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FAO CORPORATE BROCHURE ON FOOD SAFETY AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES DOCUMENT

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On 27 March 2023, FAO will issue a corporate brochure that covers its work on food safety. The title is: *Safe food for everyone – FAO’s work on food safety: science, standards and good practices*. FAO is committed to supporting societal change and technological innovation, backed by scientific evidence, to usher in an era of agrifood systems transformation that puts food safety at its heart. Safe food is therefore a priority programme area for FAO. It is enshrined in the Strategic Framework 2022–2031 as part of the Organization’s work on ‘Better Nutrition’, and is integral to other priorities. These include transparent markets and trade, and strengthened ‘One Health’ systems that seek to balance and optimize the health of people alongside that of animals, plants and the environment.

The corporate brochure is aligned with another recently issued document: *FAO strategic priorities for food safety within the FAO Strategic Framework 2022–2031*, which was endorsed by the 171st session of the FAO Council in December 2022. The strategic priorities document aspires to four outcomes: 1) Intergovernmental and intersectoral coordination of food safety governance is reinforced at all levels; 2) Sound scientific advice and evidence are provided as the foundation for food safety decision-making; 3) National food control systems are further strengthened and are continuously improved; and 4) Public and private stakeholder collaboration is promoted to ensure food safety management and controls throughout agrifood systems.

The document on FAO’s strategic priorities for food safety will serve as an instrument to spur investments and secure adequate human and financial resources for FAO to successfully implement its food safety programme and to provide international guidance, policy and advocacy for policymakers. The strategic priorities therein will encourage a more consistent integration of food safety in the development of sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems, food security and nutrition policies and agriculture development strategies.

Both documents are available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

- Access the corporate brochure at this link: <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4347en>
- Download the strategic priorities document: <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc4040en>