



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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Title	National Conference on Capacity Building of Sustainable Food Value Chains for Enhanced Food Safety and Quality in Vietnam
Timing	31 March 2023–9 June 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	Vietnam
Venue City(ies)	Da Lat and Nha Trang
Modality	Hybrid In-country
Implementing Organization(s)	Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality
Participating Country(ies)	Vietnam
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	100
Closing Date	Not Applicable
Remarks	Timing and Duration are as below: - 31 March 2023 (one day) in Da Lat - 9 June 2023 (one day) in Nha Trang

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce and promote modern food safety and quality (FSQ) to modernize food value chains (FVCs) - Share the impact of modern FSQ processes in delivering affordable, nutritionally adequate, safe, healthy food - Enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the agrifood sector in Vietnam
Rationale	Sustainable food systems provide healthy food and nutritional security while limiting negative environmental impacts and improving socio-economic welfare. They are therefore protective and respectful of biodiversity and ecosystems, as well as human well-being and social equity. Food safety, quality, and innovation (FSQI) contribute directly to overall food system transformation to meet the SDGs.
Background	<p>Vietnam's food system benefits from its diverse climate and geology, which allows a large variety of nutritious, fresh food to be produced. Each region has distinctive, unique characteristics reflected in the living conditions of the people. Economic growth after 1986 brought significant changes to the traditional Vietnamese diet. Vietnam has significantly reduced food insecurity in rural areas. Increased incomes have led to a diversification of diets and decreased the daily caloric share of rice, which remains important.</p> <p>However, gaps such as complications in policy implementation, mislabeling of food, difficulty in assessing health and safety levels, unsustainable supply chain operation, low awareness of food safety and nutrition, climate change, and the invisible role of minorities and women in society remain challenges in Vietnam's food systems. This conference will address these issues and share best practices from other member economies.</p>
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced food safety management and technology - Advanced farming technologies - Applications of high-end technology for food-manufacturing, processing, and distribution systems - Applications of digitalization for FSQI and FVCs
Outcome	This conference will introduce and promote modern FSQI systems to modernize FVCs among SMEs, farmers, and key contributors in Vietnam; demonstrate the impact of modern FSQ processes; and enhance the NPO's capacity to support and enhance the competitiveness of the agrifood sector.
Qualifications	Policymakers, government officials, representatives of SMEs and agribusinesses, farmers, academics, consultants, and extension officers working on FSQ

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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