



## WHO Guideline Development Group – Traditional Food Markets

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### **Abeer Abdelaziz (Female)**

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**Region:** WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region

**Short Bio:** Abeer Abdelaziz is the technical manager of food microbiology department and biorisk officer in Central Public Health Laboratories in the Ministry of Health, Egypt with over two decades of experience in the department as a specialist and technical manager. She has a PhD and MSc degree in zoonoses from Cairo university and a background in veterinary medicine. She is certified as biorisk and biosecurity officer from the International Federation of Biosafety Association (IFBA), and the winner of the IFBA biosafety hero award. She has been appointed advisor of MENA region's biorisk management network since 2019.

### **Delia Grace (Female)**

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**Region:** WHO African Region

**Short bio:** Delia Grace is a Professor of Food Safety Systems in the Natural Resources Institute in Kent, joint appointed scientist at International Livestock and Research Institute (ILRI), and Theme Leader of Food Safety for One Health Centre in Africa (OHRECA). She is an epidemiologist and veterinarian with a PhD in veterinary epidemiology and over 20 years of experience in developing countries. Her career has spanned the private sector, field-level community development and aid management, as well as research. She is member of various expert and advisory roles influencing policy and practice, such as the advisory committee for FAO report on One Health human-environment-wildlife-livestock interface. She leads research on zoonoses and foodborne disease at ILRI in Kenya and the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Human Nutrition and Health. Her main research focus is food safety in the domestic markets of developing countries. She has authored and co-authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications and contributed to numerous research for evidence generation for international organizations and donors.

### **Farahnaz Ghollasi (Female)**

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**Short Bio:** Farahnaz Ghollasi Moud is General Director of Participation in International Standards Development Department of Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (ISIRI) in Iran. She is also member of various committees regarding food safety, including the WHO technical advisory group on the update of WHO global strategy for food safety, Strategic Advisory Group for Smart Farming Standardization, National Committee for Food Safety and Nutrition of Iran, and Chair of Mirror Committee of Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses in Iran. She has led over 35 national standard developments, three international standard drafting projects, and numerous research projects on food and food safety. She has around three decades of experience in food standard development and food safety, including a Ph.D. in Hygiene and Food Safety from Ferdowsi University of Masshad.

**Maureen Mijide (Female)**

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**Region:** WHO African Region

**Short bio:** Maureen Mijide is a research fellow at International Livestock and Research Institute (ILRI), Nairobi, Kenya with a robust educational background in food science, food safety, and biomedical sciences. Her research focuses on microbial pathogens in foods and the burden of foodborne diseases across East Africa Community countries. She worked as a food scientist at AFRICIAR and Farm Concern International in Nairobi, Kenya developing contents on food safety and training food business operators and agro-processors on the implementation of food safety and quality regulations.