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1ST GLOBAL FOOD REGULATORY SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Le Méridien Dubai Hotel Conference Centre, Airport Road – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
17 and 20 – 22 November 2021

Day 1 / Webinar 1: 17 November 2021 | Arab Food Regulatory Science Workshop

Registration Link → https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V-Li37WWTKSZ-QXtcM7xUA



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Introduction

The Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFORSS) is partnering with the Platform of Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Excellence (PARERA), co-sponsor R-Biopharm and co-conveners: Dubai Municipality, AOAC International, GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) and the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization & Mining Organization (AIDSMO) to organize the 1st Global Food Regulatory Science Symposium in Dubai, UAE.

The Symposium is an integral part of the 15th Dubai International Food Safety Conference (DIFSC) and will be held in two parts:

- **17 November 2021:** Arab Food Regulatory Science Workshop – Supporting Food Regulatory Harmonization in the Arab Region
- **20-22 November 2021:** Developments in Food Regulatory Science Globally.

The Symposium will be conducted taking advantage of a hybrid methodology coordinating both physical and virtual platforms.

Support to the organization of this event is offered by Public and Private Sponsors, as part of the Dubai International Food Safety Conference.

The Symposium will include several workshops that cover various areas of food regulatory scientific disciplines – i.e. disciplines that underpin food regulatory programs and decisions – in line with the objectives of GFORSS to support knowledge dissemination and transfer, as well as, competency enhancement, in the various relevant disciplines, globally.

The Symposium is open to all stakeholders working in areas related to Food Regulatory Science and is free of charge for participants joining Virtually. Participation in person, is managed through the registration system of the Dubai International Food Safety Conference.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Day 1 / Webinar 1: 17 November 2021 | Arab Food Regulatory Science Workshop

Sponsored by: PARERA, GFORSS, the Dubai Municipality. Other private sponsors are welcome.

This Workshop will offer updates in current efforts to support the development of various food regulatory science disciplines in the Arab region. It will focus on providing updates on current work of Arab coordination structures such as the Arab Taskforce on Food Safety. It will also offer updates on capacity building initiatives and in particular the Arab Codex Initiative supported by the US Codex Office and implemented jointly by GFORSS and PARERA.

Session 1: Opening the Workshop

Introductory Remarks and Context of the Workshop

9:00 – 9:05

Samuel Godefroy, Professor in Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFORSS)

9:05-9:15

Opening Remarks – from the co-host and co-convenor of the 15th DIFSC2021 / 1st GFORSS

Sultan Ali Al-Taher, Director of Food Safety, Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates

Opening Remarks

9:15 – 9:30

His Excellency Eng. Adel SAQR, Director General, Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)

Session 2: Recent Food Regulatory Developments and Instruments of Collaboration in the Arab Region

Introduction and Updates from Partner Organizations in the Arab Region:

9:30 – 9:45

- *League of Arab States*
- *Arab Organization for Agricultural Development*

9:45 – 10:00

Updates from the GCC Standardization Organization – and Future Perspectives of Participation in Food International Standard Setting Forums

Oday Albuhamad, Director Standards and Metrology, GCC Standardization Organization (GSO)

10:00 – 10:30

Recent Accomplishments of the National Office of Food Safety (ONSSA) and Future Directions

Zeineb El Boushikhi, Head of International Cooperation and Communication, National Office of Food Safety (ONSSA), Morocco

10:30 – 11:00

Developments of the ATF and Future Agenda for Arab Food Safety Collaboration

Amjad Rashaida, Chair of the Arab Taskforce on Food Safety (ATF), Deputy Director General, Jordan Food and Drug Administration



Updates from Representatives of Competent Authorities in the Arab Region

11:00 – 11:30 *Members of the Arab Taskforce on Food Safety, Members of the Competent Authorities from the Arab Region*

Introduction of the Arab Codex Initiative: A Collaborative Endeavor to Enhance Codex Capacities in the Arab Region

11:30 – 12:00 *Samuel Godefroy, Professor in Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)*

12:00 – 13:30 Health Break and Prayers

Session 3: Emerging Food Regulatory Developments in the Arab Region

Panel Discussion on Opportunities to Modernize and Transform Food Regulatory Systems in the Arab Region

13:30 – 15:00 *Industry and Government / Food Regulatory Authority Representatives*

Moderated by Samuel Godefroy, Professor in Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, President and Chief Operating Officer, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)

Investing in Food Safety Infrastructure and Programs as part of the One Health Agenda – Perspectives for the Arab region

15:00 – 15:30 *Ana Cristina Canales Gomez and Artavazd Hakobyan, Global Agriculture Practice*

15:30 – 16:00 Health Break and Prayers

Opportunities of Development of Food Regulatory Science including Food Laboratory Infrastructure in the Arab Region

16:00 – 16:45 *Panel Discussion among Public and Private Partners in the Arab Region*

Includes intervention by Ronald Niemeijer, r-Biopharm – Importance of Rapid Analysis Systems

16:45 – 17:00 **Day 1 Workshop Wrap-up and Introduction of the Scientific Program of 20 – 22 November 2021**

