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THEME: TOWARDS A SAFER FOOD SUPPLY FOR AFRICA

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INTRODUCTION

The 2nd African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFFP) took place from the 12th – 14th December, 2023 at the Erata Hotel in Accra, Ghana. The conference provided a forum for presentations and discussions of food safety issues pertinent to Africa from academic, research, industry, regional policy makers, consumers and developing partners perspectives. It was attended by approximately 102 delegates from 5 countries in Africa. Although the conference was mainly an in-person one, opportunity was given for online participation by a few participants. The conference was organized by the African Continental Association for Food Protection in collaboration with its major partners – The African Union Commission, the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP). The format of the conference involved a mixture of keynote speeches, presentations on topical issues related to the subthemes and a panel discussion plus plenty of time for formal and informal networking.

The African Continental Association for Food Protection (ACAFFP), an affiliate of International Association for Food Protection (IAFP), is geared towards advancing food safety on the African continent. The goal of ACAFFP is to connect food safety professionals, policy makers, food value chain actors and students on the continent of Africa and around the world. The association represents members from industry, government, international organizations, research and academia from several countries in Africa, USA, Canada, Britain and other parts of the world with keen interest to promote food safety and protect food supplies in Africa. ACAFFP provides a platform for connecting for various categories of stakeholders such as farmers, researchers, students, food industry practitioners, educators, government officials, quality control and health professionals involved in food production, storing, transporting, processing, preparation and regulation as well as foodborne disease control. ACAFFP also provides its members and the general African population with food safety educational information, career opportunities and other food safety related resources.

In this context, the ACAFFP's activities align with the sustainable and safe food production and supply initiatives on the African Continent. Accordingly, the 2nd ACAFFP Food Safety Conference for Africa was held under the theme 'Towards a safer food supply for Africa'. The three days conference comprised three keynote presentations, four plenary presentations, one learning event, one panel discussion, and 60 technical presentations. The technical presentations were structured under five sub-themes namely, (1) Innovative capacity-building approaches to food safety in Africa; (2) Integration of food safety with food and nutrition security in Africa; (3) Implementing one health approach for food safety in Africa; (4) Food safety policies and regulations in Africa; and (5) Technological advances in food safety. The conference was attended in-person by 102 participants mainly from Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. An online (hybrid) platform was provided for 20 speakers who could not join the event in-person. A summary of the conference activities is presented in the next sections.

CONFERENCE DAY ONE

OPENING SESSION

The first day of the conference featured the opening session which was moderated by Mr. Ibrahim Kwame Asante from the CSIR - Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (CSIR-STEPRI). Prof. Joseph Odumeru – the ACAFP President welcome the participants and highlighted the goals of ACAFP as an Association and underscored that, among others, the Association aims to connect food value chain actors with government, academia, and students. He added that the Association provides an avenue for people in various food safety programmes to share ideas on improving food safety in Africa and globally. He indicated that the food safety conference supports the AU’s Malabo Declaration of Ending Hunger by 2025 and Sustainable Development Goal 2 of Zero Hunger by 2030. He concluded by thanking all the conference sponsors including GBFoods Africa, African Union, Cargill, Voltic Natural Mineral Water, and Joy Business.

In the same session, good will messages were presented by the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP), African Regional Office of the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), GBFoods and the African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources-AU-IBAR). The president of IAFP, Dr. Tim Jackson encouraged participants to take advantage of the conference to connect and network. He informed participants of the Students Travel Award to the 2024 IAFP Annual Meeting and encouraged students to apply by January 23rd, 2024, through the IAFP website. Dr. David Phiri, Special Adviser to the ADG/Regional Representative of the FAO highlighted that non-compliance with food safety requirements results in huge economic and health costs. He thus underscored the call to action to everyone to do their part to ensure that the food served to our families meet good quality and safety standards. He also reminded everyone that there are demands for technological innovations; hence, more innovative technologies should be developed to increase trading and quality to ensure food safety.

Prof. James Wabacha, speaking on behalf of the Director of AU-IBAR expressed gratitude to ACAFP and the LOC for organizing such an important conference. He added that Africa stands at a critical junction where ensuring the health of its people is paramount; hence, he recommended the use of digital technology including the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to ensure the effectiveness of food safety interventions. He stressed the need for Africa not to relent in its efforts towards ensuring food safety. He commended the leadership of ACAFP for fostering partnerships in administering safe foods for Africa to safeguard the health of the population. The Marketing Director of GBFoods, Mr. Samuel Derry highlighted how safety and quality are embedded in the food safety policy of their organisation and encouraged all participants to take an active role in the conference as it provides a good platform for learning.

The conference was officially opened by Professor Charles Tortoe, the Director of CSIR-Food Research Institute (CSIR-FRI) in Ghana. In his opening remarks, he highlighted that food

systems are essential for protecting consumers from unsafe food. He indicated that the innovations developed to ensure food safety, call for a forum as the 2nd ACAFP conference to discuss and share insights among experts, key industry players, and stakeholders. He stressed the need for all stakeholders to align with national, continental and global food safety programmes to mitigate various food safety threats. He spoke about the need for African products to comply with food safety standards and reiterated that the Food Research Institute keeps pushing to ensure that food is safe for consumers. He commended ACAFP for bringing key stakeholders together and congratulated the LOC for the excellent work done. He also charged the participants to participate in all the sessions and encouraged all those who had not yet joined ACAFP to do so. He concluded by thanking all the sponsors and encouraging the foreign participants to visit the markets and buy made-in-Ghana products as well as tourist sites such as the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum.

Prof. Paa Nii Johnson, the Chairman of the LOC made a brief presentation on the conference programme and its objectives for the three days. He indicated that the programme has been structured in a way that allows more time for interactive discussions. He urged participants to not only attend sessions within their areas of specializations but also other sessions to learn about those topics as well. He again urged the participants to focus their questions and discussions on the topic of the presentations so as not to drag the time for the programme. He concluded by encouraging the participants to form new networks.



Dignitaries at the opening ceremony. From Left: Prof Paa Nii Johnson (LOC Chair), Prof James Wabacha (AU-IBAR), Prof Charles Tortoe (Director, CSIR-FRI), Mr. Samuel Dery (GB-Foods), Dr. David Phiri (Special Adviser to the ADG/Regional Representative of FAO)

KEYNOTE, PARALLEL AND PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Presentation 1: The first keynote speech was presented by Prof. Paul Amuna, an Associate Professor of Public Health Nutrition at the University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho, Ghana. The title of his presentation was ‘Food Safety, Nutrition Security and Long-Term Health Outcomes in Africa: Implications for Research, Training and Practice.’ He stated the pressing challenges faced by the continent in meeting international food safety standards. Prof. Amuna who is a Physician with a background in public health nutrition, emphasized the critical need for Africa to overcome barriers hindering its entry into the global market - citing a poignant example of attempts to export groundnuts to the UK only to discover unsafe aflatoxin levels. Reflecting on his 30-year journey transitioning from a health background to nutrition, he expressed concern about the need for more clarity on progress in addressing food safety gaps. Notably, he highlighted the alarming statistic that 40% of foodborne diseases burden especially in children under five. These diseases, including those caused by lead and mercury from illegal gold mining affect aquatic life, and contribute significantly to morbidity and mortality.



Keynote Speaker, Prof. Paul Amuna, (UHAS, Ghana)

In conclusion, Prof Paul Amuna highlighted critical challenges in ensuring a safe food supply in Africa, emphasizing the need for unified policies, international collaboration, and comprehensive strategies to address foodborne illnesses, particularly among vulnerable populations. The intricate interplay

between food safety, nutrition, and overall health emerged as a central theme, setting the stage for further detailed discussions in breakout sessions.



After the opening ceremony, there were two plenary presentations and parallel sessions that run throughout the day with technical presentations covering all the five subthemes as follows:

- Theme 1: Innovative capacity-building approaches to food safety in Africa.
- Theme 2: Integration of food safety with food and nutrition security in Africa.
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- Theme 4: Food safety policies and regulations in Africa.
- Theme 5: Technological advances in food safety.

A total of twenty-four technical presentations were made during the four parallel sessions.



Technical presentation being made at the parallel session.



Moderator of the parallel session

The plenary presentations were made by Ms. Nana Akua Yeboah and Dr. Blaise Ouattara of the Food and Drugs Authority in Ghana and the Food and Agriculture Organization’s Regional Office in Africa.

- Improving food safety at the artisanal level: This programme entails the Street Food Vending Permit initiative that was launched in November 2021 in partnership with FAO and the Municipal Assemblies. The launch has been followed by sensitization of street food vendors across the country. She added that a total of 553 street food vendors have been issued with permits to date and thousands have been sensitized on food safety including hygienic food handling.

Ms. Yeboah concluded her presentation by highlighting one main challenge as the unavailability of affordable rapid detection kits, particularly for Sudan dye in palm oil and aflatoxins in cereals.

She indicated that the FDA avails itself to partnering with researchers, not-for-profit organizations, NGOs and development partners to develop quick analytical tools in the execution of its mandate.



Plenary Speaker, Ms. Nana Akua Yeboah, FDA, Ghana



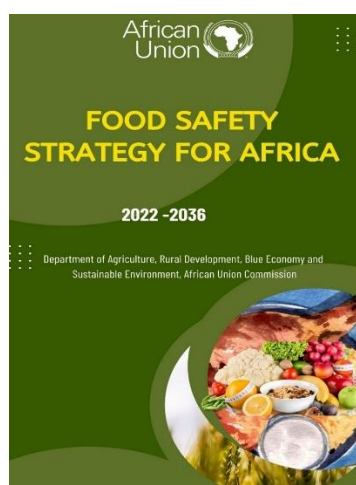
Participant warming up during a presentation after lunch

Plenary presentation 2: The second plenary presentation was delivered by Dr. Blaise Ouattara, Food Safety and Quality Officer, FAO Regional Office for Africa. He spoke on the topic 'FAO's Food safety program in Africa and its implementation in the context of AfCFTA'. Dr. Ouattara presented the FAO Strategic Framework that supports transformation to more inclusive, efficient, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life, leaving no one behind. The framework emphasises technology, innovation and data as well as the integration of gender and youth. He added that under the better nutrition programme, the focus is the mainstreaming food safety with nutrition and food security in close connection between food safety and trade and linking food safety and food loss and waste. Dr. Ouattara also presented the FAO strategic priorities for food safety, (1) Intergovernmental and inter-sectoral coordination of food safety governance, (2) Sound scientific advice and evidence for food safety decision-making, (3) Strengthened and continuously improved national food control systems, (4) Public and private stakeholder collaboration.

CONFERENCE DAY TWO

KEYNOTE, PARALLEL AND PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

The second day of the conference started with a **plenary presentation** on Continental Food Safety Initiatives by Dr. John Oppong Otto, who is the Coordinator at the Economics, Trade and Marketing Unit of the African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources - AU-IBAR). His presentation focused on Continental Food Safety Initiatives being implemented by the African Union and partners. He indicated that food borne diseases are of similar magnitude in Africa as other diseases and their control can be achieved by building capacity at all levels in member states. He informed participants that the Food Safety Strategy Africa has been developed and approved by member states of the AU technically and politically. The strategy has six strategy objectives; 1) S1- Strengthen food safety policy, 2) S2- Strengthen capacity of humans and structures, 3) S3- Promote food safety culture, 4) S4- Facilitate trade and market access, 5) S5- Strengthen innovation, and 6) S6- Strengthen coordination along levels.



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Food Safety Strategy for Africa, Continental Food Safety Initiatives and Priorities for 2024

John Oppong-Otoo
Coordinator: Economics, Trade and Marketing Unit
African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)



Dr. John Oppong-Otoo Delivering his presentation virtually.

Parallel Presentation

During the next set of activities, delegates participated in 4 parallel interactive technical sessions focussing on the 5 sub-thematic areas which were interspersed with keynote and plenary presentations, poster session as well as a Learning event.





A cross section of participants applauding a presenter



The Audience asking questions.

The second keynote presentation of the conference was made by Dr. Irene Akpeokhai, Global Packaging Director at GBFoods, Barcelona, Spain. The title of the presentation was ‘From Farm to Fork: Transforming African Food Safety Together. Dr. Akpeokhai focused her presentation on the importance of all actors working together to achieve food safety. She highlighted GBFoods’ food safety strategies and presented the various steps the company undertakes to ensure the provision of safe foods to its customers. She lamented the challenges the company faces in procuring safe raw materials because of poor food safety practices among raw material producers and suppliers. Furthermore, she expressed concern about bad food safety, handling and storage practices among food retailers which sometimes compromises product quality resulting in waste and economic losses. Dr. Akpeokhai underscored the importance of packaging in protecting food against contaminants and highlighted that GBFoods invests heavily to ensure high integrity of its packages to withstand the poor handling and storage practices among retailers and consumers.



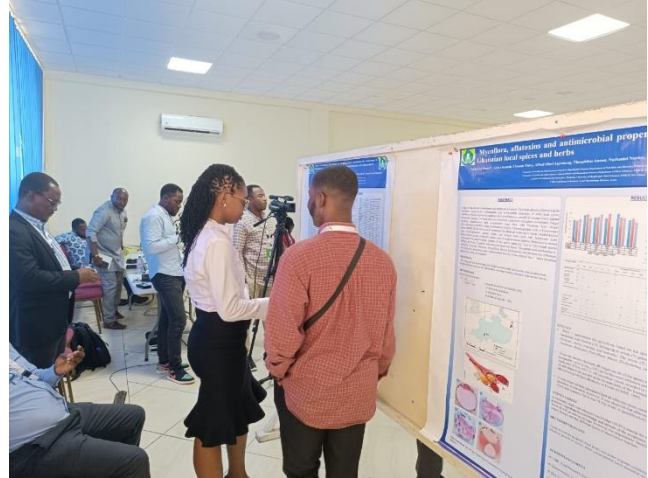
Dr. Irene Akpeokhai, Global Packaging Director at GBFoods delivering her keynote presentation virtually and the Moderator, Dr. Sharon Affrifah standing.

A plenary presentation was delivered by Ms. Lusubilo Witson Mwamakamba, the Technical Officer for Food Safety at the WHO Regional Office for Africa. She spoke on the topic ‘WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety: Towards Stronger Food Safety Systems and Global Cooperation’. The presentation focused on the Global Food Safety Strategy, WHO/FAO Assessment Tool and some food safety initiatives such as the Healthy Food Markets Programme.

Ms. Mwamakamba noted that the Global Food safety strategy was updated to address current and emerging challenges, incorporate new technologies and include innovative approaches for strengthening national food safety systems. In addition to providing an overall vision and strategic priorities for concerted global action in food safety, the strategy underlines the critical role of this field in public health and the need for enhanced global cooperation across the whole food and feed chain to significantly reduce the burden of Foodborne diseases. The strategy also reflects and complements existing WHO health programmes and initiatives, such as nutrition, non-communicable diseases, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), public health emergency and emerging diseases, climate change, environmental health, water and sanitation, and neglected tropical diseases.

A poster session was held where technical presentations were made to participants, and this followed by question. The posters also covered the five subthemes of the conference as follows:

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Poster Presentation

The last session of Day 2 of the conference was a learning event. The aim of this session was to offer participants an opportunity to learn about how food safety issues can be prioritized for action in the face of limited resources. Mr. Isaac Gokah, Specialist, Regional Food Trade and Resilience at AGRA, Nairobi, Kenya was the resource person and he spoke on the topic ‘Evidence-based decision making in food safety using Multi Criteria Decision Analysis. He indicated that several different SPS investment needs, exist for resource constraints governments, donors, or private sectors. However, decision-making processes sometimes are ad hoc or not very transparent. Thus, evidence-based approaches are required to inform SPS decision-making. He cited the P-IMA (Prioritising SPS Investments for Market Access) framework as an example of a tool that helps to inform and improve SPS planning and decision-making processes. The tool, which complements sector-specific capacity evaluation tools was developed by the STDF and Prof Spencer Henson. It has been tested in collaboration with USDA, USAID and COMESA Secretariat, TMEA/TMA among others. He added that the benefits of the PIMA framework are (1) Enhanced public-private dialogue, (2) Evidence to support project design and fundraising, (3) High-level awareness about value of investing in SPS capacity building, (4) Transparency and accountability, and (5) Greater resource efficiency.

CONFERENCE DAY THREE

VIRTUAL, PANEL AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

The last day of the conference commenced with a virtual session where presentations were made by various scientists who were not able to attend in-person. This was followed by a panel discussion, keynote presentation, ACAFP Business session and the closing ceremony.

The interactive panel discussion moderated by Dr. Gloria Essilfie on the topic ‘Ensuring Food Safety Through Increased Collaboration Among Food Safety Stakeholders-Sharing good practices and lessons.’ The panellists were Mrs. Joycelyn Agyarkwa-Amusah, Head of Food Safety from the (Food and Drugs Authority, Ghana), Dr. Joycelyn Quansah, a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ghana, Dr. Rose Omari, a Principal Research Scientist at CSIR-STEPRI in Ghana, Ms. Lillian Owembabazi (CABI, Uganda) and Mr. Anthony Morrison, the CEO of the Ghana Chamber of Agribusiness.

Dr. Joycelyn Quansah commenced the discussion by highlighting the academic contribution to food safety. She emphasised the importance of making food safety a collective responsibility, highlighting how academics contribute by training students to share knowledge with their peers. She advocated for collaboration between Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and students through internships, citing an example of a graduate aiding a confectionery company in product testing. She also highlighted that research findings are channelled into policies to address hazards. Dr. Gloria Essilfie highlighted the diminishing connections between lecturers and industry, prompting a discussion on potential collaborations. Concerns were raised about SMEs fearing students stealing their recipes and formulations, emphasizing the need for dialogue and mutual understanding to overcome these challenges.

On the role of Research Institutes in food safety, Dr. Rose Omari, representing a multidisciplinary research institute (CSIR-STEPRI), emphasized the institute's role in problem-solving. She shared experiences in gaining cabinet approval for the national policy for aflatoxin control, emphasizing the importance of forming consortia, writing proposals, and collaborating to implement solutions. She also underscored the importance of integrating actions in the aflatoxin policy into national and research initiatives stressing that policy implementation is everybody's responsibility.

On the importance of One Health Approach in food safety, Ms. Lillian Owembabazi emphasized the importance of a collaborative "One Health" approach, citing a project in Uganda addressing anthrax outbreaks. She shared that the project involved bringing together crop and livestock extension staff, employing translation into local languages, and focusing on bio-prevention materials to reduce cross-contamination.

On the role of regulations and policy measures, Mrs. Joycelyn Agyarkwa-Amusah discussed the role of the FDA in collaborating with various stakeholders, including artisanal producers,

international partners, and regulatory bodies. She highlighted the national food safety policy launched in 2022, involving intersectoral committees and technical working groups.

Mr. Anthony Morrison stressed the need for competence-based approaches in food safety, especially in the livestock sector. He highlighted concerns in de-feathering practices and called for open engagement and data sharing between the private sector and regulatory bodies.

As part of the general discussion, participants stressed the importance of involving students as marketing agents and key actors in policy implementation. Suggestions included utilizing academia for data generation, private enterprises collaborating to identify challenges, and creating opportunities for research funding. Participants addressed challenges such as inadequate data, gender disparities, and the need for a collaborative approach along the food value chain. Recommendations included academia reaching out to industry for collaboration, public engagement through websites and social media, and intensifying surveillance during festive seasons. The importance of integrating food safety into the curriculum, building trust among stakeholders, and utilizing a National Food Safety dashboard for research and benefitting the private sector were highlighted.

In conclusion, the panel discussion underscored the critical role of collaboration among stakeholders, emphasizing the need for education, awareness, and a united effort to address challenges and ensure food safety across various sectors.



Panellists - From Left: Joycelyn Agyarkwa-Amusah, Joycelyn Quansah, Rose Omari, Lilian Owembabazi, Anthony Morrison, Gloria Essilfie, the Moderator of the session.

The third keynote presentation of the conference was delivered on Day 3 by Prof. Olusegun Adewale Obadina, a Food Science professor at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria. The title of his presentation was ‘Safety and Hygienic Practices of Selected Vegetable among Vendors in Southwest Nigeria’. He indicated that the incidence vegetables contamination with microbial contaminants is rapidly spreading worldwide, and millions of people die annually

due to food borne pathogens. He added that this alarming situation should cause both scientific and civil bodies to prioritize taking steps to curb the presence of pathogens in ready-to-eat vegetables. Prof Obadina illustrated the importance of food safety by adding that many of the bacteria (such as *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter* and *Escherichia coli*) are frequently presence in most of the vegetables sold in our open/traditional markets and contaminate food including fruits and vegetables from farm to fork. Hence, if these bacteria are consumed with the food, it will lead to people dying from foodborne diseases.

Prof. Obadina shared some findings from the ‘Research Supporting African MSMEs to Provide Safe and Nutritious Food (RSM2SNF)’ project and noted that manure or other organic material that contain human or animal wastes used as soil amendments have the potential to distribute both residues of antimicrobial agents and antimicrobial-resistant bacteria to the environment. Hence vegetables harvested from manured ground can carry an additional burden of Antimicrobial Resistance genes (ARGs) of enteric bacterial origin. In conclusion, Prof Obadina said that there is clear scientific evidence that foods of plant origin may serve as a vehicle of foodborne exposure to pathogens along the value chain and recommended the adherence to best agricultural practices and personnel hygiene management. Furthermore, he recommended the need for training of the various stakeholders along the vegetable value chain on food safety practices to reduce the food safety hazards in the ready-to-eat vegetables sold in open/traditional markets.



Prof. Olusegun Adewale Obadina delivering the last keynote presentation.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Speaking on behalf of the LOC Chairman, Dr, Rose Omari (LOC Vice Chair) thanked all the participants for responding to the call for abstracts and the invitation to participate in the conference. She commended them for their enthusiasm and active participation in the three days conference. Dr. Omari expressed profound gratitude to the LOC for their dedication throughout the planning and the delivery of the conference. She particularly commended the Scientific committee for working tirelessly to review the over 180 abstracts that were received.

Presentation of awards to participants who made their presentations timeously:

Dr. Omari informed participants that time management was very critically to avoid delays and late completion of the daily activities. Therefore, a two hundred and fifty Ghana cedis (GHS 250) voucher was given to each of the two participants who completed their excellent presentations before or on the stipulated time. The voucher was to be used to purchase made-in-Ghana fabric and clothes that were being showcased by an exhibitor at the conference. The award winners were Dr. Victor Ohileobo Dania, Department of Crop Protection and Environmental Biology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria and Ms. Selasie Tsegah, Department of Food Science and Technology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana. The Awards were donated by William Lannier, a conference participant and an exhibitor.



Dr. Rose Omari, LOC Vice Chair delivering her closing remarks.



Dr. Nicole Sharon Affrifah presenting the award to Dr. Victor Dania



Dr. Gloria Essilfie Presenting the award to Ms. Selasie Tsegah

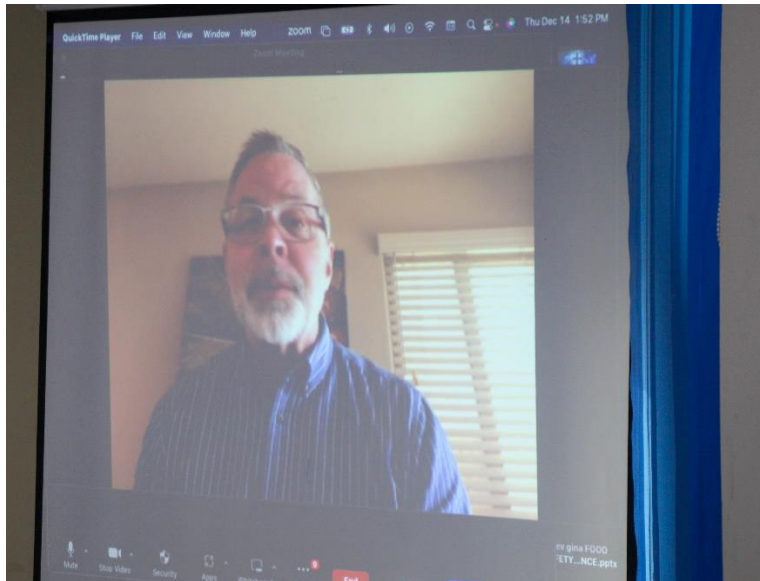


LOC Members and the two award winners.

In his closing remarks, the ACAFP president, Prof Joseph Odumeru commended the LOC and the ACAFP Board members for their contributions to the successful conference. He was thankful to the Professional Conference Organiser, GeniusEvents for exhibiting excellent professionalism throughout the planning and delivery stages of the conference. Prof Odumeru expressed his appreciation to all participants who travelled from different parts of Ghana and Africa to attend the conference in-person. He also commended the online participants some of whom joined the conference daily. He told the participants to consider themselves as ACAFP members now and

then they can regularise their membership when the due payment platform is created. Finally, Prof Odumeru thanked all the sponsors of the ACAFP conference.

Dr Tim Jackson from the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) gave a short presentation and thanked the participants in attendance (in person and online) and organizers. He reiterated the open-door policy of the IAFP and encouraged members and to contact for collaborations. He finally wished everyone a happy holiday.



Dr. Tim Jackson delivering his closing remarks virtually.

Prof Wabacha from AU-IBAR expressed the joy of the Africa Union in being part of the successful three-day conference. He commended all the participants for their active participation in the conference and encouraged them to get involved in the numerous food safety initiatives the AU and other organisations such as FAO and WHO are implementing in the Members States. He assured ACAFP of AU's continued support in providing a forum for exchanging scientific and other useful information on food safety.



Prof Wabacha giving his closing remarks.

The conference was officially closed by Prof. Charles Tortoe who in his closing remarks commended the organisers of the conference for putting together such a successful and well attended conference. He encouraged participants to ponder over the discussions that took place at the conference and find out what they can in their individual capacities to contribute to addressing food safety challenges in Africa. Prof Tortoe was full of praise for the sponsors namely, Africa Union, GB Foods, Cargill (USA and Ghana), Voltic Ghana and Joy Business. He was hopeful all the sponsors and many more will continue to support ACAFP in putting together scientific programmes are particularly useful for the research and academic communities.



Prof Charles Tortoe delivering his closing remarks.

Ms. Sylvia Baah-Tuahene gave a vote of thanks appreciating the LOC and volunteers for this programme. A special thank you to the sponsors AU, IAFP, GB Foods, Voltic, Cargill and Joy Business. She also thanked the IT team and moderators. She acknowledged the distinguished presenters, and attendees and wished everyone well.



Ms. Sylvia Baah-Tuahene giving the vote of thanks.