

Session 2 – Learning from the Singapore Experience

Discussion Questions for Participants

Background

Professor William Chen's presentation illustrates how Singapore has linked national food-security priorities, research and innovation investment, regulatory science, and a defined pre-market pathway for novel foods. The Singapore Food Story programme and FRESH offer a practical example of how scientific capacity, regulatory preparedness, and collaboration can be developed alongside food innovation. The questions below invite participants to reflect on what can be learned from this experience and what may be relevant to Indonesia's own path toward a robust, predictable and innovation-ready food regulatory environment.

1 Key learning from Singapore

What has impressed you most about the Singapore experience presented by Professor Chen? What are the key lessons or approaches that you consider particularly relevant and potentially applicable to Indonesia, especially in creating an environment that enables food innovation while maintaining strong consumer protection?

2 Translating the experience to Indonesia

Considering the differences between the Singaporean and Indonesian food systems, regulatory structures and operating environments, which elements of the Singapore approach could realistically be adapted or replicated in Indonesia? What would need to be approached differently to achieve similar outcomes?

3 What would enable – or stand in the way of – similar outcomes?

What are the two or three most important factors that could catalyze similar progress in Indonesia, and what could stand in its way? In particular, consider scientific and regulatory capacity, collaboration between regulators, academia and innovators, and the clarity, predictability and timeliness of regulatory pathways for innovative foods and ingredients.

Purpose of the discussion: to identify lessons from Singapore that can inform Indonesia's continued regulatory modernization and the development of the Jakarta Recommendations.