

New Initiatives Being Developed (Including Agreements)

For the consideration of the GFORSS Board of Directors

Meeting on Wednesday 13 April 2022

Agreement with the AIDSMO : Letter of Agreement

Objectives:

Support joint initiatives with a particular emphasis on

- Enhancement of Arab Codex Capacities
- Support to the Food Laboratory Structure in the Arab Region – Including through the creation of the Arab AOAC
- Support to efforts of food standardization and harmonization of food regulatory measures in the region



Initial Letter of Intent / Letter of Agreement discussed in February 2022 – witnessed by the High Arab Committee on Standardization – 20 March 2022

Next Steps:

- **Tripartite Agreement in relation with the Codex Initiative – with the US CO**
- **Tripartite Agreement with AOAC INTERNATIONAL**

Agreement with the GSO : Letter of Agreement

Objectives:

Support joint initiatives with a particular emphasis on

- Enhancement of Arab Codex Capacities
- Support to the creation of a Centre of Excellence on Food Regulatory Science
- Physical Presence with the GSO Food Standardization team in Riyadh
- Presentation of Initiative at the TC5 meeting GSO – Food and Agriculture, 31 March 2022



Draft Letter of Intent / Letter of Agreement discussed in February 2022 – Being discussed

Next Steps:

- Discuss conditions of establishing the Centre of Excellence – Capacity development initiatives in food risk assessment, food standards development
- Draft Letter of Intent

Agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture Suriname (LVV) and The National Food Safety Institute (NIVS)

Signed on March 9th, 2022 – in Paramaribo

Main Areas of work



- ✓ To support the review and modernization of the food safety legislative and regulatory environment in Suriname,
- ✓ To support the operationalization of NIVS as the primary food safety regulatory body of Suriname
- ✓ To enable the generation and use of scientific information including food surveillance and monitoring data, in support of food regulatory decision-making by NIVS,

- ✓ To enable enhanced participation in international and regional food standard setting processes, in a manner that upholds the interests of the food production sector in Suriname,

- ✓ To develop and implement pilot and leading initiatives in support of the modernization of the food and agri-food production sector in Suriname, and encourage innovation and the adoption of food processing technologies such that the sector becomes more competitive, more sustainable and, accesses and maintains new markets while contributing to the reduction of food loss and greenhouse emissions.

Other Initiatives Being Considered

- ✓ Proposal made to FAO Caribbean region in relation with the implementation of the Food Safety Component of the Suriname Market Access Project (SAMAP)
- ✓ Discussions with WHO to establish a broad collaborative framework with the possible leadership towards the creation of a Global Food Risk Assessment Forum