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GLOBAL FORUM OF FOOD SAFETY REGULATORS

Marrakesh, Morocco, 28-30 January 2002

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

FIRST DAY

Morning session: 09.00–12.00

- Opening ceremony and welcoming addresses
- Break
- Election of officers
- Adoption of the agenda
- Keynote address and Central Theme
- Presentation of the four main topics and their proposed scope
 - ❖ *Regulatory Issues*
 - ❖ *Risk Management*
 - ❖ *Capacity Building*
 - ❖ *Communication and Participation*
- Organization of Discussion Groups for all four main topics (appointment of Group Chairs; introduction of sub-topic presenters for each Group; and notification of meeting times and locations for each Group)

Lunch: 12.00–14.30 *

Afternoon session: 14.30–18.00

- Discussion Groups on *Regulatory Issues* and *Risk Management* meet separately to discuss their topics (Note: Coffee and tea will be made available at 15.30 for each Group)

Regulatory Issues	Risk Management
National and transboundary food safety emergencies	Reduction of foodborne hazards, including microbiological and others, with emphasis on emerging hazards
New inspection approaches and techniques; implications for food safety regulations	Integrated approaches to the management of food safety throughout the food chain, including the role of industry and consumers

SECOND DAY

Morning session: 09.00–12.30

- Discussion Groups on *Regulatory Issues* and *Risk Management* continue their discussions until coffee/tea is served at 10.30 hours
- Following coffee/tea, Discussion Groups for *Capacity Building* and *Communication and Participation* meet separately to discuss their topics

Capacity Building	Communication and Participation
Technical assistance to developing countries; experiences and lessons learned	Communicating food safety regulations and risk management decisions, including practical approaches to communication with and participation by consumers and other stakeholders
New approaches to consider in capacity building and technical assistance – building alliances	Ensuring efficient communication and interaction between food safety risk assessors and risk managers

Lunch: 12.30–14.30 *

Afternoon session: 14.30–18.00

- Discussion Groups for *Capacity Building* and *Communication and Participation* continue to meet separately to discuss their topics (Note: Coffee and tea will be made available at 16.00 for each Group)

THIRD DAY

Morning session: 09.00–12.30

- Presentation to the Forum, in Plenary, of the summary record of all four Discussion Groups, including brief panel discussion of each topic

Lunch: 12.30–14.30 *

Afternoon session: 14.30–18.00

- Final discussions of topics and any other matters brought before the Forum
- Identification of information and discussions to be included in the draft Forum Proceedings (the draft Proceedings to be prepared by the Secretariat and distributed to participants following the Forum)
- Determination of the need for a second Global Forum and suggestion for “Central Themes” and topics to be covered
- Closing ceremony.

**** It is suggested that lunch breaks are used for informal discussions on topics related to the Discussion Groups***