

Food Safety: a Right or a Privilege?

Why food safety is an essential element of food and nutrition security

CONCEPT NOTE

Organizers	FAO, WHO
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Objectives and programme	<p>Objectives</p> <p>Food safety is of global concern with a major impact on food security and nutrition and livelihoods of billions of people around the world. Food safety, food security and nutrition are inextricably linked, yet the importance of food safety is often overlooked. For the poor and vulnerable, under-nutrition is often aggravated, in a vicious cycle, by food-borne infections and dietary exposure to chemical hazards. Additionally, food systems are evolving and dietary patterns are changing, giving rise to new food safety challenges. The challenges can only be met if there is the highest level of commitment to strengthening systems of national food control, through preventative food chain approaches to assure a safe food supply. A number of food safety issues linked to meat and fish value chains are of particular concern. Given this background, the objectives of the side event are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To raise awareness on how food safety is related to food security and nutrition, and advocate for food safety to be fully integrated into the food and nutrition security agenda globally;- To highlight emerging challenges for food safety in food and nutrition security, illustrated with meat and fish value chains. <p>Programme</p> <p>13:00 – 13:05 Welcoming remarks by Mike Wooldridge to launch the Side Event,</p> <p>13:05 – 13:10 Short video on Food safety and food security is shown.</p> <p>13:10 – 13:45 Each panel member makes a 6 minute verbal intervention on their perspective/angle on why improved food safety is an essential element of achieving national food and nutrition security.</p> <p>13:45 – 14:20 Q&A - Statements/ questions from the floor (2 Rounds) – including replies from panelists</p> <p>14:20 - 14:25 Final concluding statement/take home message from each panelist</p> <p>14:25 – 14:30 Sum up statement by Moderator and main conclusions</p>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Rajitha Senaratne, Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, Sri Lanka- Dr. Romano Marabelli, Secretary General, Ministry of Health (Italy), and Honorary President of the OIE- Dr. Knut-Inge Klepp, Director, Public Health Division, Norwegian

	<p>Directorate for Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador, Mary S. Mubi, Senior Principal Director in the Office of the President and Cabinet, Zimbabwe and former Permanent Representative of the Government of Zimbabwe to FAO, WFP, and IFAD - David Crean, Global Vice-President, Corporate Research and Development, Mars, Incorporated. - Dr. Laurian Unnevehr, Professor Emerita, Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US.
Moderator	Mr. Mike Wooldridge, World Affairs Correspondent for the BBC
Date and venue	19 November 2014, 13:00 - 14:30 - Red Room, 1 st Floor, building A, FAO
Languages	English, French, Spanish
Refreshments/Food	Will be provided – on the 2 nd Floor, Building A