



### **FSCF Partnership Training Institute Network**

### **Round Table**

May 16, 2011

## Big Sky, Montana

The terms of reference for the Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (FSCF PTIN) call for a review of its operations and effectiveness in 2011. While much has been accomplished since 2008, there are opportunities to enhance the functioning of the FSCF PTIN and influence the future direction of the FSCF PTIN's food safety capacity building work. PTIN network members including regulators, academic representatives, trade officials, industry associations, and companies are invited to meet in Big Sky, Montana on May 16 during the APEC Senior Officials Meeting II, the day prior to the 2011 Food Safety Cooperation Forum meeting, for a dialogue on the future direction of the FSCF PTIN.

#### Rationale

Food safety remains a high profile issue. The FSCF and the PTIN have been working for several years now to build the capacity of stakeholders in the Asia Pacific region by linking together government, industry and academic participants to build a strong food safety infrastructure.

FSCF PTIN tripartite capacity building efforts have sparked the interest of a cross-cutting range of government representatives, international organizations, academics, SRBs, and companies and have moved the work in directions that could not have been anticipated at its onset. The FSCF PTIN Terms of Reference call for a review of the effectiveness of activities in 2011 and this offers an opportunity to bring stakeholders together to discuss how we can build these 'lessons learned' into the forward operations of the FSCF PTIN.

Some issues that could be discussed during the session might include: 1) Do outlined goals need to be revised? 2) Does the FSCF PTIN operating structure need to be changed to reflect broad stakeholder interest in PTIN work? 3) How can the FSCF PTIN work smarter with limited resources? 4) What can be done to build out the network in the APEC Economies?

### Format

The dialogue will be co-chaired by the leaders of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum, Australia and China. There will also be a moderator to keep time. The round table will open with background on the establishment of the FSCF PTIN, its work to date, and matters that impact future progress (reliable funding, engagement by more economies, etc.)

Participants will be divided into tables of 6-8. Each table will have a facilitator and all tables will be the same set of questions to discuss and respond to. Each table should identify a leader who can summarize conclusions.

Participants will have 60-90 minutes to discuss and compose answers to the questions. The group will reconvene and hear all table reports. The chairs will make observations on key themes. Outcomes will be shared with all participants after the meeting.

# **Draft Program**

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2:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions
2:05-2:30	Observations by FSCF co-chairs
	This session would present the results of the FSCF questionnaire relevant to FSCF PTIN activities, as well as a summary of reviews of past FSCF PTIN events.
2:30-2:35	Instructions from moderator
	The moderator will present the questions for discussion and ask each table to discuss and develop responses. Participants will be provided with these questions in advance of the meeting.
2:35-3:45	Breakout sessions
3:45-4:15	Break
4:15	Summary of discussions at each table (5 minutes each)
5:00	Discussion
5:30	Closing remarks