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The Food Safety Cooperation Forum and New Zealand's APEC 2021 Policy Priorities

Purpose: Information
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Context

- Focus on economic recovery post COVID-19
- Addressing regional trends, transformations and challenges
- Implementing the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040
- The role of the FSCF to facilitate trade in food while protecting public health and safety



1. Economic and Trade Policies that Strengthen Recovery

- Macro-economic actions and structural reform
- Free and open trade and investment
- Trade facilitation and connectivity

In 2021, APEC will need to:

- Take urgent steps to respond to the COVID-19 health and economic crisis
- Agree a new APEC agenda on structural reform
- Undertake a mid-term review of the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap
- Take practical steps to support the WTO ahead of MC12
- Agree a way forward on FTAAP
- Implement the Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods

2. Increasing Inclusion and Sustainability for Recovery

- Policy foundations for an inclusive and sustainable recovery
- Opportunities to advance inclusion and unlock potential
- Measures to incentivise sustainability, support green recovery and tackle climate change

In 2021, APEC will need to:

- Conclude 2021 AEPR on Structural Reform and the Future of Work
- Develop a new food security roadmap
- Implement the La Serena Roadmap for Women and Inclusive Growth
- Further advance APEC's inclusion agenda
- Strengthen work to address our most serious environmental challenges

3. Pursuing Innovation and a Digitally-Enabled Recovery

- Advancing digital inclusion, infrastructure and green technology
- Digitally-enabled business and trade
- Structural reform to support innovation

In 2021, APEC will need to:

- Implement the APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap work program
- Prepare our workforces for the digital age
- Increase the uptake of green technologies
- Take steps to digitally-enable business and trade
- Promote innovation and competition
- Respond to new technologies

Purpose of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum



- Enhancing food safety and encouraging use of international food safety standards and best practices are key factors for improving public health and safety and facilitating trade in food for APEC member economies
- The FSCF will identify, prioritise and coordinate capacity-building activities in APEC, including the needs of developing member economies, taking into account other capacity building activities in the region.

Goals of FSCF

- Transparent information-sharing and communication networks that provide accurate and timely information to consumers and producers on food safety.
- Food safety regulatory systems within economies, including food inspection/assurance and certification systems that:
 - are consistent with members' rights and obligations under the World Trade Organisation Agreements on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) ; and
 - are harmonized, to the extent possible, with international standards (such as Codex, OIE, IPPC).
- Enhanced skills and human resource capacities to enable the development of domestic food safety regulatory frameworks that are harmonized with international standards.

Links between host priorities and FSCF purpose and goals

- Promoting trade and economic policies that strengthen recovery through trade facilitation and connectivity
 - Trade facilitation through maximum residue limits for pesticides
 - Food Safety Modernisation Framework to facilitate trade
 - Supporting the Agreements on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade
- Pursuing Innovation and a Digitally-Enabled Recovery through Digitally-enabled business and trade
 - Sanitary and Phytosanitary document digitisation

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