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CAREC Food Safety Network

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International Trade in Agrifood

- International food trade is **US\$1.3 trillion a year industry**, with billions of tonnes of food produced, marketed and transported
- **Trade in high-value products** —fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy— **increased the highest** among food products.
- Expansion of Agrifood trade brought **high-profile food safety scares**
- International trade in **food products is regulated** with ever more stringent requirements
- **Key hurdle** for central Asian countries to increase exports is **slow adoption of internationally food safety standards**.

Why Develop a Food Safety Network for CAREC?



- Global food supply chains
- Similar eco-systems, small economy and capacity constrains
- One-stop source of information for CAREC countries
- Trusted environment to enhance trade within CAREC countries and beyond
- Some CAREC countries represented in inappropriate groupings (i.e., Europe)

Established Regional Food Safety Networks

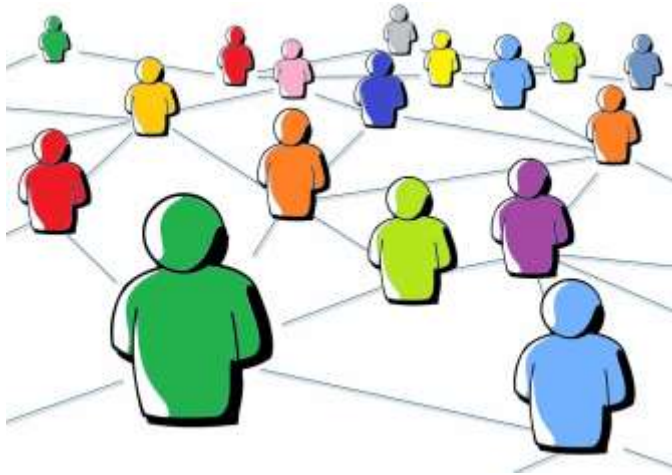
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- ASEAN Regional Food Safety Framework
- African Food Safety Network (AFoSaN)
- Latin American food analysis laboratory network (RILAA)



Benefits of Regional Networks

- Harmonize international food safety laws and regulations (EU, ASEAN)
- Alert members to common food safety problems and develop collaborative preventative approach (EU, ASEAN)
- Participate to foster regional food safety issues in international agencies (all networks)
- Share laboratory expertise and accreditation (EU, African, ASEAN, Latin America)
- Use regional reference laboratories (EU)
- Share experience and expertise in food safety risk analysis (EU)

CAREC Food Safety Network Could Include



- Food safety international regulations database
- Capacity building, sharing of best practices, posting news, case studies and training materials and online courses.

- Share Regional Resources for accreditation, certification, reference laboratories, joint food analysis method
- Regional Food Safety Risk Analysis Body for regional risk assessments, developing risk profile, risk ranking, and work with Codex for regional issues
- Link to global food safety networks i.e., FAO/WHO JEMRA, JECFA and JMPR reports, WTO, and private sector standards

FAO/WHO Codex Coordinating Committee

- CCAFRICA for Africa
- CCASIA for Asia
- CCEURO for Europe
- CCLAC for Latin America and the Caribbean
- CCNASWP for North America and South West Pacific
- CCNFA for Near East



Regional Codex Committees

- Some food products are of regional interest, Codex Global may not be able to set standards for these
- Some CAREC countries are represented in Regional Codex Committees
 - Codex Europe- Regional standard for Chanterelle
 - Codex Asia - Regional standard for Tempeh
- CAREC Food Safety Network develop regional standards
 - Fermented cheese balls – Kurut
 - Regional Dairy products
 - Native dry fruits and nuts

CAREC Food Safety Network: Regional Food Safety Risk Analysis

- **Establish Regional Expert Group** to perform risk ranking, prioritise food safety issues, develop risk profiles, perform risk assessments.
- **Develop standards for regional products for Regional Codex Committee.**
- **Develop coordinated regional response** in standard setting bodies with Codex Committees.
- **Develop plans for possible activities such as regional accreditation and certification bodies, and regional reference laboratories.**

Food Safety Network: a Portal

www.carecfoodsafety.com

CAREC Workshop On Trade And Trade Facilitation Reforms—WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement And Consolidated Trade Agenda



ADB President visits Georgia, reaffirms commitment to expand partnership

Next Steps

- Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan volunteered to host for the CAREC Food Safety Network
- Identify national Focal Point/Agency in each CAREC member country



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