

Welcome note

FAO/WHO/AU First International Food Safety Conference (IFSC)

**12-13 February 2019
African Union Commission
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Dear Participants,

Welcome to Addis Ababa to join us for the First FAO/WHO/AU International Food Safety Conference on 12-13 February 2019 at the African Union Headquarters. We are pleased to welcome your attendance to the meeting.

I. Venue

The First FAO/WHO/AU International Food Safety Conference will be held on 12-13 February 2019 at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. All plenary sessions will be held in the Nelson Mandela Hall in the New Building.

II. Registration

Access on the AU premises and to the AU Conference Center will be allowed only for conference participants. Participants will be picked from their hotels and dropped at the Main AU Entrance by Ethio-Nippon side. Only participants with badges will be able to enter the AU compound. Please pick up badges at your hotels. If not, badges will also be distributed at the main gate. Please bring an official photo identification with you to receive your badges for entrance into the AU compound.

III. Conference Nature and Interpretation

The conference will mostly be paperless; printouts of documents will NOT be provided. kindly bring your laptops to access the conference documents at: <https://www.who.int/food-safety/international-food-safety-conference/background-documents/>. Simultaneous interpretation and conference materials will be provided in all AU and UN official languages.

IV. Transportation and pick-up schedules

All participants will be picked up from the following hotels on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 at **7:30 AM**:

- Dreamliner Hotel
- Nexus Hotel
- Friendship International Hotel
- Elilly International Hotel
- Harmony Hotel
- Addissinia Hotel
- Hilton Hotel

Please be at the reception of your hotels at **7:15 AM**. Coaster buses, with the meeting title, will be parked outside your hotel. Please note that the buses will leave at **7:30 AM** sharp. All participants will be dropped off at their hotels at the end of each conference day.

V. Catering

The meeting will include a buffet lunch, coffee, tea and refreshments on both days of the Conference. A Conference welcoming cocktail will be organized at the venue at **19:30 PM** on **12 February 2019 at the AU Multipurpose Hall**.