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Agenda Item 15

## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

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#### OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM FAO AND WHO (CAPACITY BUILDING)

(Prepared by FAO and WHO)

(Additional information provided by Latin America and the Caribbean)

#### SUPPORTING MATERIALS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

- “Good hygienic practices in the preparation and sale of street foods in Africa - Tools for training” has been published in French; the English version is in preparation. An adapted Spanish version with local examples, case studies and a CD Rom for Latin America and the Caribbean is in print “Buenas Prácticas de Higiene en la Preparación y Venta de los Alimentos en la Vía Pública en Latinoamérica y el Caribe”.
- The FAO/WHO e-learning training course “Enhancing participation in Codex activities is now available on CD-ROM in Spanish. The training course is accessible in Spanish through the FAO and WHO websites ([http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/capacity\\_elearning\\_codex\\_es.asp](http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/capacity_elearning_codex_es.asp)).
- The FAO/RLC e-learning training course “Hygienic Food Handling” (Manipulación Higiénica de los Alimentos) is now available. The course provides tools on hygienic food handling practices to ensure food safety and reviews the basic codes of hygiene. <http://www.rlc.fao.org/nucleo/>
- The FAO/RLC e-learning training course “Food Safety Control Systems” (Sistemas de Control de la Inocuidad de los Alimentos) is now available. The course reviews the general concepts of food control system through the revision of its components, the international standards, of case studies and good practices. <http://www.rlc.fao.org/nucleo/>
- Launching of the FAO/RLC "Eat Safely" campaign to prevent food-related diseases. The campaign provides information in English, Spanish (“Come Sano”), and French (“Mange Sain”) to all the Latin American and Caribbean countries on the good practices for safe and healthy eating, including handling and preparation of food at home. The campaign materials are available at the following web address: <http://www.rlc.fao.org/es/prioridades/sanidad/comesano.htm>

#### GLOBAL PROJECTS

14. The Government of Norway signed a Programme Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with FAO, with the overall objective of supporting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in developing countries through the work of FAO, for the period 2007-2008. One of the principal objectives of this project is “Improved Food Safety and Quality at National Level and along the Food Chain”. Activities are being conducted in Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Laos, Nicaragua, Tanzania and Uganda. Outcomes to be reached include: acceptance and use of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP); capacity building and awareness raising for integrated natural resource governance and management (SARED), support to food quality and safety and Codex related work and guidelines, advice and instruments related to small-scale/artisanal fisheries implemented/developed.

**LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**  
**REGIONAL/NATIONAL EVENTS ADDENDUM**

<b>Activity (Workshop/Seminar/Training Course)</b>	<b>Organizers</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Training school teachers in basic nutrition and food safety and developing a teacher's booklet on safe food handling	FAO	2008	El Salvador/Dominican Republic
Training shop vendors on proper food handling practices and conservation	FAO	2008	El Salvador/Dominican Republic
Central American Seminar on Risk Analysis of Contaminants in Foods	FAO/NCC Costa Rica	5-6 June 2008	San José, Costa Rica
Technical meeting on "Microbiological hazards in food to facilitate interchange of experiences among members of the national food safety network and initiate work on risk assessment of <i>Salmonella</i> in chicken (pieces) and <i>Vibrio</i> spp in selected fish products"	FAO/National School of Biological Sciences, Mexico	9-13 June 2008	Mexico City
Five courses on "The Codex Alimentarius Standard-Setting Process and You" for all Latin American countries via video link to all countries in the region	FAO/IICA	16-27 June 2008	San José, Costa Rica and all LAC
FAO seminar on strategies for sustainable production and animal health and food safety. III Latin American Zoonoses Congress.	FAO	18 Jun 2008	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Regional on line video seminar on Criteria to consider for Microbiological Food – 318 participants from 18 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	4 July 2008	Caracas, Venezuela and 18 Latin American countries
Regional on line video seminar on Criteria to consider for Microbiological analysis of dairy products – 339 participants from 18 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	11 July 2008	Caracas, Venezuela and 18 Latin American countries
Regional on line video seminar on a general vision of the estimation of the measurements – 186 participants from 17 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	18 July 2008	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and 17 Latin American countries

<b>Activity (Workshop/Seminar/Training Course)</b>	<b>Organizers</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Regional on line video seminar on Criteria to consider for microbiological analysis of meat products – 393 participants from 19 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	1 August 2008	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and 19 Latin American countries
Course on “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process for Food Inspectors”	FAO, in collaboration with WHO and Ministries of Agriculture and Health	14-15 August 2008	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Regional on line video seminar on Criteria to consider for microbiological analysis of fruits and vegetables– 416 participants from 19 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	15 August 2008	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and 19 Latin American countries
National workshop on risk analysis in food control for health authorities	FAO	18-22 August 2008	Santiago, Chile
Regional on line video seminar on Criteria to consider for microbiological analysis of seafood products – 457 participants from 19 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	27 August 2008	Santiago, Chile and 19 Latin American countries
WHO-GSS Level III course for 22 states in Brazil	WHO/PAHO	September 2008	Brazil
Regional seminar on Private Standards of Vegetable and Animal Health and Food Safety – the necessity of a regional action to promote public welfare	FAO	3-5 September 2008	Santiago, Chile
Regional on line video seminar on Something more about evaluation of the measurement’s uncertainty - 366 participants from 18 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	4-5 September 2008	Buenos Aires, Argentina and 18 Latin American countries
Codex Contact Point Seminar on SPS issues and Determination of Equivalence of SPS measures	FAO/CCP	10-12 September 2008	Lima, Peru
Regional on line video seminar on Criteria to consider for microbiological analysis of water - 483 participants from 18 countries participated. More information available at: <a href="http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp">http://www.panalimentos.org/rilaa/e/capacitacion.asp</a>	WHO/PAHO	12 September 2008	Caracas, Venezuela and 19 Latin American countries

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Four Regional Video courses on Codex new electronic tools	FAO	15-17 September 2008	Santiago and all LA countries
Forum of major stakeholders responsible for the development and implementation of policies and activities in the area of food safety for a coordinated approach to food safety in the region	FAO Trinidad/FAO SLC, IICA and CARICOM	September-October 2008	Trinidad
Regional Expert meeting on How to Design and Implement Food Safety Policy. Participants from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, República Dominicana and Uruguay	FAO	1-3 October 2008	Santiago, Chile
Technical meeting on Risk Assessment of Microbiological Hazards in Food – exchange of information on progress in the region in this field and to define new steps to enhance the use of this tool. 44 experts from 15 Latin American and Caribbean countries participated and 7 experts from other regions. the report of the meeting is available at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/jemra_technology_en.asp">http://www.fao.org/ag/agn/agns/jemra_technology_en.asp</a>	FAO/PAHO/OIRSA/I CMSF/USAID Programme, National Planning Department of Colombia and Colombian Association of Food Science and Technology	1-3 October 2008	Bogotá, Colombia
Workshop on Risk Assessment of <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> in raw shellfish in Chile	FAO	7 October 2008	Santiago, Chile
Regional Expert meeting on How to Design and Implement Food Safety Policy	FAO	7-9 October 2008	Santiago, Chile
FAO seminar on strategic vision of veterinary public health and food safety. XXI Pan-American Veterinary Sciences Congress.	FAO	12-16 October 2008	Guadalajara, México
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for food inspectors	FAO, in collaboration with WHO and Ministries of Agriculture and Health	22-23 October 2008	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

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Workshop on national strategy for analytical services, assessment needs for capacity building in public and private food control laboratories (animal health, plant health and food safety)	FAO	24 October 2008	Panamá City, Panamá
INFAL/RILAA Assembly and Workshop on Mycotoxin Sampling	FAO/PAHO	24-30 October 2008	Panama City
Pre-CCLAC Regional workshop on Risk-based Inspection	FAO/PAHO	9 November 2008	Acapulco, Mexico
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for food inspectors	FAO, in collaboration with WHO and Ministries of Agriculture and Health	26-27 November 2008	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Development of a mini-manual on proper food handling, preparation and conservation for top shop manual	FAO	2008-2009	El Salvador/Dominican Republic
Development of a parent training handbook on food hygiene/safety for parents	FAO	2008-2009	El Salvador/Dominican Republic
Training primary school teachers on principles of nutrition and food safety	FAO	2009	Bahamas
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for agriculture producers	FAO, in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture	6 February 2009	La Vega, Dominican Republic
Video course on Codex new electronic tools for English speaking Caribbean countries	FAO	March 2009	Santiago and all English Caribbean countries
Workshop for Amazon basin countries to develop a guideline in surveillance, prevention, control of Chagas Disease transmitted by food	WHO/PAHO	March 2009	Brazil
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for agriculture producers	FAO, in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture	31 March 2009	Azua, Dominican Republic
WHO-GSS I Advance Course for Central America, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico Second Regional technical seminar on Quality linked to Geographical origin in Latin America: steps forward	WHO/PAHO/FAO-National Council of Production of Costa Rica	5 April - 7 May 2009	San José, Costa Rica

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Regional database for risk assessment of <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> , <i>V. cholerae</i> and <i>V. vulnificus</i> in marine products. Second technical review meeting	FAO/ISP/USP	20-22 April 2009	Puerto Varas, Chile
FAO supported the implementation of a project in the Latin American and the Caribbean Region to generate a data base on scientific and epidemiological reports related to <i>V. cholerae</i> , <i>V. vulnificus</i> and <i>V. parahaemolyticus</i> in the marine ecosystem and its products. Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Chile, Mexico and Peru are participating in this project.	FAO, in collaboration with University of Sao Paulo, Brazil FUNDESPA, National Institute of Public Health and other local Chilean institutions.	20-22 April 2009	Puerto Montt, Chile
Regional workshop on HACCP in small and less-developed food businesses. Participants from Perú, Bolivia, Ecuador, Honduras, Colombia, Guatemala, Venezuela, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Chile.	FAO	20-23 April 2009	Santiago, Chile
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for milk and dairy products producers	FAO, in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture	29 April 2009	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for fruit and vegetable packagers	FAO, in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture	May 2009	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
VI Course and Annual Meeting of the PulseNet Network for Latin America and Caribbean	WHO/PAHO, CDC	May 2009	Argentina
Workshop on Food Safety Agencies: Strategies and Case Studies	FAO	5-6 May 2009	Santiago, Chile
The second regional technical seminar on Quality linked to Geographical Origin in Latin America was organized to follow up on the first one and to consider a regional project to support implementation of specific quality schemes that contribute to rural development.	FAO, in collaboration with National Council of Production	5-7 May 2009	San José, Costa Rica
Launching educational campaign on food safety “Mange Sain”(leaflets, posters and t-shirts)	FAO /IALSH	21 May 2009	Port-au-Prince, Haïti
Workshop on good hygiene practices for food handlers and social workers/emergency, street food.	FAO / IALSH	22 May 2009	Port-au-Prince, Haïti

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Regional workshop on GM food safety assessment. Tools for trainers.	FAO/ILSI	June 2009	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Regional Forum on Food Security and Food Quality and Safety Policies: case studies of successful integration.	FAO / IALSH	June 2009	Santiago, Chile
Regional workshop on Strategic Framework for Extension and Capacity building on animal feed safety and its influence on the food chain	FAO/IFIF	June 2009	Santiago, Chile
Demonstration workshop on E-learning course of food safety control systems	FAO	June 2009	Santiago, Chile
Course on the “The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process” for general food processors	FAO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture	June 2009	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Andean Subregional Workshop on Risk Analysis-Risk based Inspection	FAO	24-26 June 2009	Lima, Peru

#### **PROJECTS/DIRECT ASSISTANCE**

<b>Title</b>	<b>FAO/WHO</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Status</b>
Subregional project on Strengthening GAP, GMP and HACCP application to middle and small size food industries.	WHO/AMRO	Andean, Central America and English speaking Caribbean countries.	Prepared and ready for submission to WHO Department of Food Safety for comments and suggestions for external funding.
Training in food hygiene and nutrition	FAO	Argentina	In formulation
Development of databases and tables of food composition to strengthen international trade and consumer protection (TCP/RLA/3107)	FAO	Argentina, Chile and Paraguay	Operation commenced in December 2007. NTE November 2009.
Analysis and Strengthening of Community Food and Nutrition programmes – TCP/RLA/3110	FAO	Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Panama	Commenced February 2008 due for completion in January 2009

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Subregional project on “Improving the food safety of street foods through establishing a food inspection system based on the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system	FAO	Barbados/Eastern Caribbean states	Recently concluded
Strengthen biosecurity framework - support to up-dating of biosecurity legal framework and strengthening of national capacity for effective implementation of biosecurity approaches and system.	FAO	Belize	Ongoing
Technical assistance to implement Healthy Food Markets Strategy. The first healthy market was implemented in Bolivia. The experience was disseminated to 5 departments of Bolivia with one market in each department finished.	PAHO/WHO with extra-budgetary support from AGFUND	Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Guyana and Paraguay	Ongoing
Adaptation, validation and adoption of the WHO’s Five Keys to Safer Food in primary schools.	WHO/AMRO	Municipality of Duque de Caxias, Brazil.	Ongoing
Education on the WHO’s Five Keys to Safer Food to community leaders in the “ <i>favela</i> ” la Rociña.	WHO/AMRO	Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.	Concluded December 2008
Technical cooperation in outbreak of Beri-Beri induced by mycotoxin.	WHO/AMRO	Brazil	Concluded December 2008
Training teachers in good hygienic practices, nutrition and interpretation of food labelling; training parents and school community in nutrition	FAO/NGOs	Dominican Republic (TCP/DOM/31/01) El Salvador (TCP/ELS/3101)	April - July 2008 January 2009
Strengthening education on food safety and nutrition through the establishment of the “Feed the mind to combat hunger” programme TCP/PAR/3101	FAO	Paraguay	Due for completion in March 2009
Training course in food safety risk analysis for food inspectors of the Food Safety Regulatory Agency in Brazil (ANVISA)	WHO/PAHO	Brazil	Ongoing
Training GMP, HACCP, Auditing food inspectors in Colombian Food Safety Authority (INVIMA)	WHO/PAHO	Colombia	Will be completed November 2009
Pilot project for the implementation of integrated surveillance in antimicrobial resistance	WHO/PAHO	Colombia	Ongoing



<b>Title</b>	<b>FAO/WHO</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Status</b>
Capacity building in risk analysis for national health authorities (TCP/CHI/3201)	FAO	Chile	Ongoing
Burden of illness study for foodborne diseases in Chile	WHO/PAHO, PHAC, U Guelph	Chile	Ongoing
Optimization of the Agro-Industrial Chain for Spirulina for human consumption (TCP/CUB/3013)	FAO	Cuba	Ongoing
Strengthening of Food Analysis Capacity: Creation of national network of Food Analysis Laboratories - linked to the Inter American Food Analysis Laboratories (INFAL)	WHO/AMRO	Cuba	Ongoing
Technical consultancy and training on risks in foods	FAO	Cuba	Ongoing
Development of coffee production	FAO	Dominica	In formulation
Regional project on strengthening national Codex Committee and national Codex Contact Point	FAO	Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines	In formulation
Strengthen the food trade sector	FAO	Dominican Republic	Ongoing
Strengthen the competitiveness of the agri-food sector (TCP/DOM/3102)	FAO/TCP	Dominican Republic	Ongoing
HACCP for Food Inspectors' Certification	FAO	Dominican Republic	Ongoing
The Codex Alimentarius Standard Setting Process	FAO	Dominican Republic	In formulation
Training facilitator from the Consumer Association on food safety, food security and nutrition	FAO	Dominican Republic	In formulation
Implementing a Quality Assurance System in the Dairy Reference Laboratory (TCP/DOM/3201)	FAO	Dominican Republic	Ongoing
Strengthening of Food analysis capacity: Creation of national network of food analysis laboratories – linked to the Inter-American Food Analysis Laboratories (INFAL/RILAA)	WHO/AMRO	Dominican Republic	Ongoing

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Strengthening of food safety systems: National workshops using the Performance, Vision and Strategy tool were performed and ongoing assessment of actions plans.	WHO/PAHO, IICA	Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay	Ongoing
Technical assistance to the nutmeg industry	FAO	Grenada	Ongoing
Harmonization of the Central American Countries Food Code.	WHO/PAHO, OIRSA	Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panamá, Dominican Republic	Ongoing, final document under discussion at national levels.
Implementation of pilot project for adaptation, validation and adoption of WHO's Five Keys to Food Safety in urban and rural primary schools	WHO, with extra-budgetary funds from DFID	Guatemala and Venezuela	Ongoing
Rehabilitation of analytical capacities of the chemical laboratory of the Faculty of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine (FAMV) - Phase II of TCP/HAI/2906	FAO	Haiti	Ongoing
“Improving Marketing Efficiency of Artisanal Fishermen in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean”, which includes training of fishermen and middlemen in the preservation of the quality of the catches.	FAO/Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	Honduras, Mexico, Cuba	Ongoing
Establishment of a national Codex Committee	FAO	Jamaica	Recently concluded
Prevention of OTA in coffee	FAO	Nicaragua	In formulation
Modernization of the Phytosanitary System – Extension to food safety and animal health components (TCP/PAN/3003)	FAO	Panama	Ongoing
Strengthening of Foodborne Diseases Surveillance Systems	WHO/PAHO	Peru, Bolivia	Ongoing
Eco-Health for the Caribbean: Burden of foodborne disease studies, rainwater cisterns assessment, distance learning in food safety control programmes.	WHO/PAHO, Laval University, Saint George University, University of West Indies, Public Health Agency Canada	St. Lucia, Guyana, Grenada, Bahamas, Trinidad	Ongoing

Title	FAO/WHO	Country	Status
Burden of illness studies for foodborne diseases in the Caribbean	WHO/PAHO, PHAC,	St. Lucia, Grenada, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Dominica	Ongoing
Subregional projects to strengthen the analytical activities, laboratory quality assurance and capacity building of Inter-American Network of Food Analytical Laboratories (INFAL/RILAA)	FAO	Subregional	Ongoing project evaluation
Support to national agricultural health and food safety: Technical assistance to strengthen the formation of the national agricultural health and food safety - TCP/3201/RLC	FAO	Trinidad and Tobago	Ongoing
Technical assistance in the food and beverage industry in the form of consultancy services to create unified Food Safety Authority and develop national food safety programme. Similar assistance also requested in fish and fish processing industry to update regulations for food safety standards in fish and fishery products and to develop a Fisheries Management Plan	FAO	Trinidad and Tobago	Ongoing
Strengthening agri-food chain suppliers to national food and nutrition programmes, with emphasis on those directed to primary schools.	FAO	Uruguay	In formulation
“Fisheries Management in Uruguay”, which includes improvement of the production infrastructures and processes to enhance the sanitary and quality standards of fisheries products	FAO/UTF	Uruguay	Ongoing
Assessment of capacity and support to national food control system FNOP/INT/NOR 102	FAO	Guatemala	Ongoing
Strengthen biosecurity framework and policy National case studies TNOP/INT/NOR 103	FAO	El Salvador, Haití	Ongoing
Capacity building on risks analysis in foods (TCP/CUB/3201)	FAO	Cuba	Ongoing
Two subregional projects for assistance in designing and / or strengthening food safety policies.	FAO	South America subregion and Central America subregion	In formulation

<b>Title</b>	<b>FAO/WHO</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Status</b>
Regional Project on Food Quality connected to the origin and traditions in Latin America	FAO	Regional	In formulation
Technical assistance to new Food Safety Agencies	FAO	Panamá, República Dominicana and Chile	Ongoing