



**Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations**

Call for presenters  
**Stakeholder roundtable meeting on  
Cell-based food production and precision fermentation**  
Application due: **1 July 2024**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), is organizing a one-day global stakeholder roundtable meeting on the topic of cell-based food production and precision fermentation on **Thursday, 10 October 2024** in Toronto, Canada.

**Call for presenters**

Cell-based food and precision fermentation products developers, producers and researchers from various parts of the world are invited to respond to the call for presenters. A total of 8 – 16 presenters may be selected based on the pre-set criteria to deliver presentations at the meeting.

**Criteria: minimum requirements**

- Having produced original cell-based food product(s) and/or precision fermentation product(s). Hypothetical / theoretical products may not be considered.
- Availability to present a technical overview of the production steps with a flowchart, while protecting the relevant Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).
- Ability to discuss risk-based methodologies to assure food safety, which should include both preventative methods (e.g. food safety plan) for the production as well as product's food safety assessment methodologies (e.g. testing for product approvals).
- Availability to be physically present and actively participate in all the sessions of the one-day meeting. There will be no virtual participation or streaming options.
- Having sufficient English proficiency to deliver a presentation and discuss with the participants in the meeting. The meeting will be conducted in English only.

**Criteria: basic considerations**

- While up to 3 speakers from a company / organization may be accepted, only one team per entity may be selected.
- Considerations may be given to select a wide variety of different cell-based food and precision fermentation products (e.g. commodities, types of foods) and techniques / input materials used (e.g. growth media, scaffolding materials)
- Geographical and gender balance will be considered. Given that the meeting will be in the North America region, it is possible to have more participants from the region.
- For the reporting purpose, FAO may ask presenters to provide high-resolution photographs of their products. Those who would be able to provide such photographs may receive a priority.
- It is a closed meeting for those who received official invitations from the organizers, and no other observers/media may be admitted to the meeting.

**How to apply**

Interested applicants can complete the application form online at <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/97PRBeSuVP>. The application due is the end of the day, **1 July 2024** at the applicant's local time. The selection result will be informed to the successful applicants only, before the end of August 2024.

**Who should apply?**

- The meeting aims to facilitate open dialogues among all the stakeholder participants, therefore those developers / producers who are seeking global networking opportunities the meeting is for you.
- An optional voluntary visit to a production facility in Canada is planned for 11 October 2024 and it may be an opportunity for those who would like to have a hands-on experience to learn about various production set-ups, products and safety assurance procedures to identify similarities and differences.
- FAO will publish a report of the meeting in 2025 and the presentation contents will be featured in the report. All the presenters will be acknowledged in the report, thus this meeting may help improving the visibility.

**Travel support**

There will be no financial support and travel expenses for the presenters will not be compensated by the organizers.

**Tentative agenda: 10 October 2024**

Time	Item
08.30 – 08.45	Presenters registration
08.45 – 09.00	Participants registration
09.00 – 10.30	Opening session
10.30 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.00	Presentation session
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 15.00	Discussion session
15.00 – 15.30	Break
15.30 – 17.00	Presentation session
17.00	Closing of the meeting

**Tentative agenda: 11 October 2024**

A half-day facility visit in Canada (to be confirmed at a later date)

Time	Item
08.00 – 09.00	Transport
09.00 – 13.30	Facility visit and lunch
13.30	Adjourn / transport back

**Application form link**

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