

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN FOOD REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM (AFRAF)

Creating Synergies and Leveraging Resources

27 November 2025 – Webinar

AFRAF Was Created As ...



... A Vehicle to Promote:



Collaborative Food Regulatory Initiatives

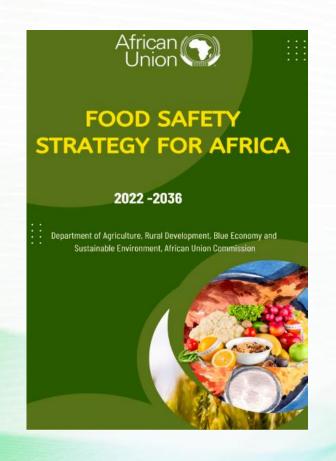
Resource Sharing / Work Sharing / Experience Sharing

Collaborative Capacity Building



The Opportunity

Favorable Drivers of Continental Food Regulatory Cooperation







Leveraging Existing Meetings to Gather African Food Regulators

- ☐ Aiming for a Large Food Regulators' Gathering:
 - 2-4 June 2026 in Cairo
- ☐ Leveraging Food Africa Expo:
 - 10-11 December 2025 in Cairo
- ☐ Webinars and Virtual Meetings as Needed





AFRAF Future Direction

A Voluntary, Non-Reporting Forum:

□ AFRAF to operate as a free, open platform for food regulatory cooperation in Africa.



- ☐ Independent, voluntary network of African food regulators.
- ☐ Focus on experience sharing, collaboration and alignment of regulatory systems.
- □Complements, but is not governed by, the forthcoming African Food Safety Agency (AFSA).



Rationale for the New Direction

- ☐ Builds on the Cairo Declaration (2023) and subsequent AFRAF virtual engagements.
- □ Allows flexible cooperation beyond formal structures.
- ☐ Encourages data sharing, risk analysis capacity, and joint regulatory science initiatives.

☐ Facilitates practical mechanisms: rotating leadership, thematic working groups, peer learning.



Upcoming AFRAF Meetings

- ☐ Technical Sessions on Food Regulatory Cooperation (Hybrid), on the margins of Food Africa 2025.
 - 10-11 December 2025 Cairo, Egypt



- □ AFRAF Regulators Meeting hosted by NFSA, bringing together all African food regulators.
 - 2-4 June 2026 Cairo, Egypt





The Second Meeting of the AFRAF





Two Open Themes





REGULATORY MODERNIZATION:

A Lever to Strengthen Resilience and Revitalize Traditional Agriculture

















Objectives of December 2025 Meeting

□ Discuss perspectives on maintaining AFRAF as a self-driven network.

□ Identify opportunities for strengthened collaboration and data exchange.

□ Explore mechanisms for sustainable engagement.

☐ Prepare for the June 2026 AFRAF meeting.





Key Messages for Today's Webinar



AFRAF remains a strategic platform for continental cooperation.



Renewed emphasis on voluntary collaboration and mutual support.



Clear roadmap of upcoming engagements.



Invitation for active participation and feedback from all members.



The KEY is Collaboration!





