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## Asia Food Safety Forum

Programme | 11-12 June, 2026 | Bangkok, Thailand



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# DAY 1

THURSDAY

11 JUNE 2026

8:00 – 9:00

Registration

Master of Ceremony

Ms. Chanita Craythorne



9:00 – 10:00

Opening ceremony

Speakers:

Mr. Kris Uttamavedin

Deputy Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture and  
Cooperatives, Thailand



Mr. Manuel Mattiat

Chief of Cabinet,  
UNIDO



Mr. Tom Black

Chairperson of the Codex Committee  
on Food Import and Export Inspection  
and Certification Systems (CCFICS), and  
First Assistant Secretary of the Exports  
and Veterinary Services Division of the  
Australian Government Department of  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
(DAFF), Australia



Mr. Fraser Hawkes

Group Portfolio Director,  
Informa Markets



Mr. Matt Kovac

Chief Executive Officer,  
Food Industry Asia (FIA)



10:00 – 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00

Opening Plenary: The Digital Future of Food Safety in Asia

Speakers

Mr. Khalid Al-Zahrani

Vice Chairperson,  
Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)



Mr. Amran bin Hasan

Deputy, Pre-Market Approval Branch,  
Food Safety and Quality Program,  
Ministry of Health, Malaysia



Ms. Lily Prasad

Chief Technology Officer, Food Safety  
and Standards Authority of India



Mr. Yanapol Khawponsri,

Expert in Food Standard, Food and  
Drug Administration, Thailand



Ms. Viengxay Vansilalom

Deputy Director General,  
Food and Drug Department, Lao PDR



Ms. Kulwadee Wiwatsawatdinon

Expert on Sanitary and Phytosanitary  
Measures, National Bureau of  
Agricultural Commodity and Food  
Standards (ACFS), Thailand



Mr. Enkhbold Vorshilov

Advisor, Department of International  
Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs, Mongolia





### Pre-recorded messages

#### H.E. Mr. Prak David

Secretary of State,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Forestry, and Fisheries, Cambodia



#### Ms. Najat Mokhtar

Deputy Director General and Head of  
the Department of Nuclear Sciences  
and Applications, International Atomic  
Energy Agency (IAEA)



#### H.E. Mr. Satvinder Singh

Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN,  
ASEAN Economic Community



#### Ms. Houg Tran, Director

Director, Division of Programmes for  
Disease Control (DDC), World Health  
Organization, Regional Office (WHO) for  
the Western Pacific



12:00 – 13:30

### Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30

### Technical session 1: Digital Solutions for Food Control and Trade: Emerging Applications and Global Standards

#### Keynote Presenter & Moderator:

#### Ms. Cornelia Boesch

Food Safety Officer,  
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



#### Panelists:

#### Mr. Glen Edmunds

Director of Export Standards  
Branch, DAFF, Australia



#### Mr. Mark Flanagan

Chief Executive Officer, Safe to Trade



#### Ms. Marlynn Hopper

Acting Head, Standards and Trade  
Development Facility (STDF)



#### Ms. Haide T. Rojas

Chairperson, NCO-SCFICS, Bureau of  
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
the Philippines



14:30 – 16:00

### Special Session: Standards and Accountability for Effective Relief (SAFER) – The potential function of digital technologies in the Humanitarian Sector

#### Background Presentation by:

#### Mr. Fernando Ubarana

Regional Food Safety and Quality  
Office, World Food Programme (WFP),  
Bangkok office



### Part 1 - Discussion on Standards and Accountability for Effective Relief (SAFER)

#### Keynote Presenter & Moderator:

#### Ms. Peijie Yang

Specification and Regulatory Affairs  
Officer, WFP



#### Panelists:

#### Mr. Ali Badarneh

Chief, Food Security and Food  
Systems Unit, UNIDO



#### Mr. Robert Baker

Senior Food Safety Advisor, WFP



#### Mr. Chris Elliott

Professor,  
Queen's University Belfast





## Part 2 -The second part of the panel discussion is on the role of digital technologies in humanitarian food aid

### Moderator:

**Ms. Awanwee Petchkongkaew**  
Director of the Center of Excellence for Global Food Security, Thammasat University, Thailand



### Panelists:

**Mr. Fernando Ubarana**  
Regional Food Safety and Quality Officer, WFP, Bangkok office



**Ms. Jeeranee Janrungautai**  
Global Net-Zero & Climate Change Lead, Charoen Pokphand Foods PLC



**Ms. Pavinee Chinachoti**  
Chair, Food Innovation and Regulation Network (FIRN)



16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30

### Technical session 2: Interoperability for End-to-End Traceability

#### Moderator:

**Mr. Patrik Jonasson**  
Head of Asia-Pacific Public Policy, GS1



#### Keynote Presenter

**Ms. Jennifer Thomas**  
Senior Advisor, Food and Drug Administration of the United States of America (US FDA)

#### Panelists:

**Mr. Colin Christmas**  
Global Head of Food, SGS Group



**Mr. Amran bin Hasan**  
Deputy, Pre-Market Approval Branch, Food Safety and Quality Program, Ministry of Health, Malaysia



**Ms. Rola Bou Khozam**  
Head, Food Safety and Control Section, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



**Mr. Glen Edmunds**  
Director of Export Standards Branch, DAFF, Australia





# DAY 2

FRIDAY

12 JUNE 2026

9:00 – 10:30

## Technical session 3: Digital Future in Food Safety – Ensuring Interoperability for Robust Food Safety Systems

### Moderator:

**Mr. Tom Black**

Chairperson of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), and First Assistant Secretary of the Exports and Veterinary Services, DAFF, Australia



### Keynote presentations by:

**Mr. Gabor Molnar**

Industrial Development Officer, Food Security and Food Systems Unit, UNIDO



**Mr. Bobby Krishna**

Senior Food Safety Specialist, Food Safety Department, Dubai Municipality



### Panelists:

**Ms. Vu Thi Huyen Vinh**

Official of Food Safety Division, National Authority for Agro-Forestry-Fishery Quality, Processing and Market Development (NAFIQPM), Vietnam



**Ms. Oryssa Sathalica Pradianti**

Assistant Deputy Director, Marine and Fisheries Quality Assurance Agency, Indonesia



**Ms. Patamaporn Usaha**

Plan and Policy Analyst, National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS), Thailand



**Mr. Gabor Molnar**

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**Ms. Lily Prasad**

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**Mr. Bobby Krishna**

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10:30 - 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

## Technical session 4: Navigating the Regulatory Landscape – Approaches to Recycled Food Contact Materials Across Asia

### Moderator:

**Mr. Terence Lau**

Chairman, Food Safety Consortium



### Panelists:

**Mr. Bastian Schupp**

Team Leader, Food Contact Materials, European Union (EU) DG Santé



**Ms. Chaniphun Butryee**

Head, Thailand Risk Assessment Center (TRAC), Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University



**Ms. Zhu Lei**

Director, Food Safety Standards Center, China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment



**Mr. Johannes Bergmair**

General Secretary, World Packaging Organization (WPO)





12:30 – 14:00  
Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00

**Technical session 5: Walking the Tightrope - Industry perspectives on Recycled Food Contact Materials in Packaging**

**Moderator:**

**Mr. Matt Kovac**

Chief Executive Officer, Food Industry Asia



**Panelists:**

**Mr. Chris Peloso**

PAL & AFAP Product Safety  
Director, AMCOR Packaging Science Laboratory



**Ms. Dhaartshini Senguttuvan**

Advocacy and Public Affairs Manager  
Malaysian Recycling Alliance Berhad (MAREA)



**Mr. Jomar Estacio**

AMEA Packaging Lead, Mondelez



**Ms Tarnthip Phothitantomkol**

Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs, Suntory Pepsico Beverage (Thailand) Co. Ltd.



15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 - 17:00

**Technical session 6: Food Innovation and Circularity – Emerging trends around food regulatory science**

**Moderator**

**Mr. Samuel Godefroy**

President, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)



**Panelists:**

**Mr. Ali Badarneh**

Chief, Food Systems and Food Security Unit, UNIDO



**Ms. Nerida Kelton**

Vice President of Sustainability & Save Food, WPO



**Ms. Pavinee Chinachoti**

Chair, Food Innovation and Regulation Network (FIRN)



**Mr. Richard Khaw**

President of the Singapore Institute of Food Science & Technology (SIFST)



17:00 - 17:10

Closing remarks

**Speakers:**

**The Permanent Mission of Australia to Thailand**



**Mr. Matt Kovac**

Chief Executive Officer, (FIA)



**Ms. Providence Mavubi**

Director, Division of Agribusiness and Infrastructure, UNIDO





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