



## **APEC High-Level Regulator Industry Dialogue on Food Safety**

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Responding to the 2014 APEC China year theme of “Shaping the Future through Asia-Pacific Partnership” and the goals of advancing regional economic integration and promoting innovative development, economic reform, and growth, on 12 September 2014, the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum(FSCF), co-chaired by China and Australia, convened high level food safety regulators, senior food industry representatives from the Asia Pacific region, along with relevant international stakeholders, to the APEC High-Level Regulator Industry Dialogue on Food Safety in Beijing, China. Participants exchanged views on how to work together to support “a food safety partnership shaping the future”, so as to address complex challenges emerging in the food safety area, and to further secure a safe and sufficient food supply today and in the future.

The assembled participants acknowledged that:

1. Regulators and industry share the same goal to provide safe food to consumers.
2. Regulators and industry have essential roles in ensuring food safety. As such, effective cooperation, collaboration and communication between regulators and industry are critical to ensure the safety of food supply chains and further development of food trade in the APEC region.
3. Adhering to science-based international food safety standards is a basis for achieving predictability and stability in international trade.
4. It is critical that regulators and industry possess the required skills, resources and expertise to build and maintain safe and effective food safety systems
5. The FSCF and its PTIN have contributed to strengthening the capacity to build and maintain food safety systems in the APEC region and the GFSP have contributed efforts more globally

A collaborative approach to building safe food supply chains across the region will contribute to the broader economic and trade objectives of APEC economies. We aim to further strengthen the communication and collaborations between governments and food industries and to undertake shared activities in addressing food safety issues in the following areas:

1. Reinforce the communication and collaboration between APEC food safety regulators and the food industry under the FSCF, recognising the benefits of public private partnerships. This increased communication and collaboration will support the improvement of food safety policies of APEC Member Economies;
2. As food safety regulators: commit to improve the transparency of policy development; adopt good regulatory practices; use science-based international food safety standards; and provide processes for food industries to be involved in the development of food safety policies; and explore novel ways to recognize industry best practices and good industry performance;
3. As food industries and their associations: commit to fulfil our shared food safety responsibilities; comply with food safety regulations and standards using best practices; provide input, expertise, and resources to food safety training and the development of food safety policies; and support small and medium sized enterprises; and
4. Enhance the food safety capabilities of APEC Member Economies and food industries using the tripartite partnership model of the FSCF PTIN, and in particular further addressing the need of the food industry in the APEC region.