Food Safety Risk Analysis Framework – A guide for National Food Safety Authorities

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have played a leading role in the development of the food safety risk analysis.

In 1991, the Joint FAO/WHO Conference on Food Standards, Chemicals in Food, and Food Trade recommended that the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) incorporate risk assessment principles into its decision-making process. Following that decision, FAO and WHO have developed with the help of many experts a Guide to improve food safety regulators’ understanding and use of risk analysis in national food safety frameworks. The presentation will introduce to participants some of key internationally agreed upon principles and a generic framework for application of the different components of risk analysis and therefore set the stage for the workshop which will be focused on one of three components of the risk analysis, the Risk Assessment.

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Dr. Jean Kamanzi holds a Doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine and a Master Degree in Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology from the University of Montreal (Canada) and a Diploma in International Studies and Cooperation from the University of Ottawa (Canada). He spent more than 20 years of his career in food safety with the Federal Government of Canada where he held various progressive positions of responsibility. He was a Member of the Canadian Delegation at the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene and served on numerous FAO/WHO Expert committees. Before leaving the Canadian Public Service, he held the position of Director, Food Safety Division at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. In 2009, he joined the World Bank where he initiated the Global Food Safety Partnership Program, negotiated with the US government and the industry the seed money to launch the Program and piloted the first World Bank training project under GFSP in China. In 2012, he joined the United Nations Food and Organization to manage the FAO food safety program for Africa.