

August 18, 2011

Dear Colleague,

I would like to invite you to attend an information meeting about the anticipated establishment of a new **Global Food Safety Multi-Donor Trust Fund** to be administered by the World Bank.

Addressing capacity building on food safety is now recognized as an essential component of our efforts to achieve greater food security. It is in this context that the World Bank has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Food Safety Capacity Building with the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF) and its Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN), that provides an innovative and sustainable platform on which to improve food safety capacity. Looking to the future, we will build on the measured successes gained in the APEC region, which is ethnically and economically diverse, to inform food safety capacity building programs globally.

To implement the vision encompassed in the MOU, the Bank is establishing this multi-donor trust fund for food safety capacity building, through a process of collaboration with a range of public and private sector partners. To this end, we would like to involve you and your organization in the early stages of this process to: ensure that we capture relevant views of key stakeholders; provide you with information; and encourage your potential participation in this initiative.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 7, 2011, from 9.00 -11.00 am in Building J, Room J1-050 701 18th St, N.W Washington DC**

An agenda for the Information Meeting is attached for your reference, together with:

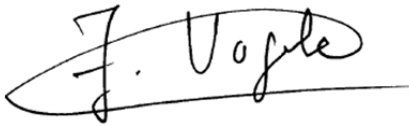
- the vision for the Multi-Donor Trust Fund; and
- an outline of the FSCF/PTIN Model for Strengthening Food Safety Systems.

Following the Information Meeting, it is anticipated that a high level donor pledge meeting will be held in early October, 2011 at the World Bank.

If you would like to attend the Information Meeting on Wednesday September 7, 2011, please RSVP to Jean Kamanzi at jkamanzi@worldbank.org and copy Ms. Felicitas Doroteo-Gomez at Fdoroteogomez@worldbank.org by Thursday September 1, 2011.

I very much look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Voegelé". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the left and right of the text.

Juergen Voegelé
Director, Agriculture and Rural Development