

Celebrating the 1st World Food Safety Day for Asia and the Pacific
FAORAP together with partner governments and organizations
7 June 2019



Background

On 20 December 2018, United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a World Food Safety (WFS) Day. Starting in 2019, every 7th of June will be time to celebrate the myriad benefits of safe food. WFS Day is a chance for everyone to take a moment to think about something people often take for granted – food safety. Unsafe food is a threat to human health and economies, disproportionately affecting vulnerable and marginalized people, especially women and children, populations affected by conflict and migrants. It also damages global trade leading to further food waste, which can no longer be tolerated in a world where many still suffer from hunger.

Theme

“Food safety, everyone’s business”

Concept

Everyone has the right to safe, nutritious and sufficient food. Still today, almost one in ten people in the world fall ill after eating contaminated food. When food is not safe, children cannot learn, adults cannot work. Human development cannot take place. Safe food is critical to promoting health and ending hunger, two of the primary goals of the 2030 Agenda. There is no food security without food safety and in a world where the food supply chain has become more complex, any adverse food safety incident may have global negative effects on public health, trade and the economy. Yet food safety is taken for granted. It is often invisible until you get food poisoning. Unsafe food containing harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances, causes more than 200 diseases.

This international day is an opportunity to strengthen efforts to ensure that the food we eat is safe. Whether you produce, process, sell or prepare food, then you have a role in keeping it safe. Everybody along the food chain is responsible for food safety. This year WFSD reinforces the call to strengthen commitment to scale up food safety made by the Addis Ababa Conference and the Geneva Forum under the umbrella of “[The Future of Food Safety](#)” in 2019. To combat ongoing changes in climate, global food production and supply systems that affect consumers, industry and the planet itself, everyone needs to consider food safety now and tomorrow.

Agenda

Time	Activity	Venue
8.30 – 9.30	Registration and Coffee break	FAORAP Lobby
9.30 – 9.45	Official Photoshoot	FAORAP Lobby
9.45 – 10.00	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Ms Kundhavi Kadiresan</i>, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAORAP</p> <p><i>Mr Tares Krassanairawiwong</i>, Secretary General, Food and Drug Administration, Thailand</p>	Main Conference Room
10.00 – 11.30	<p>Panel session</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mr Sridhar Dharmapuri</i>, Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer, FAORAP</p> <p><i>High-level panel members:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Namgay Wangchuk</i>, Director General, Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA), Bhutan • <i>Mr Hansel O. Didulo</i>, Assistant Secretary for Regulations, Department of Agriculture, the Philippines • <i>Mr Lim Kok Thai</i>, CEO, Singapore Food Agency, Singapore • <i>Ms Dojduan Sasanavin</i>, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand • <i>Ms Yi Fan Jiang</i>, Head of Science and Regulatory Affairs, Food Industry Asia • <i>Ms Sirilak Suwanrangsi</i>, Global Regulatory Leader, Thai Union Group 	Main Conference Room
11.30 – 12.00	<p>Remarks by UN agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Pennapa Matayompong</i>, Technical Officer Antimicrobial Resistance, OIE • <i>Ms Carla Mejia</i>, Regional Food Technologist, WFP • <i>Mr David Sutherland</i>, Liaison Officer, WHO • <i>Ms Masami Takeuchi</i>, Food Safety Officer, FAORAP 	Main Conference Room
12.00 – 13.30	Buffet Luncheon	FAORAP Lobby
13.30 – 16.00	<p>Food safety knowledge quiz competition: a student event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chulalongkorn University • Kasetsart University • Mahidol University 	Main Conference Room
	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p><i>Ms Masami Takeuchi</i>, Food Safety Officer, FAORAP</p>	Main Conference Room