



APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN)

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Welcome

As global food supply chains continue to become more complex, the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN) seeks to address issues within the food industry that can affect public health and trade. Working across borders, the PTIN engages the food industry and academics with the regulators, to strengthen capacity building in food safety. The PTIN goal is to facilitate trade and protect public health by building the capacity of stakeholders in the supply chain in the use of international standards and best practices in food safety management from production to consumption. Through increased cooperation, the PTIN helps APEC Member Economies anticipate, prevent, and manage incidents, and thus better assure the safety of the food chain in the Asia Pacific Region.

Training Program on Aquaculture

The Aquaculture program will subsequently be refined and rolled out in other economies.

Michigan State University (MSU), in partnership with the World Bank and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (APEC/FSCF/PTIN) is currently developing a training program on aquaculture best practices based on a PTIN workshop held in November 2011. This training program features

blended learning techniques and includes a one-month eLearning phase, similar to the GFSP HACCP training modules released last June. The first instance of this training is expected to take place in April in Indonesia with participants doing a one month elearning phase followed by several days of hands on face to face training

in Indonesia in April (exact location and dates tbd). After the pilot training, the aquaculture program will be refined and will be placed on the Global Food Safety Partnership IT platform to be made freely available and will also be available on the PTIN website.



APEC Food Safety Multi –Year Project Proposal Approved

With the APEC region accounting for 41% of world population and nearly 50% of global food production, steps are being made to ensure that food safety capacity building is a priority. The APEC Budget Management Committee has approved a multi-year project proposal that will implement food safety projects under the APEC FSCF and PTIN starting in 2013 and ending in 2015. This multi-year project will include workshops, forums, and informational toolkits that will enhance food safety capacity measures.

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The timeline for the multi-year project is as follows:

- Mid-April 2013, Indonesia- Food Safety Cooperation Forum, Food Safety Incident Network Seminar, PTIN Steering Group meeting, and risk analysis discussion
- May/June 2013 Indonesia- Best Practices in Educating Food Safety Standards to SMEs
- TBD 2013- Laboratory capacity building activity/workshop
- May 2014 Korea- Workshop on Improved Food Inspection Capacity Building Based on Risk Analysis
- 2014 China- Proficiency Testing of Veterinary Drug Residues in Food
- 2015 Philippines Food Safety Cooperation Forum and PTIN Steering Group meeting

APEC Food Safety Capacity Building Events in April

Workshop agendas and nomination materials will be available on the PTIN website.

From April 10-13, the first activities under the recently funded Multi Year Project “Building Convergence in Food Safety Standards and Regulatory Systems”, will take place in Surabaya, Indonesia on the margins of APEC Senior Officials

Meetings. A program of events including workshop agendas and a registration flyer for nominations can be found on the PTIN website. Or nominations can be submitted through the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SOM2FoodSafety>



APEC Events in Surabaya, Indonesia:

- *Wednesday, April 10, 2013: Workshop on Educating SMEs on Food Safety Standards (Indonesia led)*
 - This workshop aims to review suggested approaches for different SMEs and share experiences among APEC member economies best practices to educate food safety standards to SMEs
- *Thursday, April 11, 2013: PTIN Steering Group and GFSP Risk Assessment Meeting*
 - PTIN Steering Group is biannual meeting for Steering Group Members
 - GFSP Risk Assessment meeting will discuss best practices/approaches for capacity building in risk assessment
- *Friday, April 12, 2013: Workshop on Food Safety Incident Network (Australia led)*
 - The work of the FSIN will improve information-sharing and communication networks amongst APEC member economies to provide accurate and timely information on emerging food safety issues, or in the event of a food safety incident. It will aid and amplify the work of INFOSAN, will avoid duplication of effort and will direct members to INFOSAN for food safety emergency information. This will be a government based network
- *Saturday, April 13, 2013: 4th Food Safety Cooperation Forum meeting.*
 - Biannual meeting of the APEC food safety regulators

Upcoming events:

April (tbd): Rollout of first aquaculture training module in Indonesia

April 10, 2012: APEC PTIN SME Workshop on Food Safety Best Practices, Surabaya, Indonesia

April 11, APEC PTIN Steering Group Meeting, Surabaya, Indonesia

April 11, GFSP Discussion on Risk Analysis Approaches, Surabaya Indonesia

April 12, APEC Food Safety Incident Network meeting, Surabaya Indonesia

April 22, GFSP Service Providers Information Day, World Bank headquarters, Washington, DC, United States

Report on World Bank Global Food Safety Partnership Annual Meeting

The World Bank convened its first annual Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) conference in Paris December 10-12, 2012, which brought together stakeholders from the public and private sectors in a new capacity building paradigm that builds off of the APEC FSCF and PTIN model. The GFSP is funded through a combination of private and public sources. The Annual Meeting focused on Food Safety as a Global Public Good, progress in 2012 and a five year plan for capacity building that will focus on (i)

Supply Chain Management , (ii) Food Safety Incident Management, (iii) Laboratory Competency, (iv) Risk Analysis, (v) Food Safety Regulatory Systems, and (vi) On-farm Quality Assurance. Funding for the GFSP was also discussed including continued outreach to potential donors. The GFSP will now focus on developing terms of reference for working groups to guide GFSP work and will also work to develop metrics to measure impact. If you have any questions, please contact:

GFSP@worldbank.org

Global Capacity Building Scaling Up, including country capacity building needs assessments are included as part of the GFSP five year roadmap.

Global Food Safety Partnership Service Providers Day

Recognizing that a number of consulting companies, NGOs, academic and technical institutions and others would be interested in contributing their expertise and providing services through the GFSP, the GFSP Secretariat is organizing a "Service Providers' Information Day" at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC, on Monday, 22 April 2013. This event will provide details about GFSP

objectives, structure, participants and operational aspects, including the associated legal, procurement, and financial management issues. There will be webstreaming for those unable to participate in person.

Please do not hesitate to contact the GFSP Secretariat with questions or to be added to the attendee list for the event: gfsp@worldbank.org

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About APEC FSCF PTIN

Concerns about food safety in the Asia Pacific region have risen sharply, and spurred a high level, collective mandate from APEC Leaders to improve food safety standards and practices. In 2007, after the establishment of the [APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum \(FSCF\)](#), APEC Leaders agreed on the need to develop a more robust approach to strengthening food safety standards and practices in the region,

using scientific risk based approaches and without creating unnecessary impediments to trade. To this end, they called for increased capacity building to improve technical competence and understanding of food safety management among stakeholders in the supply chain, which include regulators, growers, packers, handlers, storage providers, processors, manufacturers, retailers and food service

providers.

The Food Safety Cooperation Forum's Partnership Training Institute Network (FSCF PTIN) was created specifically to address the need to engage the food industry and academic food safety experts with the regulators, to strengthen capacity building in food safety.

Website:

<http://fscf-ptin.apec.org/>

