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UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF FSAE

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MABROUK

- **GOOD PROGRESS SINCE THE REPORT “*SHORT TERM CONSULTANCY TO REVIEW A PROPOSED NATIONAL FOOD AGENCY FOR EGYPT,*” JULY 2007**
- **GOOD PROGRESS BY THE WORKING GROUPS**
- **WE ARE AT A “TIPPING POINT” IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FSAE**
- **YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS WORKSHOP IS VITAL TO FSAE’S DEVELOPMENT**



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- **THE HEADINGS IN THIS PRESENTATION ARE TAKEN FROM:**

“Establishing the Food Safety Authority of Egypt (FSAE)” Summary Information and Progress Report, December 2007



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SUGGESTED FSAE MISSION STATEMENT:

- **“The Food Safety Authority of Egypt (FSAE) is an open and independent authority to protect consumers’ health and consumers’ interests by ensuring that food consumed, distributed, marketed or produced in Egypt meets the highest standards of food safety and hygiene.”**

QUESTIONS:

- **Does it cover all of the functions of FSAE?**
- **Is this acceptable for Egypt?**



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EXAMPLES OF MISSION STATEMENTS:

- **EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY (EFSA)**
www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/efsa_locale-1178620753812_home.html
- **FDA**
www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/mission.html
- **Saudi FDA**
www.sfda.gov.sa/En/Home/Topics/about/Mission.htm
- **ABU DHABI FOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY (ADFCA)**
www.adfca.ae/en/AboutUs/VisionMission.htm



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FSAE OBJECTIVES:

- **QUESTION:** CAN FSAE'S WORK CONTRIBUTE TO:
- **PUBLIC HEALTH --- IMPROVED**
- **ECONOMICS OF ENTIRE FOOD CHAIN --- IMPROVED**
- **TOURISM --- IMPROVED**
- **FOOD EXPORTS --- IMPROVED --- LOWER REJECTION RATES**
- **FOOD IMPORTS --- IMPROVED**



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FSAE OBJECTIVES (Continued):

- **FOOD INDUSTRY --- CONSISTENT FOOD SAFETY GUIDELINES / REGULATIONS BASED ON RISK ASSESSMENT --- IMPROVED**
- **AGRICULTURE --- GAP --- IMPROVED**
- **FOOD WHOLESALE & RETAIL --- IMPROVED**
- **EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION ON INTERNATIONAL FOOD SAFETY ISSUES --- IMPROVED**
- **QUESTION: ARE THESE REALISTIC OBJECTIVES?**



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FUNCTIONS OF FSAE

- **FOOD LAWS & REGULATIONS --- create and implement**
- **FOOD INSPECTION SERVICE --- professional, transparent, equitable**
- **FOOD LABORATORIES --- professional staff, modern equipment, internationally accredited**
- **OUTREACH --- electronic and print information**



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OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

- **9 DEPARTMENTS:**
 - FOOD INSPECTIONS
 - AUDIT, COMPLIANCE, ENFORCEMENT
 - LABORATORIES
 - LEGAL AFFAIRS
 - REGULATIONS DEVELOPMENT
 - PRE-MARKET APPROVAL
 - INFORMATION / EDUCATION
 - FINANCE
 - HUMAN RESOURCES



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FSAE: FACILITIES

- **BUILDINGS & OFFICES**
- **LABORATORIES**
- **CONFERENCES / TRAINING**
- **ACCESSIBILITY**
 - **ELECTRONIC AND PRINT**
 - **TRANSLATORS / INTERPRETERS**



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FSAE: BUDGET

- **DETAILS ARE IN THE HANDOUT:**
- **BETTER INSPECTION SERVICE AT A LOWER COST USING FEWER INSPECTORS ON HIGHER PAY**
- **USING EXISTING HIGH-QUALITY LABS IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE THAN BUILDING / EQUIPPING NEW FSAE LABS**



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FSAE: TIMELINES

- **PLEASE REVIEW AND COMMENT ON TIMELINES IN THE HANDOUT**
- **THESE ARE VERY SHORT TIMELINES. IT IS BEST TO HAVE THEM THIS WAY.**
- **YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN REVIEWING CURRENT AND FUTURE ISSUES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FSAE IS IMPORTANT.**



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- **QUESTIONS / COMMENTS**
- **SHUKRAAN**