from GFSP Secretariat and Partners) and Events.

The centerpiece of this third newsletter is the outcome of the meeting of the extended GFSP Leadership Group that was convened by the World Bank in Washington on 20-21 October. The group met to finalize the GFSP Strategic Framework for the 2015-2020 period and determine its new governance structure and other key operational aspects. This meeting was a follow up to the GFSP Strategy Revisit Retreat hosted this past June by UNIDO in Vienna. One of the highlights of the October meeting was the development of the GFSP Charter, available for formal adoption by the new Governing Council at its inaugural meeting planned for 23 November 2015.

The next feature highlights the 4-day training of trainers on aquaculture product safety and hazard analysis held in September in Hanoi. This program was a joint initiative of the GFSP and the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (FSCF PTIN). All 22 participants successfully completed basic Hazards Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) training prior to the course, to ensure that they would be able to maximize this learning experience.

Our last story is about the International Trade Center's Standards Map, an open source online tool that enables users to explore and compare over 180 standards, codes of conduct and audit protocols that address sustainability hotspots in global supply chains. More than 100 food quality and safety requirement questions are presented in this online tool. People all over the world access this tool in order to better understand how their firm rates against a set of sustainability criteria and what processes they must adhere to in terms of accreditation, labeling, audits and more.

Under our Voices section, we are pleased to bring you a conversation with Mr. Mai Van Tai, of the Vietnamese Research Institute for Aquaculture. Mr. Mai Van Tai participated in the September HACCP Aquaculture training.

We’ve had several staff and management changes in the GFSP Secretariat and World Bank team. Francois G. Le Gall is now devoting his full attention to livestock and One Health, while Steven Jaffee, agricultural economist and 'global lead' on food quality for the World Bank's Agriculture Global Practice, has become the GFSP program manager. Our Secretariat team now reports to Nathan Belete, World Bank Practice Manager for Agriculture in the East Asia and Pacific region. Samuel Godefroy, our former Senior Executive Food Regulator in Secondment from Canada has accepted a position as Professor of Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Systems at the University Laval in Québec. Although his tenure with the GFSP was short-lived, Sammy was instrumental in leading the
consultation process for the revised 2015-2020 Strategic Framework. His knowledge, networking skills, and commitment to food safety were the drivers of this successful effort. And finally, our Communications Officer Bea Spadacini, has accepted a position with USAID effective early December. Please join me in welcoming our new colleagues to the GFSP family, and wishing well to those who will be pursuing new and exciting career moves!

We encourage you to submit contributions and story ideas for inclusion in the next newsletter by the end of February 2016 to gfsp@worldbank.org.

Warm Regards,

Amy Evans
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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.

Features

GFSP Extended Leadership Group Finalizes Strategic Framework

After many months of consultations kicked off during the 3rd Annual Conference (Cape Town, December 2014), the time is now ripe for the GFSP to start afresh. The Partnership has embarked on a new chapter on how best to promote global food safety capacity building. What started off in 2012 as a Road Map is now a refreshed strategy driven by a vision, a mission and a framework for the next five years. This achievement was accomplished thanks to the committed leadership and constructive input provided by many people across different time zones.

Read More...

GFSP-APEC Deliver Aquaculture Food Safety Training in Vietnam

One of the best ways to propagate learning is by creating a knowledge network that serves both as a resource and as a sharing ground for scaling up the learning process itself. This was one of the aims of the recently completed aquaculture food safety train the trainer course held in Hanoi, Vietnam from September 21-24 jointly organized by the GFSP and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (FSCF PTIN).
Standards Map: An Open-Source Online Tool on Food Safety

If you are a business owner, a producer or a manufacturer you know first-hand how hard it is to navigate the world of standards and to understand what the sustainable minimum requirements for your industry are. This is even more complex when dealing with the global food supply chain, where products are perishable, can easily be contaminated and may cause ill health to millions of people. Food-related services are just as vulnerable given the products they revolve around.

Voices

A Conversation with Mr. Mai Van Tai, Head of Department Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Vietnam

Mr. Mai Van Tai is Head of Department, Department of Science, International Cooperation and Training, Research Institute for Aquaculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in Vietnam. He was also a participant in the September HACCP Aquaculture product safety and hazard training. The interviewer is Emanuela Montanari-Stephens from the GFSP Secretariat.

News from GFSP and Partners

US Government contributes US$ 600,000 to the GFSP

Food Industry Asia (FIA) joins GFSP as a financial donor

UNIDO-CFDA host Food Safety Forum in Vienna

New Funding for food safety work in Vietnam and Indonesia

China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) study tour in Europe
World Bank and GFSP food safety mission to China

World Bank and GFSP attend China Food Security and Food Strategy Summit

Waters Corporation releases food safety video that features the GFSP

New leadership at Food Industry Asia

GFSP/FAO/IAEA/UNIDO Training Workshop on Food Safety, Quality and Traceability

New webinar series by GMA on food safety and third party audits

GFSP supports Safe Food Canada - The Learning Partnership

Positioning Food Safety as a food security challenge in Asia

New report compares food legislation in the EU and the Customs Union

Food safety resource: The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI)

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The GMA SEF, in collaboration with The Center for Food Integrity (CFI), presents a series of three webinars that will equip participants with the tools to effectively engage with today's consumer to build trust. In this webinar, participants will learn to understand which messages and
messengers matter most, and how to effectively communicate to build trust and ensure that today's skeptical consumers consider the science as they make decisions about food, how it's produced and who's producing it.

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<td><strong>GFSF - 6th International Food Safety Annual Conference</strong></td>
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<td>The two day event will bring together food safety experts from government, leading companies, international organizations and academia to discuss how to utilize modern technology to solve food safety and environment related issues.</td>
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<td>Feb 29 - Mar 3</td>
<td><strong>GFSI - Global Food Safety Conference</strong></td>
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<td>The GFSI Global Food Safety Conference is a unique annual event bringing together over 1,000 leading food safety specialists from over 50 countries to advance Food Safety globally. The Conference provides the opportunity to meet and network with industry peers, share knowledge, benefit from thought-provoking presentations from internationally reputed industry experts and hear innovative ideas to implement in your workplace.</td>
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<td>The theme of the 18th IUFoST World Congress of Food Science and Technology is &quot;Greening the Global Food Supply Chain - through Innovation in Food Science and Technology&quot;. Its plenary session themes include Innovation in Food Quality and</td>
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<td>Processing, Food Supply Chain &amp; Distribution Systems, Future Foods, Food Sustainability, Societal Challenges in Nutrition &amp; Health, Global &amp; Local Food Safety and Security</td>
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ILSI Europe has announced that its 2016 Annual Symposium will take place on 9-10 March 2016. More information of the event will be post on the website.

Next GFSP annual meeting to be held in first quarter of 2016

Please be aware that due to the GFSP strategy revision process, the 4th GFSP Annual Conference that had been planned for November 2015 will be deferred to the first quarter of 2016. Location and exact dates are yet to be determined. We will keep you posted.

Comments, contributions and stories are invited by end of February 2016 for inclusion in the next issue and can be sent to our newsletter inbox at: gfsp@worldbank.org

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