

Training Course on “Food Safety Analysis”

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Welcoming Remarks by Director General of SESRIC

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
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- I am pleased to welcome you all to this training course on “Food Safety Analysis”, which we organize within the framework of SESRIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB).
- Let me, at the outset, express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Mohammad Salim bin DULATTI, Senior Director for Food Safety and Quality at the Ministry of Health Malaysia, for accepting our invitation and nominating Ms. Nur Hidayah JAMALUDIN, Senior Assistant Director of Food Safety and Quality Division to provide this important training course for the benefit of participants from the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture of the Republic of Maldives and Maldives Food and Drug Authority.
- I would like also to express my deep thanks and appreciations to Her Excellency Ms. Zaha WAHEED, Minister of Fisheries, Marine

Resources and Agriculture in Maldives for accepting our proposal to organize this training course online for the benefit of the staff of these Esteemed Institutions.

- In fact, we initially planned to organize this training course physically through sending an expert to Maldives. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic and in an attempt to respond to this extraordinary situation, we preferred not to postpone this training to a later date. Therefore, today I am glad to see this training course is conducting virtually through a distance-learning platform.

Dear Participants,

- Food safety plays an important role in protecting public health through reducing foodborne illnesses. This, in turn, contributes to the socio-economic well-being of the societies. In view of raising awareness on the significant role of food safety and considering the fact that this goes hand in hand with food waste and losses, which unfortunately stands as a critical challenge to many OIC countries, we need to act and take further steps towards ensuring effective food control systems.
- In this context, understanding the related technical concepts of food safety-risk analysis is essential not only to produce or manufacture

high quality goods and products, but also to comply with the standards and regulations of the international and national markets. The adequate and well-structured food safety-risk analysis techniques can effectively support the ability of traditional food safety systems to meet the evolving challenges and their consequences on the food supply chain.

- Here, I would like to mention that in recognition of the need for enhancing the human resources capacities of the relevant national institutions of our MCs in the domain of agriculture and food security, many years ago, SESRIC has initiated the OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB).
- This Programme aims at contributing to and supporting the efforts of OIC MCs towards achieving sustainable agricultural development and food security. Within the framework of this programme, we organise short-term training courses (like this one), training workshops, and study visits on a wide range of technical aspects such as efficient techniques of land, irrigation and water resources management and livestock management, fisheries and aquaculture and food security.
- I believe that this training course will make a positive impact and will add value to the work and expertise of the participants through

providing them the needed technical capacities for conducting food safety-risk analysis and assessment as well as a knowledge on international guidelines and standards of food safety.

- Before concluding, I would like to thank you all once again and wish you a fruitful exchange of experiences and a successful training throughout the upcoming days.

Thank you, Wassalamualeykum.