

# FAO Early Warning/Rapid Alert and Horizon Scanning Technical Workshop in Food Safety

FAO-HQ, Rome, Oct 22-25, 2013

## Agenda

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

### Developing a shared view of EWRA and HS systems

8:00 *Registration and security check*

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:20 What are we trying to achieve at this workshop?

9:40 Introduction to EMPRES Food Safety

10:00 Questions and discussion

10:15 *Mid-morning break*

10:45 Overview of EWRA systems in food safety

*Highlights from the literature and surveys*

11:15 Overview of HS systems in food safety

11:45 Questions/Table introductions

12:00 *Lunch*

13:30 How do EWRA systems work?

*What are the measureable indicators of efficacy?*

Examples of EWRA/HS systems

15:00 *Mid-afternoon break*

Exploring the need for EWRA/HS systems

15:30 Describe the variation in need for EW, RA and HS systems

Needs – Who needs them?

Benefits – Who benefits from them?

Competing priorities – What are the competing priorities?

17:00 *Welcome reception*

Wednesday, 23 October 2013

## Developing the vision – what are the pieces of the pyramid?

8:30 Define the scope and objectives of EW, RA and HS systems in food safety

10:00 *Mid-morning break*

10:30 Potential components of EWRA systems

*Brief review of findings from the online survey*

10:45 What components or elements do you need to meet the defined scope and objectives for EW, RA, and HS systems?

12:00 *Lunch*

## Approaches for different contexts

13:30 How could you develop pathways with benchmarks that would help countries improve their EWRA/food safety systems in achievable steps?

*How important is this question? Is it a priority?*

*Can benchmarks be established for success?*

*Are there country-specific goals for an EWRA?*

15:00 *Mid-afternoon break*

## Building collaborations

15:30 Who builds and sustains EWRA/HS systems?

*Who are the key players/collaborators?*

How could collaboration be best supported?

*How might we bring together key collaborators?*

*How could different groups doing HS in food safety collaborate together?*

Closing remarks

17:00 *End of Day*

Thursday, 24 October 2013

## Meeting the vision: Preparing for opportunities

### Building International Support for EW/RA and HS System Development

8:30 Propose strategic actions or investments that would help to develop new or improve existing EWRA and/or HS systems, particularly for low-to-middle income countries (LMICs).

*In both cases we are looking for actions or investments that would be most likely to have a sustained impact.*

10:00 *Mid-morning break*

10:30 Propose strategic actions or investments that would enhance the sustainability of new or existing EWRA and/or HS systems, particularly for LMICs.

12:00 *Lunch*

13:30 What needs to be done collaboratively to build international support for EWRA/HS system development?

*How would this be different under different resource scenarios?*

15:00 *Mid-afternoon break*

15:30 FAO's potential role in horizon scanning: review findings  
How might FAO improve its own EW (across animal health, plant health and food safety or even broader context) through horizon scanning?

*FAO's mandate is in food security. FAO's competitive advantage is broad technical expertise. For example, we have groups that cover and collect data/information on agri-food production, trade, climate change, animal health, plant health, food safety, forestry etc...Within this context could FAO use HS horizon scanning to better prioritize its own work and support countries?*

Closing remarks

17:00 *End of Day*

Friday, 25 October 2013

### Priority actions and next steps

8:30 Review of scenario-based opportunities

9:30 My top EWRA and HS priorities  
*A panel of participants each give a short presentation of their top priorities for action, given what they have observed at the workshop*

10:30 *Mid-morning break*

11:00 Participant action lists

11:20 The FAO perspective on the workshop and plans for moving forward

11:45 Closing remarks and goodbyes

12:00 *End of workshop*