

# Enhancing INFOSAN in Asia and Implementation of Regional Food Safety Strategies

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### PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

#### Tuesday 27 November 2012

0815-0830 Registration

#### Session one: Opening ceremony

0830-0845 FAO/WHO opening remarks (*A. Tritscher via video link*)  
KFDA opening remarks (*H. Lee, KFDA commissioner*)

0845-0900 Photo

0900-0940 In memoriam of Catherine Cruz  
Round of Introductions (*all*)  
Objectives of meeting (*J. Bishop*)

0940-1000 Break

#### Session two: Current status of INFOSAN (*facilitated by J. Bishop*)

1000-1030 Overview of INFOSAN (*P. Ben Embarek*)

1030-1215 INFOSAN at a country level (*all countries*)

1215-1300 Lunch

1300-1330 INFOSAN at a country level (continued) (*all countries*)

1330-1400	Group discussion- summary of current situation, sharing best practices, and identifying improvements needed (including working tea break)
1400-1430	New Members Guide ( <i>P.Ben Embarek and C.Savelli</i> )
1430-1500	Use of the INFOSAN community website ( <i>C.Savelli</i> )
1500-1600	Hands-on use of the INFOSAN community website ( <i>all participants – please bring your laptops</i> )
1600-1630	Group discussion on improving the use of the INFOSAN community website
1800	Welcome dinner

### **Wednesday, 28 November 2012**

#### Session three: Linking INFOSAN with other networks (*facilitated by P.Ben Embarek.*)

0830-0910	Interaction between INFOSAN and other initiatives ( <i>A.Reilly</i> )
0910-0940	Integrating Asia FoodNet into a regional based Strategy for enhancing participation in INFOSAN in Asia ( <i>H.Toyofuku</i> )
0940-1000	Plenary discussion
1000-1030	Break

#### Session four: Developing a regionally agreed strategy for enhancing participation in INFOSAN across Asia (*facilitated by A.Reilly*)

1030-1050	Regional information sharing among INFOSAN member states in Asia: current status, challenges and the way forward ( <i>H.Lee</i> )
1050-1110	Practical suggestions for enhancing exchange of information among INFOSAN members in Asia ( <i>C.Lee</i> )
1110-1130	Summary of feedback from INFOSAN members ( <i>J.Bae</i> )
1130-1200	Overview of draft Strategy ( <i>J.Bishop</i> )
1200-1210	Introduction to group work ( <i>A.Reilly</i> )
1210-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	Group work: Developing a regionally agreed strategy for enhancing participation in INFOSAN across Asia.
1430-1530	Plenary discussion: Developing a regionally agreed strategy for enhancing participation in INFOSAN across Asia and agreed next steps

Session five: Food safety emergency identification, assessment, management and communication (facilitated by C.Merten and P.Ben Embarek)

1530-1545	Introduction to using risk analysis in emergencies and food safety emergency resources from FAO and WHO (C.Merten)
1545-1715	Food safety emergency response in Republic of Korea: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Food safety emergency response system in Republic of Korea (M.Sohn, 40mins)</li><li>- Decision-making support based on timely and accurate information analysis (H.Lee, 25mins)</li><li>- Worldwide real-time food safety information monitoring, collection, and sharing in support of KFDA (E.Moon, 25mins)</li></ul>

**Thursday, 29 November 2012**

Session five: Food safety emergency identification, assessment, management and communication (facilitated by C.Merten and P.Ben Embarek) (continued)

0800-0830	Event identification and verification (A.Reilly)
0830-0930	Undertaking a chemical risk assessment and management in an urgent situation (M.Fisher)
0930-1000	Break
1000-1100	Undertaking a microbiological risk assessment and management in an urgent situation (H.Toyofuku)
1100-1110	Introduction to group work (C.Merten)
1110-1200	Group work: Undertaking risk assessments and management in urgent situations
1200-1300	Working lunch – lunch box provided (Group work continued: Undertaking risk assessments and management in urgent situations)
1300-1330	Plenary: Undertaking risk assessments and management in urgent situations
1330-1400	Risk communication in urgent situations (S.Yeung)
1400-1430	Plenary discussion on the current challenges in implementing risk communication in urgent situations (including working tea break)
1430-1500	Managing communication to INFOSAN and IHR (A.Reilly)
1500-1530	Plenary discussion on the interface between INFOSAN and IHR and ways forward
1530-1830	Group excursion (3hrs)

**Friday, 30 November 2012**

Session six: Agreeing on a regionally agreed strategy for enhancing participation in INFOSAN in Asia (facilitated by H.Lee and A.Reilly).

0830-1030            Review and discussion the revised strategy for enhancing participation in INFOSAN across Asia and agreed next steps.

1030-1100            Break

Session seven: Discussion on regional food safety strategies (facilitated by J.Bishop and A.Reilly and P. Ben Embarek)

1100-1230            Review of Western Pacific Regional Strategy 2011-2015  
- Current status of countries  
- Agreement of next years priorities

1230-1310            Lunch

1310-1430            Review of Western Pacific Regional Strategy 2011-2015 (continued)  
- Current status of countries  
- Agreement of next years priorities

Session eight: Future directions with links to INFOSAN (facilitated by C.Savelli)

1430-1500            Whole genome sequencing (J.Schlundt via video)

1500-1530            Horizon scanning (A.Reilly)

1530-1600            FOSCOLLAB (T. Corrigan via video)

Session nine: Closing ceremony

1600-1630            Summary of proceedings and concluding remarks

