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Roundtable Conference
Improving the Nutritional Value of Foods in the USAID Food Aid Basket: Optimization of Macro and Micro Nutrients, Food Matrices, Novel Ingredients and Food Processing Technologies

Date: Sunday, June 25, 2017

Time: 8:30am-3:30pm

Venue: Sands Expo, Room 901-902, Las Vegas, USA

Organizer: Tufts University Food Aid Quality Review, foodaidquality.org

Sponsor: U.S. Agency for International Development, The Office of Food for Peace (FFP)

Aims

The roundtable topic is food aid and food matrices or substrates, and the interface between processing and bioavailability of nutrients. Focus will also be on food safety and impact on nutrition, and need for inter-agency and inter-disciplinary collaboration. The day-long event is designed to gain inputs from the scientists and researchers, industry stakeholders, and government agencies (such as USAID and USDA) to enhance our understanding of the science and practicalities that affect the bioavailability of nutrients.

Output

The deliberations from this roundtable would be captured in a technical report and used to develop research proposals for testing hypotheses and advancing the science and knowledge on this subject. The input received will be used to chart a direction for future public-private partnerships, funding priorities and efforts by the U.S. government and other entities that have a stake in addressing macro- and micro- nutrient deficiencies and hunger around the world. In addition, this roundtable would serve as a venue for generating relevant information that would help in designing more cost-effective food aid products.

Attendees

You are invited to this roundtable. This event is by invitation only. Approximately 40 participants (including speakers) from academia, government, non-profits and industry will attend and participate.

Agenda and additional details enclosed.

Sincerely,

Co-chairs:

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