



Introduction of the Forum, its Rationale and Goals

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Rationale

- ❑ Food regulatory decisions have far-reaching implications on the health, agriculture and trade agendas – regionally / globally.
- ❑ Africa's contribution to the global food and agri-food supply is increasingly relevant, considering its notable water and land resources.
- ❑ Commitments of African Leadership: priority given to food safety and SPS matters
- ❑ African food safety regulatory environment quickly changing with the development of Specialized Food / Food Safety Authorities Egypt, Nigeria, Ghana, Mauritania

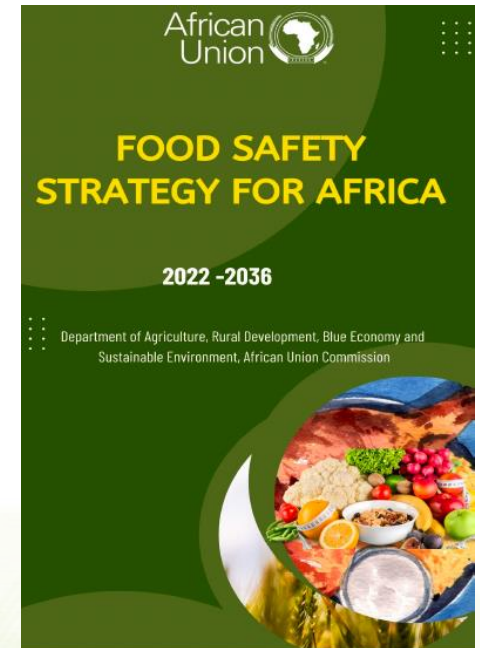


African Food Safety and Security Environment

Backdrop of the Implementation of Major African Initiatives:

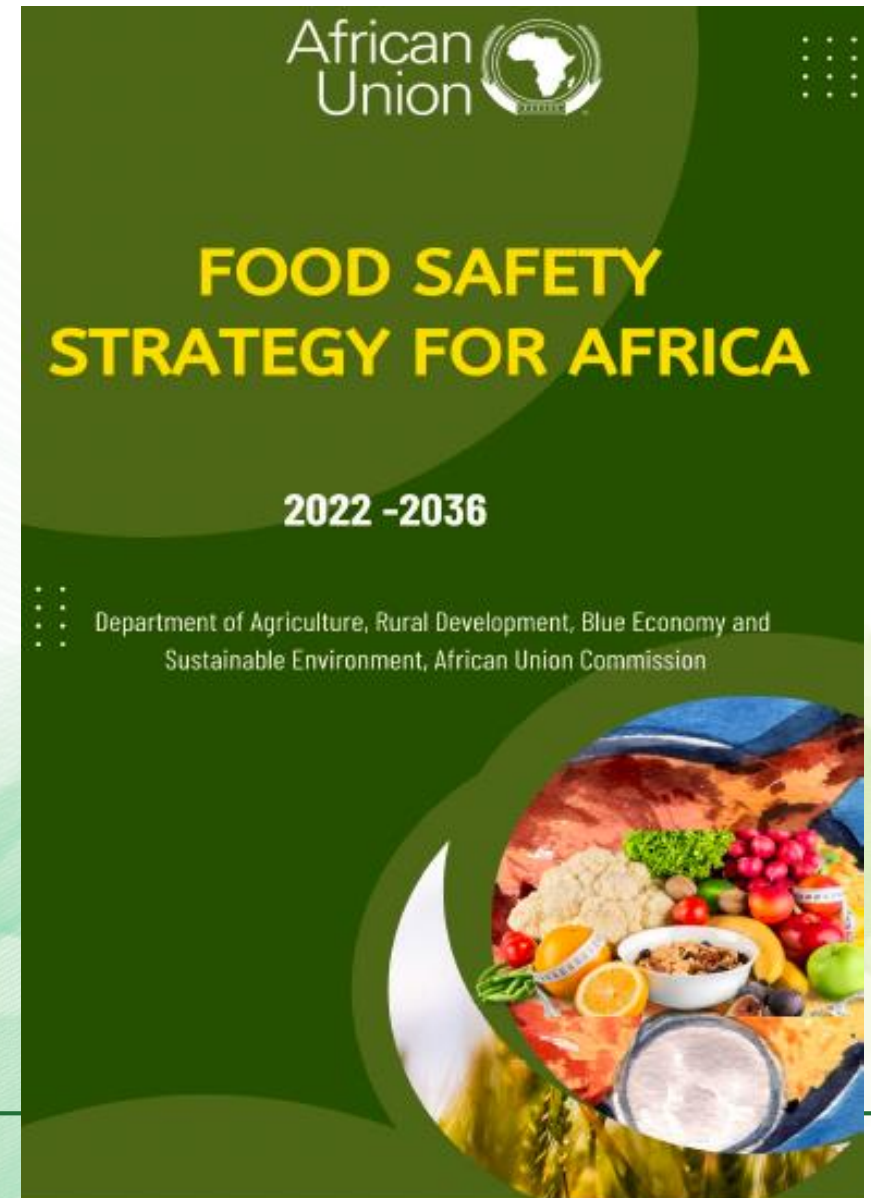
- African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- Africa Food Safety Strategy 2022-2036.
- FAO/WHO Codex Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA):

active development of continental guidance towards increase coordination and harmonization of food safety regulatory measures.



Food Safety Strategy for Africa 2022-2036

Major Alignment with Objectives and Planned Activities



Alignment with Strategic Objectives of Food Safety Strategy for Africa

❑ Strategic Objective 1

Strengthen Food Safety Policy, Legal and Institutional Frameworks:

- ❖ Strengthening Legal frameworks.
- ❖ Establishing sustainable coordination mechanisms among competent authorities.
- ❖ Support to the operationalization of the African Food Safety Agency.

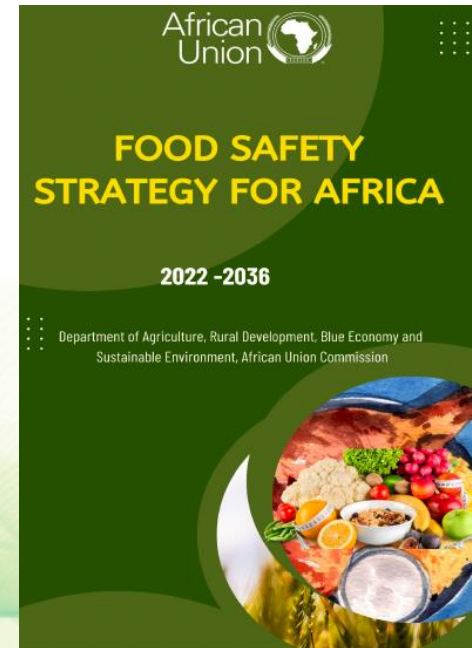
❑ Strategic Objective 4

Improve Trade and Market Access at National, Regional, Continental and Global Levels:

- ❖ Support compliance of food safety requirements and standards.
- ❖ Promote mutual recognition arrangements and system equivalence.

❑ Strategic Objective 6

Establish and Strengthen Coordination Mechanisms and Enhance Cooperation and Investments at National, Regional, Continental and Global Level.



Food Safety Strategy for Africa 2022-2036

To facilitate engagement and discussions among leaders of African food agencies and to start building a network of such agencies

Supporting Future Governance of AFSA

Forum open to:

All Food Competent Authorities newly formed or already established in the African continent



What We Hope to Accomplish



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- ❖ To address, collaboratively, common challenges faced by African food agencies (and internationally) with the potential of sharing resources.
- ❖ To shape an agenda of collaborative initiatives
- ❖ Work-sharing opportunities
- ❖ Contribution to forging a path forward for African food regulatory harmonization and integration as part of the implementation of AfCFTA
- ❖ To deliver on the AFSS commitments supporting the operation of a science-based and efficient food regulatory environment in Africa leading to:

“safer agri-food value chains across the continent, reduced foodborne disease burden in Africa, improved competitiveness of Africa’s food commodities for increased intra-African and global trade”



This meeting's discussions

- ❖ Lessons learnt from the creation of **unified food safety authorities** in the African continent
- ❖ Implementing changes in **African food safety frameworks** towards a **preventive strategies**
- ❖ Efforts towards setting **African food regulatory frameworks** based on food **risk analysis** principles
- ❖ Collaborative efforts in **Capacity Building Governance** of the African Food Safety Agency

Towards a sustainable and resilient Food Control Systems In Africa



THANK YOU

and WELCOME to the Inaugural Meeting of the African Food Regulatory Authorities Forum

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