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# World Food Safety Day

## high-level event

This celebration event will be an opportunity to learn how food safety standards contribute to saving lives

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**7 JUNE 2023** 12.15–13.30 HOURS (CEST)  
**SHEIKH ZAYED CENTRE AT FAO, ROME** - HYBRID EVENT

# Draft programme

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**Introduction** Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

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**Welcome remarks** Dr QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General

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**Opening remarks** Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

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**Audience engagement** online poll

Online moderator: Mr David Massey, Codex Alimentarius Commission Secretariat

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## Panel 1

### HOW CODEX ALIMENTARIUS STANDARDS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Moderator: Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

Panellists

H.E. Frida Krifca, Minister of Agriculture, Albania

H.E. Francisco Gamboa Soto, Minister of Economy, Industry and Commerce, Costa Rica

H.E. José Emilio Esteban, Undersecretary for Food Safety, Department of Agriculture, United States of America

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## Food safety video

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### Conversation

#### HOW FOOD STANDARDS ARE PROMOTING HEALTH AND SAVING LIVES IN BRAZIL

Moderator: Dr Francesco Branca, Director of the Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO

Interviewee: Dr Laila Sofia Mouawad, Coordinator, International Affairs Office, Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA)

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## Results of the online poll

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## Panel 2

### THE ROLE OF SCIENCE IN STANDARD SETTING AND FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Moderator: Dr Corinna Hawkes, Director of the Food Systems and Food Safety Division, FAO

Panellists

Dr Catherine Bessy, Senior Food Safety Officer, FAO;

Dr Ihab Habib, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Food Safety and Veterinary Public Health, Department of Veterinary Medicine, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, United Arab Emirates;

Dr Moez Sanaa, Unit Head, the Standards and Scientific Advice on Food and Nutrition, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO;

Dr Caroline Smith DeWaal, Deputy Director of EatSafe, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

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## Video

### WHAT ARE FOOD STANDARDS?

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**Closing remarks** Dr Ailan Li, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage / Healthier Populations, WHO

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