

*APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum*

*Food Safety Capacity Building*

*Priority Areas*

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| **APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum****Capacity Building Priority Areas****Revised and Agreed May 2011** |
| **Food safety regulatory systems** |
| * Development of risk based food control systems
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| * Development of food laws, regulations and food standards harmonized with international standards
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| * Enforcement of food regulations and standards
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| * Development and implementation of national food incident response protocols
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| * Development and implementation of food recall systems
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| * Development and implementation of food supply chain management systems
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| **Food inspection and certification systems** |
| * Development and implementation of risk based food inspection systems
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| * Implementation of electronic certification systems
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| * Training of food inspectors and system auditors including conformity assessment procedures
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| * HACCP training and implementation
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| * International standards harmonisation and application (Codex)
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| * Development of equivalence procedures based on international standards for food import and export inspection and certification systems
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| **Technical skills and human resource capacity (internationally accredited standards and procedures)** |
| * Food Safety Risk Analysis including risk assessment, risk management, risk communication for all foods, including those derived from conventional and new technologies, in areas of:
* Microbiology
* Chemical safety
* Food allergen safety
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| * Social/economic research to assist risk analysis
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| * Human intake/consumption research to assist risk analysis
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| * General principles of food hygiene including food handling and preventative approaches to food-borne risks
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| * Assessment of food safety capacity building needs
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| * Food surveillance and monitoring activities including total diet studies and exposure assessments.
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| * Laboratory capacity and skills for food sampling and analysis based on internationally-recognised measurement systems
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| **Information-sharing and communication networks** |
| * Cooperation in multilateral forums on food safety capacity building issues (FAO/CODEX/WHO/WB)
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| * Disease surveillance systems that provide accurate and timely information
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| * Food Incident Communication Processes
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| * Master classes / Staff interchanges
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| * Increased participation in INFOSAN
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| * Electronic communication systems for food recall, communication with trade partners and improved systems for consumer information.
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