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SIDE EVENT

**Wednesday,
21 February 2024**

13:10-14:15

Malaysian Local Time (UTC +8)

Plenary meeting room

Language: English, French and Spanish

Global Action for Trans Fat Elimination

Objective

Remarkable progress has been made since the WHO called on governments and food companies to eliminate industrially produced trans fat from the global food supply in 2018. 53 countries have already implemented best-practice policies, reshaping the food environment for 3.7 billion people. Despite successes during the past years in eliminating industrially produced trans fat from food globally, over 50% of the world's population remain unprotected from its harmful impacts, thus putting them at a potential risk of increasing heart disease. Progress is still uneven, and there remains a substantial amount of work to be accomplished. Eliminating industrially produced trans fat is a powerful way to prevent heart disease and the high costs to individuals and economies in medical treatment and lost productivity. Against this background, WHO is organizing a side event on trans fat elimination on the occasion of the Codex 28th Session of the Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO).

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Welcome and introduction

13:15-13:25

Overview of global initiative, success and challenge

Rain Yamamoto

Scientist, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO Headquarters

13:25-13:35

Country presentation - Saudi Arabia's Journey in eliminating TFA

Rania Bogis

Senior Standard and Regulation Specialist, Healthy Food Department, Saudi Food and Drug Authority

13:35-13:45

Country presentation - Canada's experience with TFA elimination

Maya Villeneuve

*Associate Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Health Canada
(Recorded presentation)*

13:45-13:50

Civil society perspective

Liz Drummond

*Technical Advisor for Nutrition, Resolve to Save Lives
(Recorded presentation)*

13:50-14:15

Questions and Answers, discussion

14:15

Closing



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