International Communication and Engagement for FSMA
FDA FSMA Technical Assistance Network

• Launched FDA’s FSMA Technical Assistance Network on September 10, 2015
  o Provide technical assistance to industry, regulators, academia, and consumers regarding FSMA
  o Address questions related to FSMA rules, programs, and implementation

• Collaborate with external technical resources, e.g. Alliances, Extension Specialists, Universities, International Counterparts.

• Inquiries may be submitted through a web form or by mail. The web-form can be accessed on the FDA website’s main FSMA page, www.fda.gov/FSMA: scroll down to the bottom of the FSMA page to “Contact us” and click on “How to Contact FDA on FSMA”.
**FSMA – How are we engaging?**

- **FSMA Outreach:** FDA Outreach Meetings and Webinars - [http://www.fda.gov/fsma](http://www.fda.gov/fsma)

- **Alliances:** Food Safety Preventive Controls, Produce Safety, and Sprout Safety

- **FSMA Readiness Programs:** Food and Agriculture Sustainability Training (FAST)
FSMA – How can you engage?

Alliances related to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

- Sprout Safety Alliance
  FDA, in cooperation with the Illinois Institute of Technology’s Institute for Food Safety and Health (IT IFSH), has created the Sprouts Safety Alliance (SSA) to help sprout producers in identifying and implementing best practices in the safe production of sprouts. February 2012

- Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance
  FDA, in cooperation with the Institute for Food Safety and Health, has created the Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance to develop training courses and materials to help industry, particularly small- and medium-sized companies, comply with the upcoming preventive control rules. December 2011

- Produce Safety Alliance
  The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) issues a call for farmers, researchers, state officials, produce industry experts and others interested in produce safety to join an Alliance working committee. For more information, visit the Produce Safety Alliance press release. April 2011
PURPOSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES:

- To develop and disseminate outreach, education, and technical materials, and
- To establishment of training and technical assistance networks

IN A MANNER THAT IS:

- Is consistent with domestic efforts, and
- Considers cultural, political, religious, economic, technological, and language differences and needs
- How can you engage?

FSPCA INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

• Training Content Working Group
  • Educational Review Teams (for translations)
• Trainer Network Working Group
• Technical Assistance Working Group

Interested in joining a Work Group of the International Subcommittee?
Send an email to fspca@iit.edu. Include your name, title, organization, job description, and reason for interest. Clearly indicate which Work Group you’d like to join, and you’ll be contacted within two weeks regarding your participation.
How do I find a Preventive Controls for Human Food (PCHF) participant course?

• Go to http://www.iit.edu/ifsh/alliance/ for a list of available courses.
• Successfully completing this course is one way industry can meet the requirements for a “preventive controls qualified individual.”

How do I become a Lead Instructor (LI) PCHF?

• Must have the adequate education, work experience, and food safety training experience detailed on the website.
• Complete an online application to become a LI at http://www.iit.edu/ifsh/alliance/. If approved by the FSPCA LI Selection Committee, successfully complete a PCHF participant course and a lead instructor course.
• Independently market and offer PCHF participants courses per Alliance administrative requirements.

How do I become a Trainer of Trainers (TOT)?

• Highly skilled and knowledgeable about food safety systems and FDA’s PCHF regulation
• Must have successfully completed PCHF Participants Course and LI Course, be fluent in regional language and have excellent English comprehension.
• Complete a short, on-line application available at https://ifpti26.wildapricot.org/totapp/ for review by the FSPCA Steering Committee Review Board.
• If approved, instruct an LI Course with a recognized TOT, then receive a TOT Certificate and be added to the approved TOT roster.
• Instruct PCHF LI courses under the oversight of the FSPCA.
Additional Questions About FSMA?

• Web site: [www.fda.gov/fsma](http://www.fda.gov/fsma)

• Subscription feature available

• To submit a question about FSMA, visit [www.fda.gov/fsma](http://www.fda.gov/fsma) and go to **Contact Us**