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**Proposed Agenda**

Session	Content
<b>Introduction and Context</b>	<p>Food safety challenges in Africa: limited and fragmented data- Importance of data for public health, trade, and Codex engagement- Key question: building data-driven systems</p> <p>➤ <i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Laval University, Quebec, Canada; President GFORSS; President IUFOST</i></p>

<p><b>Role of Data in Regulatory Decision-Making</b></p>	<p>Role of data in risk analysis (assessment, management, communication)- Key data types: occurrence, consumption, surveillance- Application in regulatory decisions (e.g., Maximum Levels - MLs)</p> <p>➤ <i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Laval University, Quebec, Canada; President GForSS; President IUFoST</i></p>
<p><b>Food Occurrence Data Repositories</b></p>	<p>Key requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardization</li> <li>• Data quality</li> <li>• Governance &amp; sharing</li> </ul> <p>➤ <i>Dr. Amine Kassouf, Scientific Director GForSS</i></p>
<p><b>Case Studies: Regional Data Systems</b></p>	<p>National/regional database integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to global platforms (e.g., GEMS/Food)</li> <li>• Collaboration and sustainability</li> <li>• Demonstration: from database design to use</li> </ul> <p>➤ <i>Dr. Amine Kassouf, Scientific Director GForSS</i></p>
<p><b>From Data to Risk Assessment</b></p>	<p>Example: use of occurrence data in food exposure assessment</p> <p>➤ <i>Dr. Amine Kassouf, Scientific Director GForSS</i></p>
<p><b>Discussion and Q&amp;A Key Messages</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers to data system development-</li> <li>• Opportunities for regional collaboration-</li> <li>• Investment in data for improved health and trade outcomes</li> </ul> <p>➤ <i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Laval University, Quebec, Canada; President GForSS; President IUFoST</i></p>