

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES
COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN STATES
BORDERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN



CONFERENCE MINISTERIELLE SUR LA COOPERATION
HALIEUTIQUE ENTRE LES ETATS AFRICAINS
RIVERAINS DE L'OCEAN ATLANTIQUE

Seminar introduction

By

Dr AMADOU TALL
Consultant

Need money 💰 for college
Need college 🎓 for job
Need job 💼 for money



Who the hell designed
this system?



Context & Justification

- **Social Issues:** Quality Safety, Consumer protection & Food Hazards
- **Global Issues:** International Trade, CAC, SPS & TBT

Africa is a net fish exporting continent and the PFRS goal is to reap maximum benefit from the fisheries resources

Objective:

- Create an ATLAFCO network of **trainers** on marketing and quality assurance, including the WTO Agreements SPS & TBT, GHP-GMP and **HACCP-Risk analysis and Traceability**

-**Participants:** wide range of profiles from Public-Private and CSOs in the COMHAFAT region

-**Lecturers:** African experts with **good records;** the Lectures notes will be available for participants

-**Duration:** 02 days

Program: Covers all aspects of Pre and Post harvest of fish and fishery products

-**Funding:** ATLAFCO through JAPAN Program

Expected outcomes

- Participants understand SPS and TBT

Agreements and are able

- To **train** stakeholders;
- To draft a **food legislation;**
- To understand the **steps** leading to certification and **accreditation**
- To develop **Safety Management Plan** for Enterprise
- To **advise on improved** fish Handling and processing, Innovation along the value chain and value addition more **competitive** products in regional and international market
- To assist actors on fish **marketing and trade**, particularly on market **intelligence** and market **strategy**.

International Organizations Specialized on Food Safety and Quality and Trade



PRIVATE INDEPENDENT AGENCY

- GFSI- (Global Food Safety Initiative)

Agreements under WTO

Agreements under WTO

SPS

- Signed during Uruguay round(1986-94)
- ✓ Basic Rights and Obligations
- ✓ Harmonization
- ✓ Equivalence
- ✓ Risk Assessment
- ✓ Notification and Transparency
- ✓ Regionalization
- ✓ Dispute Settlement
- ✓ Implementation and Oversight:

TBT

- Signed during Tokyo round(1973-79)
- ✓ Non-discrimination and avoiding unnecessary obstacles to trade
- ✓ Alignment and Equivalency
- ✓ Performance-based requirements
- ✓ Conformity Assessments
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Technical Assistance
- ✓ Enforcement and Dispute Settlement

Food legislation

food legislation

- Complete body of legal texts (laws, regulations and standards) that establish broad principles for food control in a country
- And that governs all aspects of the production, handling, marketing and trade of food
- Protect consumers against unsafe food and fraudulent practices.

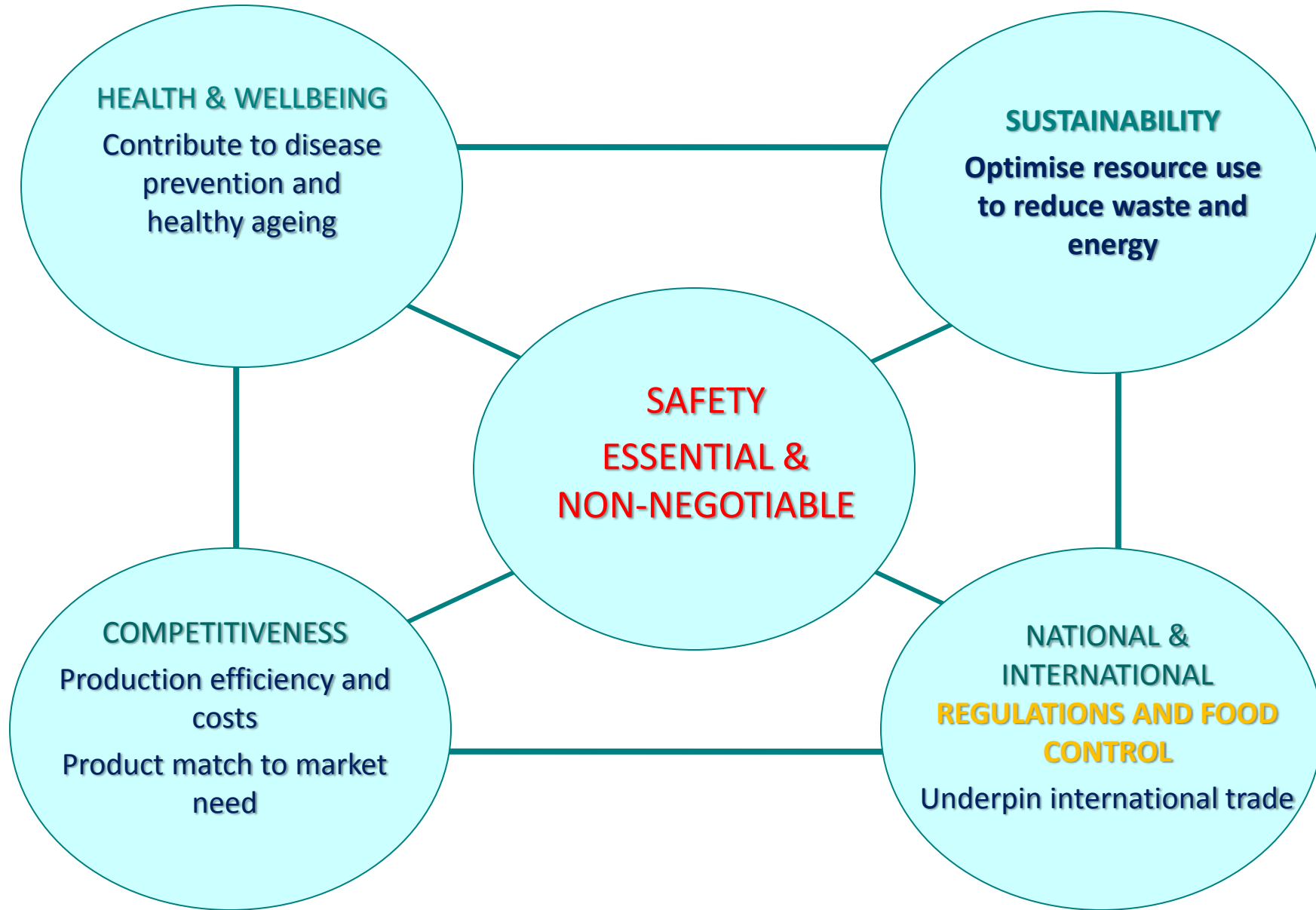


(FAO & WHO, 2006)

Food Control

- ❖ Mandatory regulatory activity of enforcement to provide
 - ✓ Consumer protection,
 - ✓ Ensures food safety, wholesomeness & fit for consumption during whole food chain,
 - ✓ Conform to safety & quality requirements; labelling according to law.
- *Should cover all food produced, processed and marketed within the country, including imported food.*
 - *Such systems should have a statutory basis and be mandatory in nature.*

FKKEY INDUSTRY ISSUES

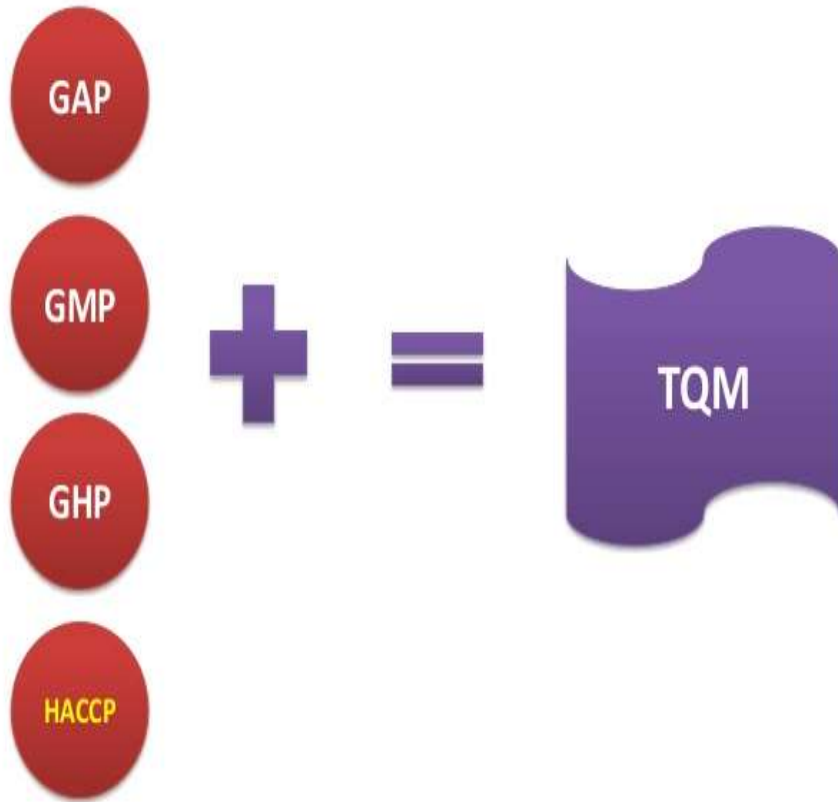


FOOD AND THE CONSUMER



Total Quality Management

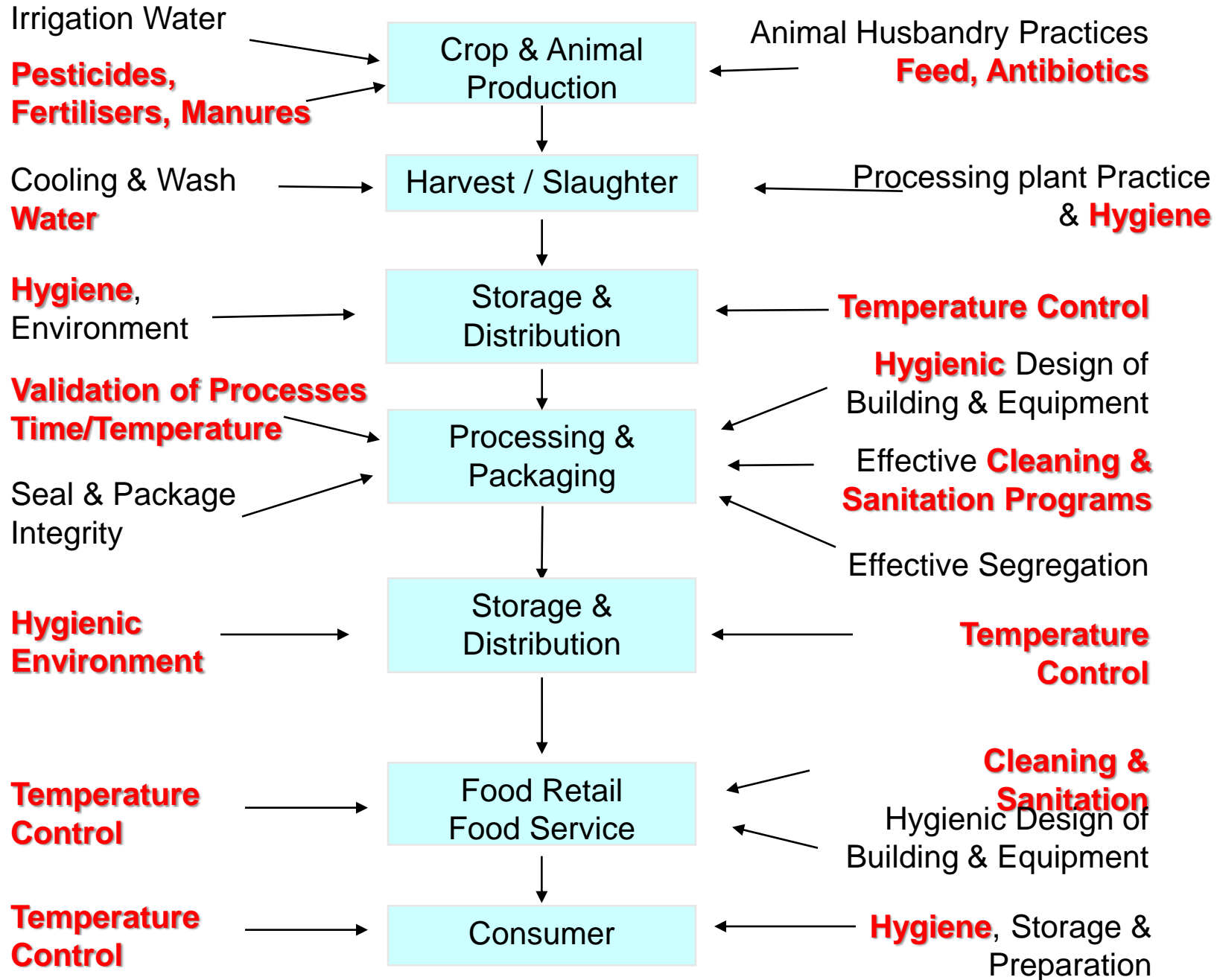
QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM



STRENGTHENING NATIONAL FOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS

- ✓ Integrated farm-to-table concept
- ✓ Risk Analysis
 - Risk assessment
 - (i) hazard identification; (ii) hazard characterization; (iii) exposure assessment; and (iv) risk characterization.
 - Risk management
 - Risk communication
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Regulatory Impact Assessment
 - Willingness to pay (WTP) for reduced risk of morbidity and mortality;
 - Cost of illness (COI) covering lifetime medical costs and lost productivity.
- ✓ Strengthening Organizational Structures for National Food Control Systems
 - Multiple Agency System
 - Single Agency System
 - Integrated System

HAZARDS AND THEIR CONTROL



POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Harmonisation of interpretation** of rules, frequency of inspections, inspection methods, risk assessment, new methods.
- **Mutual recognition** of inspection systems and methods
- Harmonisation between **REC and AU/CFTA and WTO** member countries and other Trade Blocks
- Development of **horizontal food safety regulations consistent with international sanitary requirements**
- Creation of **National/Regional Food Safety Agencies**
- Accreditation/certification of national/regional **reference QC laboratories**
- Development of a national and regional **training program for trainers public and private sector**