



THE FUTURE OF FOOD SAFETY



The FAO/WHO/WTO International Forum on Food Safety and Trade Geneva, 23-24 April 2019

Draft Agenda

| Tuesday, 23 April 2019 | |
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| 08:00-10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00-11:30 | Pre-event session 1 - Estimation of national burden of foodborne diseases – an investment for better food safety system |
| 11:30-13:00 | Pre-event session 2 - Future of food safety, nutrition and the role of trade |
| 13:00-15:30 | Lunch break |
| 15:30-17:00 | Opening session <i>Food safety and trade:</i> This session will open the event and make the link between the Addis Ababa and the Geneva meetings. It will include a keynote report of the Addis Ababa Conference, opening statements of the 3 DGs as well as a ministerial segment. |
| 17:00-18:00 | Conference reception |

| Wednesday, 24 April 2019 | |
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| 10:00-11:30 | Thematic session 1 <i>Digitalization, food safety and trade:</i> The session will provide an overview of the potential and the actual use of (new) technologies in the realm of food safety and trade (e-commerce, electronic certification, big data, blockchain, etc.). Both opportunities and challenges will be discussed, in particular from the point of view of developing countries (e.g. technology divide). |
| 11:30-13:00 | Thematic session 2 <i>Ensuring synergies between the food safety and trade facilitation agendas:</i> The session will provide opportunities to discuss how trade in safe food can be facilitated at the borders. Such an effort will require cooperation between border agencies (customs and SPS authorities) both within one country and across borders. This entails multi-stakeholder coordination, and the session will explore the role of partnerships in this regard. |
| 13:00-15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00-17:00 | Thematic session 3 <i>Promoting harmonized food safety regulation in a period of change and innovation:</i> The session will provide an opportunity for the participants to discuss harmonized food safety regulation in a period of change and innovation. Issues to be explored include: Future-proofing Codex, One Health, dealing constructively with innovation, regulatory divergence, and private standards. |
| 17:00-18:00 | Closing session The session will include a presentation by rapporteurs from each thematic session. It will also include closing remarks and farewell messages. |