APEC Partnership Training Institute Network
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Introduction

• Rising concern about food safety
• Need to improve regulator and manufacturer technical competence in the region
• In 2007, APEC Leaders acknowledged progress in food safety through establishment of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum under the Sub Committee for Standards and Conformance but issued instructions for further work:
“We agreed on the need to develop a more robust approach to strengthening food and consumer product safety standards and practices in the region, using scientific risk based approaches and without creating unnecessary impediments to trade. **Additional capacity building in this area is a priority.** We directed Ministers to undertake further work in this important area and report on progress.”

-APEC Economic Leaders, Sydney, Australia 9 September 2007
Introduction

- The Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN) for Food Safety was proposed to respond to this direction from Leaders.
- In November 2008, APEC Leaders acknowledged the importance of food safety and endorsed the newly established PTIN:

“We reaffirmed our commitment to improve food and product safety standards and practices to facilitate trade and ensure the health and safety of our populations. We endorsed the work of the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum’s Partnership Training Institute Network and called on Ministers to take additional steps to enhance food and product safety next year”.

-APEC Economic Leaders, Lima, Peru 22-23 November 2008
PTIN Overview

• **Established** by the Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC) under the authority of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum (FSCF)

• **Tripartite structure**, with the Steering Group and Network composed of government, industry, and academic food experts

• **Will build upon and enhance existing resources in the region** to create a network of institutes with the capacity to conduct training in international best practices in food safety
Strategic Goals

• **Strategic Goals:**
  – To better assure the safety of the food supply chain in the APEC region
  – To build capacity based upon the use of international standards and best practices in food safety

• **Strategic Goals to be Achieved by:**
  – Supporting and assisting APEC Member Economies in designing and implementing projects consistent with FSCF Priorities
  – Creating a network of food safety institutes and trainers in the APEC region focused on a core food safety management curricula
Expected Timeline

• A sustained, multi-year capacity building initiative

• Pilot projects developed and implemented in 2009 and 2010

• It is envisioned that, starting in 2011, the program will operate as a fully functioning on-going food safety network
Status Report

Past Events
• Steering Group developed Operational Plan
• Hot Issues in Risk Analysis Workshop, Singapore
• Co-hosted dinner with World Bank on food safety
• Roundtable on Export Certificates - Australia

Currently Planned or Proposed 2010 PTIN Events
• Expert Working Group, May 19, Washington, DC
• Managing Food Emergencies, Sept, Japan
• Assuring Food Safety in the Supply Chain, Oct, China
Opportunities for Engagement

- Participation in PTIN events and workshops
- Proposing food safety events in APEC through the PTIN
- Use of PTIN Network for input or speakers for food safety events