

**OUTPUTS OF DAY 1 DISCUSSIONS**

*12 – 14 August 2022*

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**Values**

* Consensus Driven.
* Openness.
* Practical.

Indicators of NIVS Success

* Updated food safety legislation.
* Recognition at the national level and international level (regional level).
* Raising stakeholder awareness: supporting ownership of food safety by the private sector.
* Regulations supporting safer food.
* Food safety environment in Suriname: Food from Suriname is Trusted!
* Better food labelling.
* Better manufacturing practice = better observance of GMP, storage, etc.
* Responsiveness of NIVS to concerns from consumers and industry.
* Availability of certification systems for local products.
* Increased trust in exported agri-food products.
* Fully staffed organization.
* Enhanced fairness between industry players: creating level playing field.
* Fairness / predictability.
* Industry feels safe.
* Better knowledge of food safety throughout.
* Maintain / preserve independence.

**Principles of Operationalization**

* Leveraging VKI capacities.
* Adaptation to specificities of the sector.
* Create incentives for stakeholders / regulated parties to embrace organization.
* Support attaining requirements of big buyers – e.g., certification – for some suppliers – e.g. ISO 48001.
* Offer dedicated laboratory services.

**What we Need to Accomplish in Less than 6 Months**

* Staff: at least 3 staff supporting implementation, as part of Agriculture Competitiveness Program.
* In 6 months: pesticide analysis for crops offered by NIVS laboratory as a paid service to stakeholders.
* Exercise oversight on all food safety investments, including from SAMAP, to ensure cohesiveness.
* Organize Donor Roundtable to support further investments upon availability of a strategic plan and rollout plan.