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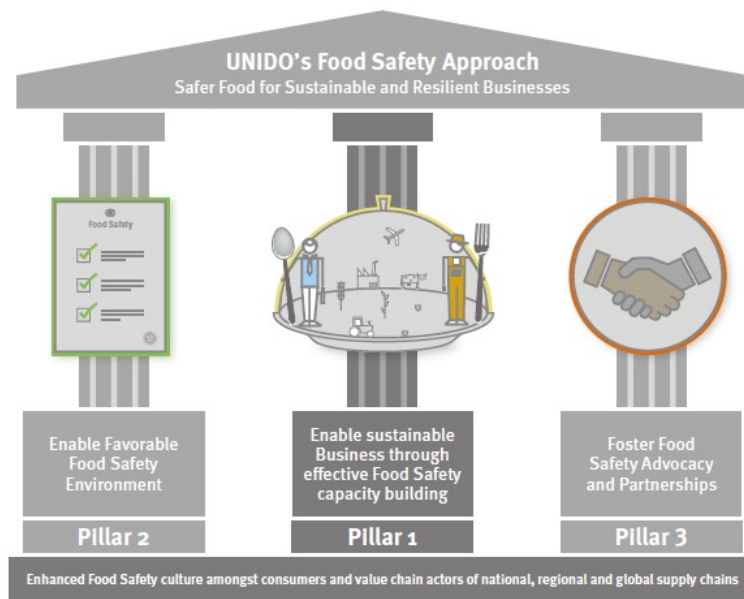
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UNIDO's Food Safety Approach



Pillar 1 –

Enable sustainable business through effective food safety capacity building



- Building block 1.1 – Tailored and Scalable Food Safety schemes adopted by value chain operators
- Building block 1.2 – Enhanced and Sustained Local Food Safety Competencies along the value chain

Pillar 2 –

Enable favourable Food Safety Environment



- Building block 2.1 – Collaborative Inter-agency Environment to support Food Safety regulatory frameworks
- Building block 2.2 – Tailored food safety related conformity assessment services developed to enhance food safety compliance

Pillar 3 –

Foster Food Safety Advocacy and Partnerships



- Building block 3.1 – Private Sector Engagement facilitated in Global, Regional and National Food Safety Partnerships





Context on public-private partnership

- Limited public funding for inspection triggered the necessity for public-private partnership, first piloted in the United Kingdom
- Adoption of the Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of voluntary Third-Party Assurance (vTPA) Programmes (CXG 93-2021)
- UNIDO's engagement with private sector, including food safety service providers



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UNIDO voluntary Third-Party Assurance project in West Africa (Mali and Senegal)

- **Objective:** Use of voluntary standards for data-driven regulatory decision-making through a partnership approach
- **Outcome:** optimizing public resources by focusing higher risk sectors
- Possible upscaling in the ECOWAS region





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Tools developed for the vTPA

vTPA Readiness Check



vTPA Assessment Tool





The assessment process using the tool

Preparation Phase

1. Formation of Committee
2. Approach vTPA owner
3. Initial Agreement
4. Feasibility Study
5. Feedback to vTPA owner
6. Outcome

Assessment Phase

7. Assessment of:
 - Governance Arrangements
 - Certification Bodies
 - Standard Setting Process
 - Conformity Assessment
 - Management of Non-Conformity
 - Data Sharing

Post Assessment Phase

- Decision-Making
- Feedback to vTPA owner
- Agreement
- Information Sharing
- Data Management
- On-going Verification



Pilot of the vTPA Assessment Tool

- Guided training programme for regulators on the process and principles how to assess a vTPA programme
- Follows a methodology based on the Codex Guidelines criteria
- Piloted in Egypt in January 2023 in collaboration with the UK FSA

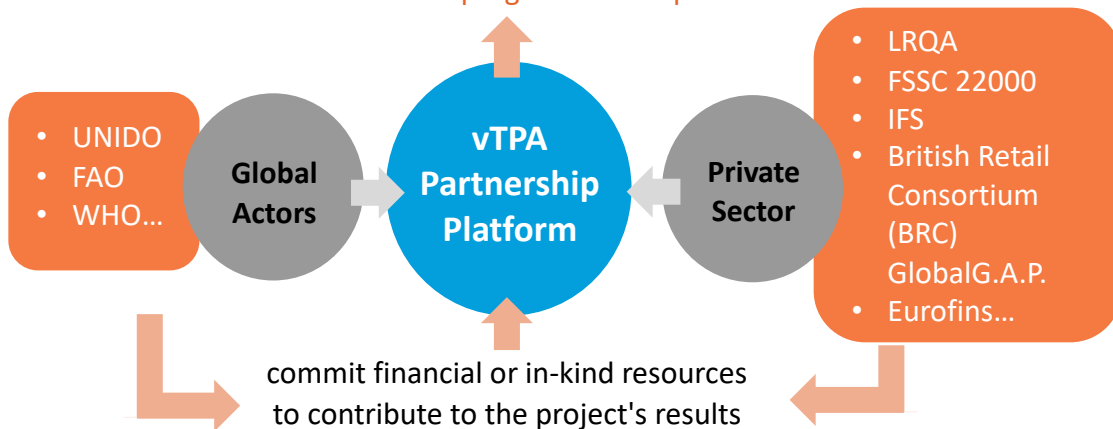




vTPA Partnership Platform

A vTPA partnership platform has been established by UNIDO to mobilize expertise and resources under the West Africa and the Central America vTPA projects.

Purpose: improve current SPS practices and the capacities of relevant stakeholders. This, in turn, improves the quality and delivery mechanism of the vTPA programs in the pilot countries.



The platform currently

has **19** members

meets **3** times/year

Since October 2022, members have met six times, five of them virtually and one in person, as part of the activities of the Vienna Food Safety Forum.



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Multi-stakeholder initiative on global benchmarking framework

Facilitated by UNIDO



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Objectives

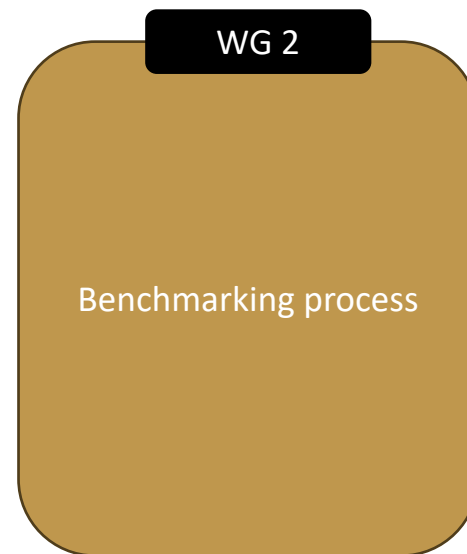
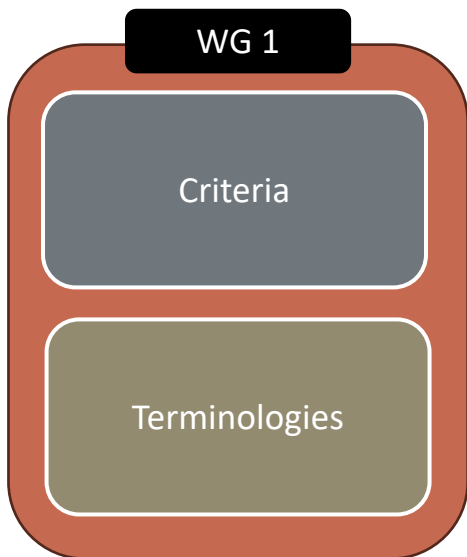




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Electronic Working Groups





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Hybrid meeting of the benchmarking initiative

Purpose: dialogue on the following actions related to the benchmarking initiative

Date: 9 June 2025

Venue: Vienna International Center





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Vienna Food Safety Forum

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The Potential of Digitalization

10-12 June, 2025



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Objectives of the event

1. Knowledge sharing on digital solutions and approaches on their successful deployment
2. Supporting regulators for the identification of international best practices to develop Codex guidelines and principles
3. Facilitating dialogue between industry as well as regulators on defining mutual benefits – focusing on data sharing



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Event details:

Vienna Food **20** **SF** Safety Forum **25**



Location



Board Room D, Vienna International
Centre, Vienna, Austria

General event information

- **Room Capacity:** 345 seats
- **Translation:** English, French and Spanish
- **Event format:** In person with streaming on 3 languages

Participants

- Food safety regulatory authorities
- International Organizations
- Private sector representatives from food industry
- Members of the Global Food Safety entities
- International experts in food safety
- Digital exposition with solution provider
- Engagement with tech companies

Date:

June 10-12 noon, 2025 – open to public
June 9, 12 afternoon, 13 2025 – by invitation



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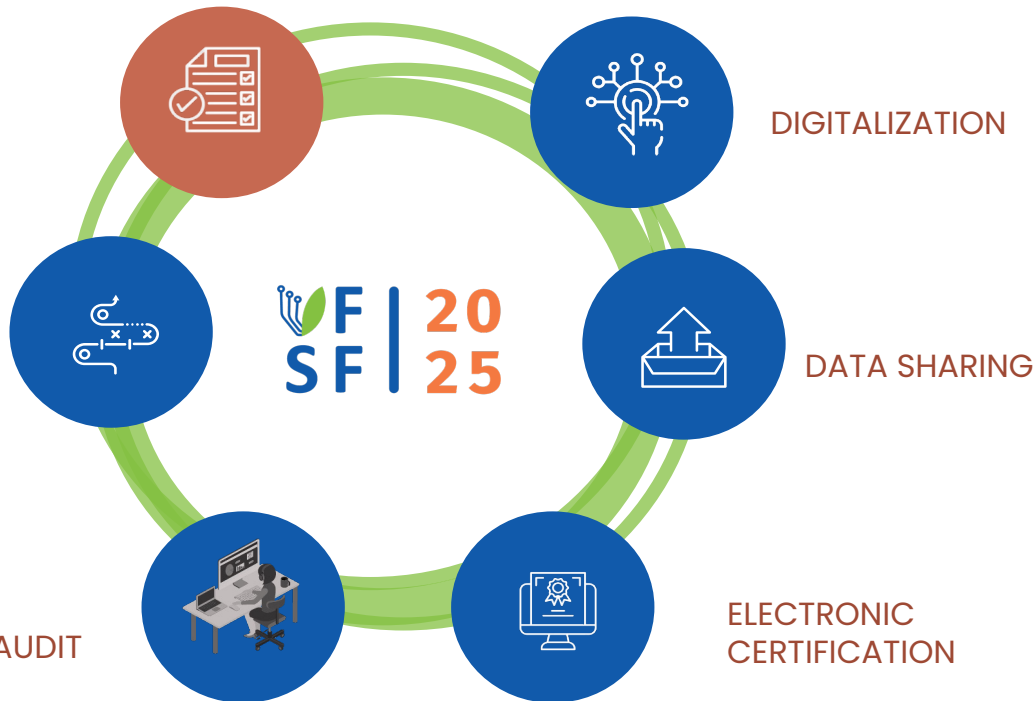
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FOOD SAFETY
REGULATORY REFORMS

TRACEABILITY



REMOTE AUDIT





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