



FAO GM Foods Platform

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recent progress and future directions

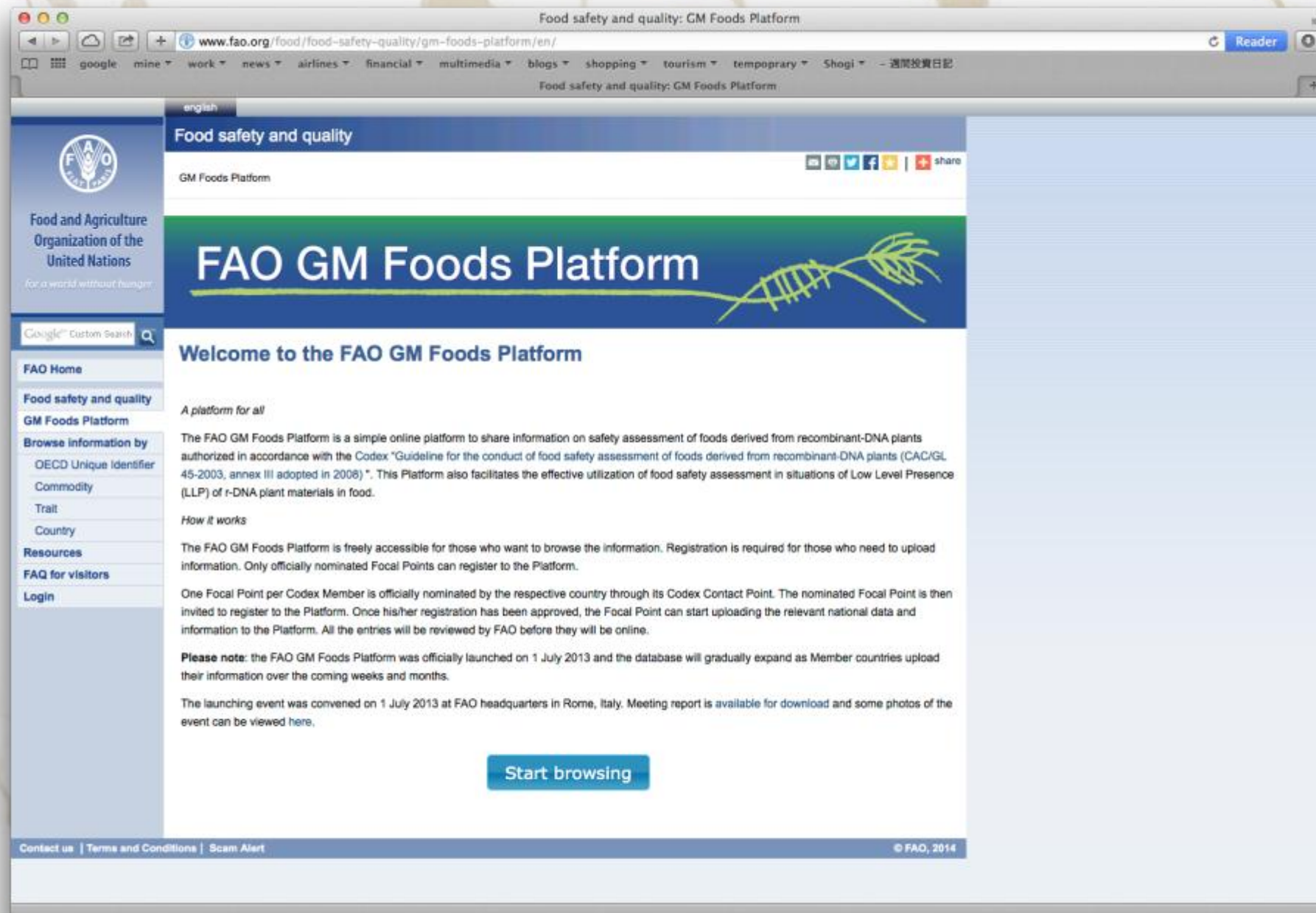
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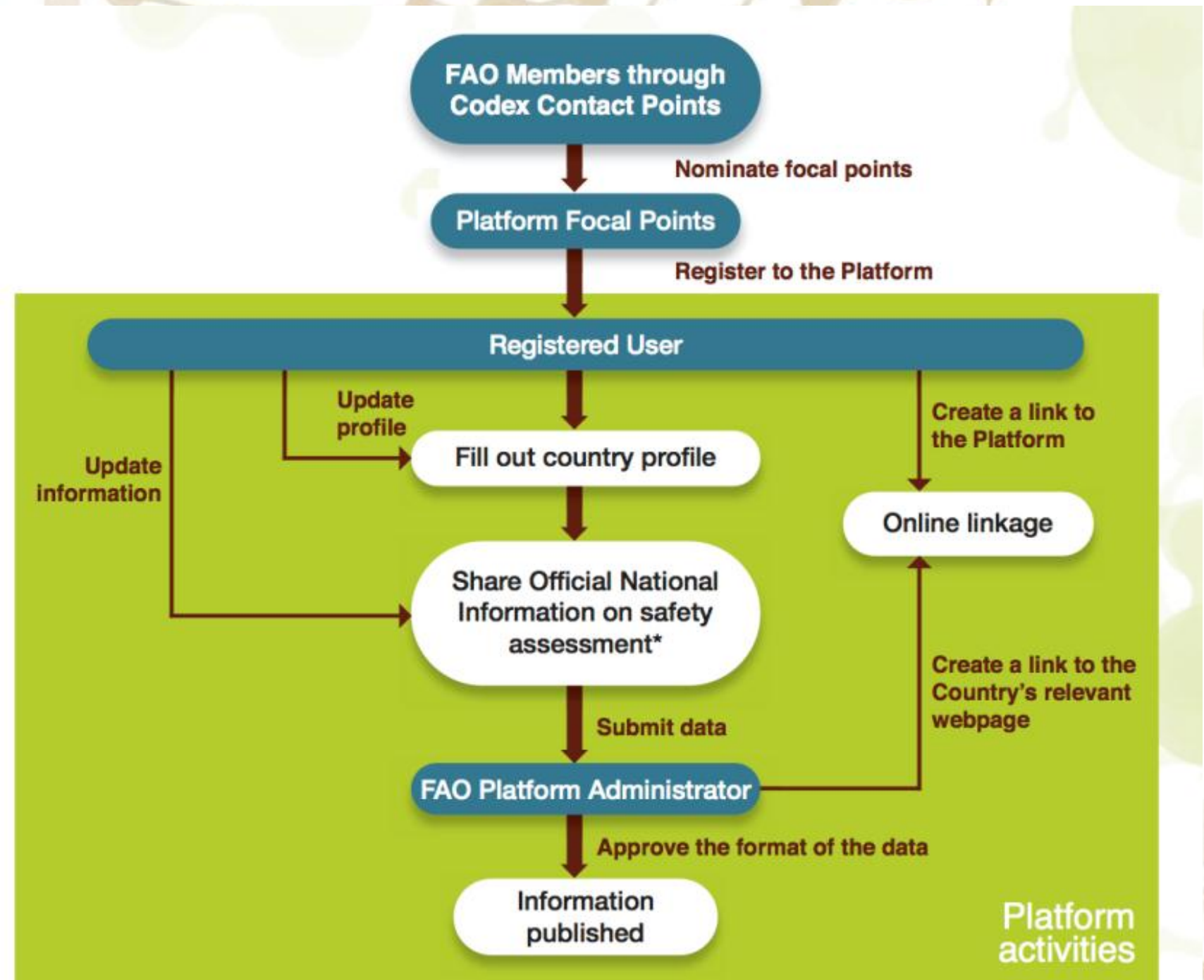
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How it works

- Freely accessible for visitors
- Only Focal Points can upload data/information
- Focal Points are officially nominated by the FAO Member governments



* Conducted according to the Codex Guidelines

Individual benefits

- Access to the latest information regarding GM food safety assessment
- Access to resources in conducting risk management of GM plants
- Tool for emergency response in cases of Low Level Presence (LLP) of GM materials to look up references and GM food safety assessment results produced by other countries
- Reference in locating exact contact points of trade-partners in case there is a query on certain traded commodity and relevant GM food safety assessment information
- Participation as an active member to a global community of biosafety



Global benefits

- Protecting consumers playing a role of global, independent, neutral and transparent source of information on GM food safety assessment
- Providing science-based resources and information for securing food safety
- Addressing the global needs expressed by Codex Alimentarius (186 Members) in providing the information exchange forum for LLP situations.
- Avoiding trade disruption caused by divergence in GM food safety assessment regulations.
- Facilitating a global “Community of Practice” for possible capacity development in the area of biosafety



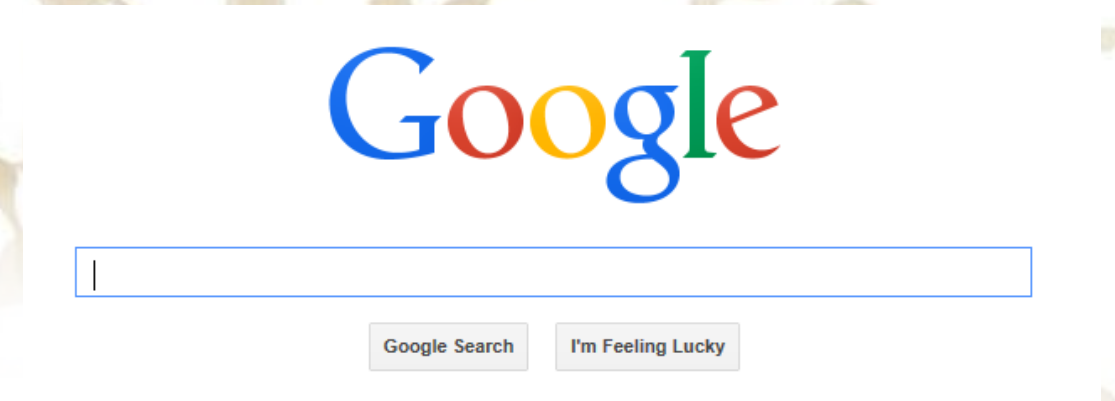
Case study

- Your country's border inspectors reported you that they found a low level presence of GM maize with Lepidoptera resistance traits. The Unique Identifier is **SYN-IR162-4**.
- Let's say hypothetically the consignment is from Argentina.
- You would like to know the food safety information of this GM event.
- How do you find out the information?

Demonstration

- Try putting “SYN-IR162-4” and “Argentina” in Google?

<http://www.google.com/ncr/>



- How about OECD Biotrack?

<http://www2.oecd.org/biotech/>



- How about BCH?

<http://bch.cbd.int/database/>



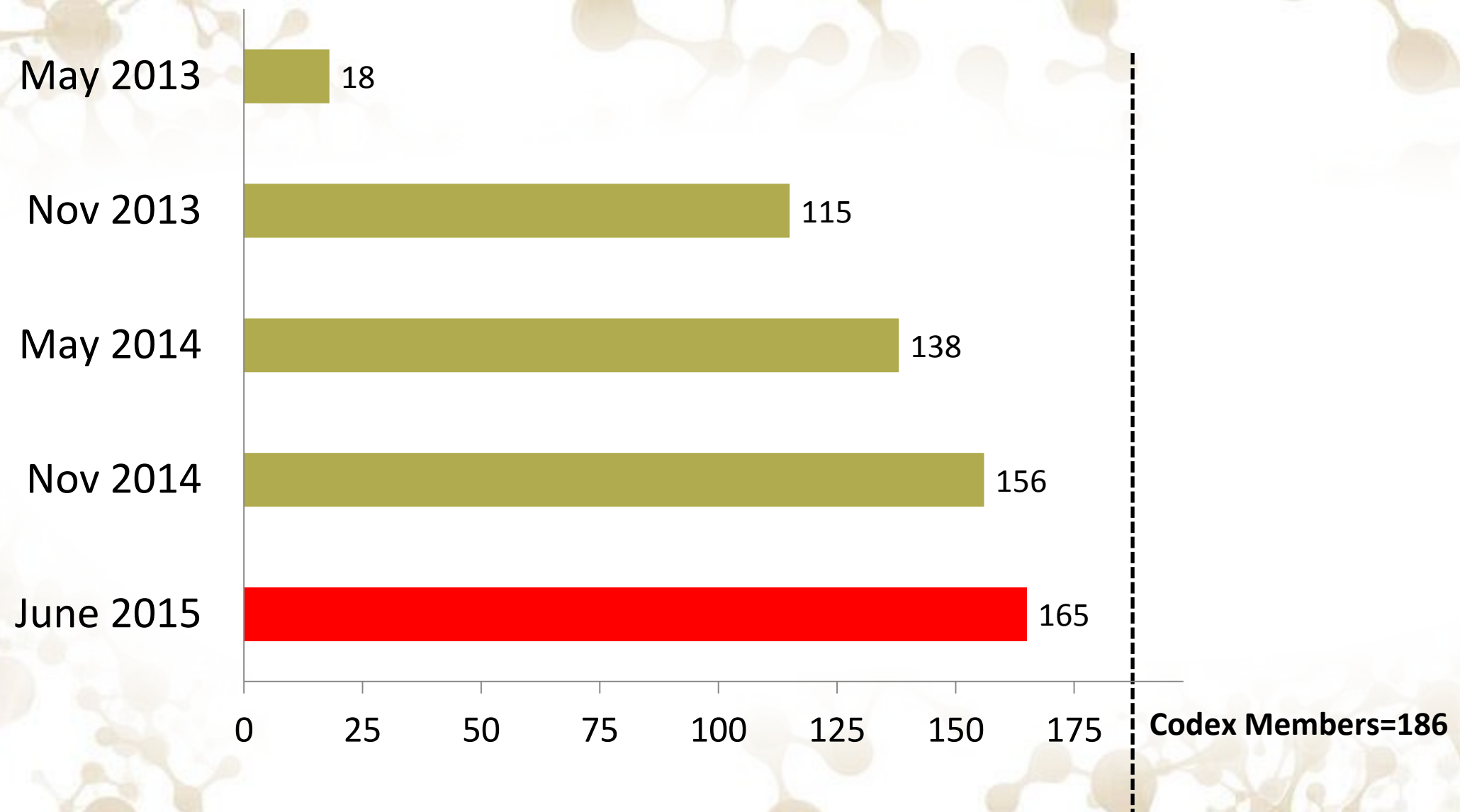
- How about FAO GM Foods Platform?

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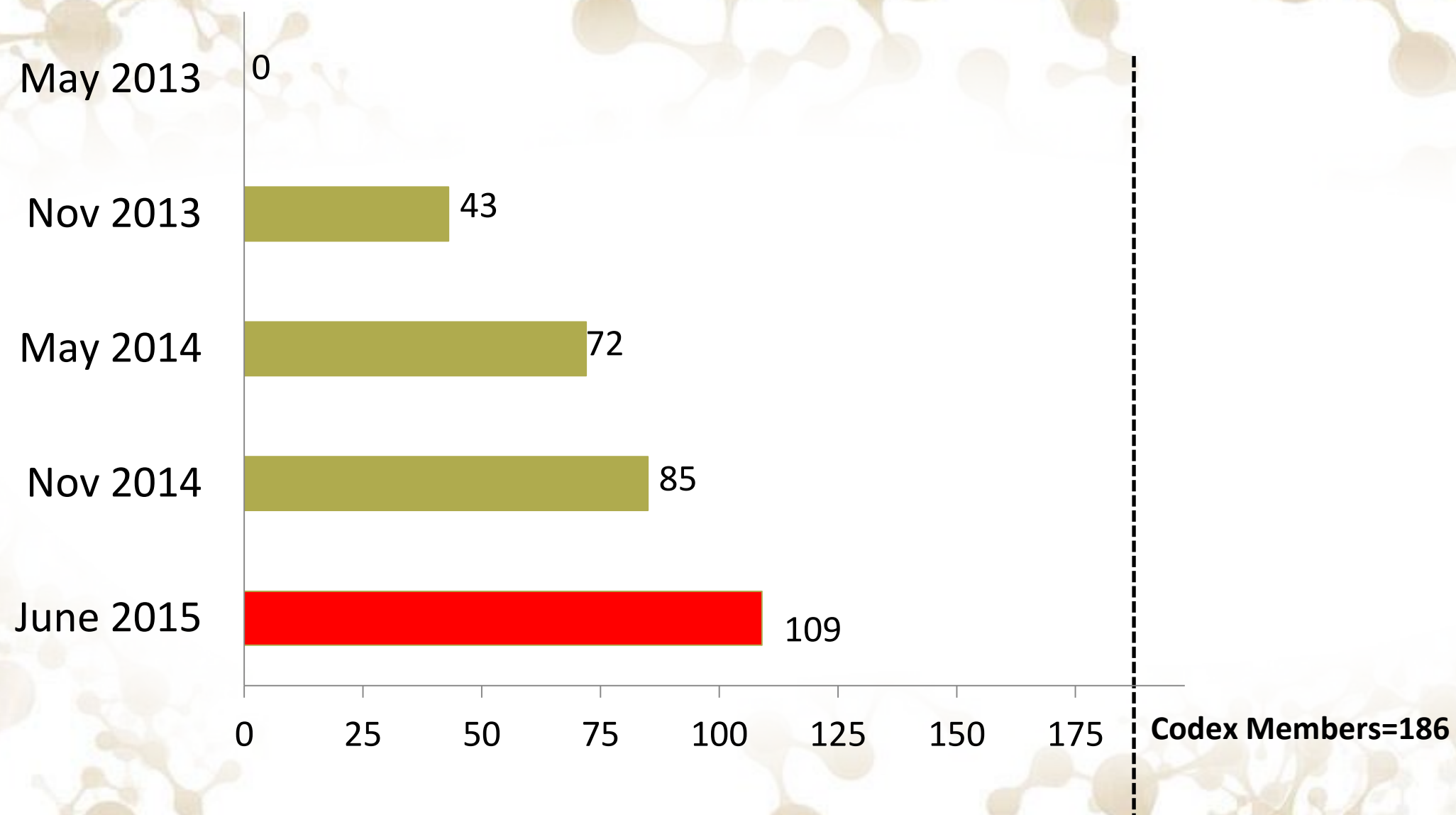
Progress of the Platform (1)

Participation



Progress of the Platform (2)

Country profile filled out



Current status: Case of CCNE countries

	ALG	BHA	EGY	IRN	IRQ	KUW	JOR	LEB	LIB	OMA	QAT	SAU	SUD	SYR	TUN	UAE	YEM
Focal point nominated	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Registered to the Platform	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Country profile page completed	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Data submitted to the Platform	✗	-	✗	✓	✗	✗	-	-	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	-
No safety assessment confirmed	✗	✓	✗	-	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Mutual link created with the Platform	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

✓ Please find your country status in the status sheet.

Current status: global

As of 30 June 2015

- 164 countries have nominated the Focal Points (out of 186)
- 107 countries have completed their country profile page
- 26 countries have created mutual links between the Platform and their national webpage
- Platform hosts 752 records
- 16 countries are actively sharing records on safety assessment of GM foods

For more information

- FAO – Food Safety and Quality website:
<http://www.fao.org/food/food-quality-safety/food-quality@fao.org>
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