AG-EXCHANGE EVENT ON FOOD SAFETY

The Office of Agriculture Research and Policy/Bureau for Food Security at USAID is hosting a day and half e-consultation on Food Safety June 20-21. The purpose of the e-consultation is to provide a forum whereby the public (Title XII institutions, the international research community, Missions) can discuss key constraints and research priorities in food safety and the overall food safety needs, concerns and gaps/researchable questions in Feed the Future countries. BFS may use this public input to 1) identify the missing links/weakness in the global research/evidence base for food safety 2) evaluate our existing research portfolio to assess the needs for research in food safety to ensure successful implementation of the U.S. Global Food Security Strategy 3) should we identify a need for a new research on food safety this white paper will inform the design of a new research program that is focused on food safety that will contribute to poverty reduction, improved nutritional outcomes and overall health in an environmentally sustainable manner.

BFS in collaboration with Dr. Delia Grace from ILRI developed a white paper that is meant to frame the discussion. Please plan to contribute to the discussion and share with your network, we specially appreciate any thoughts that has a researchable question/s associated with them and we would appreciated any citation to any references that strengthen the argument you make. To learn more and to access the materials please sign up in Agrilinks.org

Food Safety at USAID

There are different resources and working groups available at USAID to stay informed and involved

- USG Food Safety working Group
  - POC: Angela Records
- USAID/USDA/FDA Food Safety Network
  - POC: Kelley Cormier and Lourdes Martinez Romero
- USG Global Nutrition Coordination Plan Sub-working group on Food Safety
  - POC: Ahmed Kablan
- Innovation labs with food safety components
  - Post-Harvest Loss reduction Innovation lab @KSU
  - Food Processing IL @ Purdue
  - Integrated Pest Management Lab @ Virginia Tech
  - PMIL @ UGA