THE FUTURE OF FOOD SAFETY AUDITING THINK TANK

FOOD SAFETY SUMMIT
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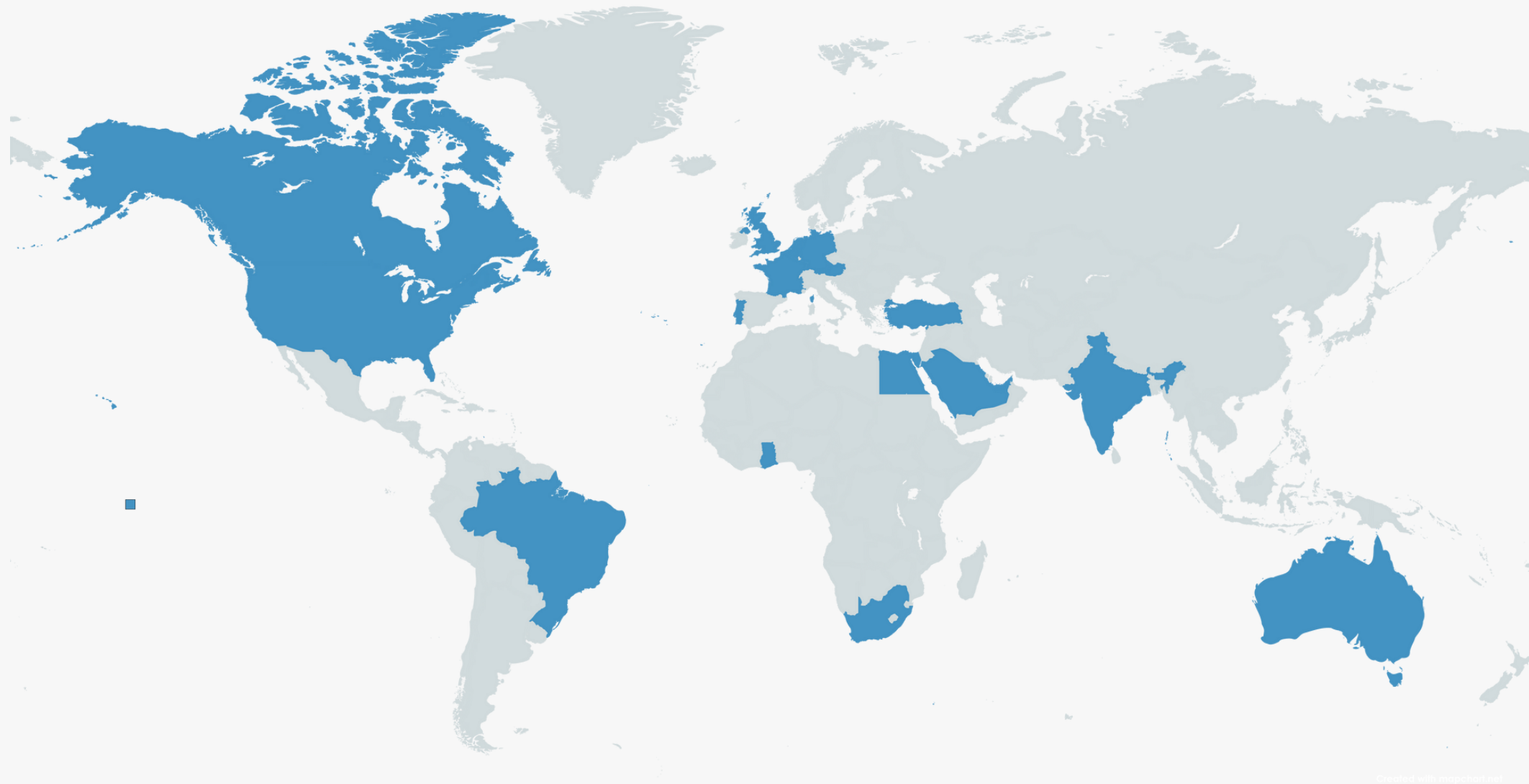# CONTENT

The Future is Now…

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WHY

The Future of Food Safety Auditing Think Tank

To support interested parties and governing organizations in improving and shaping the discipline's future.
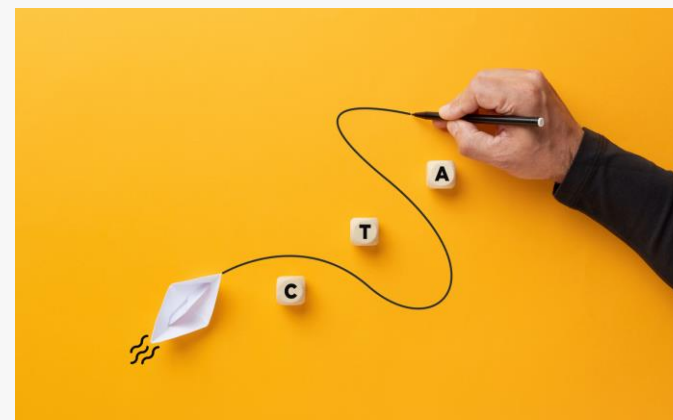
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HOW

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- India
- Portugal
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa
- The Netherlands
- Turkey
- UAE
- UK
- USA

Over **35 participants** with an average of **twenty-five years** of professional experience.

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HOW

SWOT Analysis

a clear snapshot of where food safety auditing stands

Brainstorming

a deep dive into the potential root causes of the most pressing issues

Solutions and Recommendations

a critical evaluation and selection of ideas that promise the highest potential impact

Call to Action

a framework for targeted and coherent strategies to emerge

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STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- A science and risk-based approach

- An objective assessment

- A streamlined process

- Accessible information

- Collaboration

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PRIORITIZED ISSUES & ROOT CAUSES

Classified into 3 groups.

GROUP 1 DESIGN OF SCHEMES AND AUDIT PROGRAMS	**GROUP 2** UNDERSTANDING OF FSMS, R&R, AND VALUE OF AUDITS
GROUP 3 IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES AND AUDIT PROGRAMS	

FSMS: Food Safety Management System
R&R: Roles and Responsibilities

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DESIGN

1. Focus on Continuous Improvement

2. Requirements and Change Management

3. Reporting and Digitalization

4. Harmonization of Approaches

5. Governance and Integrity Programs

6. Expectations of Auditors

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UNDERSTANDING

1. Certification Goals

2. Perceived Value and ROI of Audits

3. R&R in Continuous Improvement

4. Value of Internal Audits

5. Change Management

6. Digitalization and ROI

ROI:Return on Investment
R&R: Roles and Responsibilities

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IMPLEMENTATION

Business Model

1. Competition Between Players

2. Profit-driven Practices

3. Conflict of Interest

4. Economic Impact of Complexity

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IMPLEMENTATION

Resources

1. Auditor Turnover and Scarcity

2. Capacity Building and Training

3. Experience and Competence

4. Compensation and Workload

5. Use of Digital Tools

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RECOMMENDATIONS

GOVERNANCE

- Evaluate the cost of complexity

- Strengthen transparency and inclusiveness

- Revisit integrity programs

- Implicate CPOs in setting benchmarking requirements for auditors

- Improve the process for management of changes

- Enhance stakeholder management protocols

CPOs: Certification Program Owners

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REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING

- Simplify requirements and adopt a risk-based approach

- Strengthen the round table around requirements and reporting

- Implement a risk-based approach in auditing

- Consider the user needs in reporting

- Review auditor qualifications and auditing process for value creation

PROFESSION

- Establish a holistic training program

- Promote the auditing function

- Focus on soft skills when recruiting

- Create a protocol to encourage career moves

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Automate audit reports

- Promote the use of new technologies

- Standardize data and reporting formats

- Benchmark with other industries

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MINDSET

- Align all stakeholders on the purpose of audits

- Redefine and promote the value of audits

- Strengthen Food Safety culture assessment

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SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

THANK YOU

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