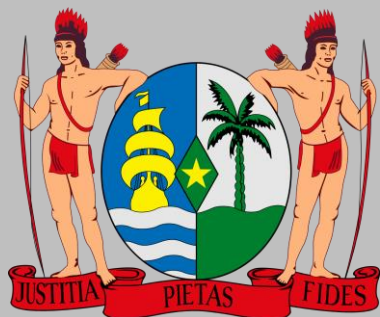




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Strategic Plan of the National Food Safety Institute Suriname – NIVS

17 January 2023

*Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
Paramaribo, Suriname*

*Reviewing Proposed Strategic Direction
and Future Activities of the National
Institute for Food Safety*

Suriname (NIVS)

Opportunities



Vision - Proposed

To be recognized as a leading food regulatory authority *to effectively enhance consumer protection and contribute to a favorable environment for the food and agri-food sector, supported by Modernized Food Legislation, and through the operations of Proactive Food Regulatory Programs*



Values - Proposed

- ❑ Promote **collaboration** with and between stakeholders.
- ❑ Embrace **transparency** in food regulatory decision-making, operations and management.
- ❑ Emphasize **the** independence of NIVS as a food competent authority protecting consumers and creating a fair environment for food trade.
- ❑ Promote **impartial** treatment amongst stakeholders and constituents of NIVS



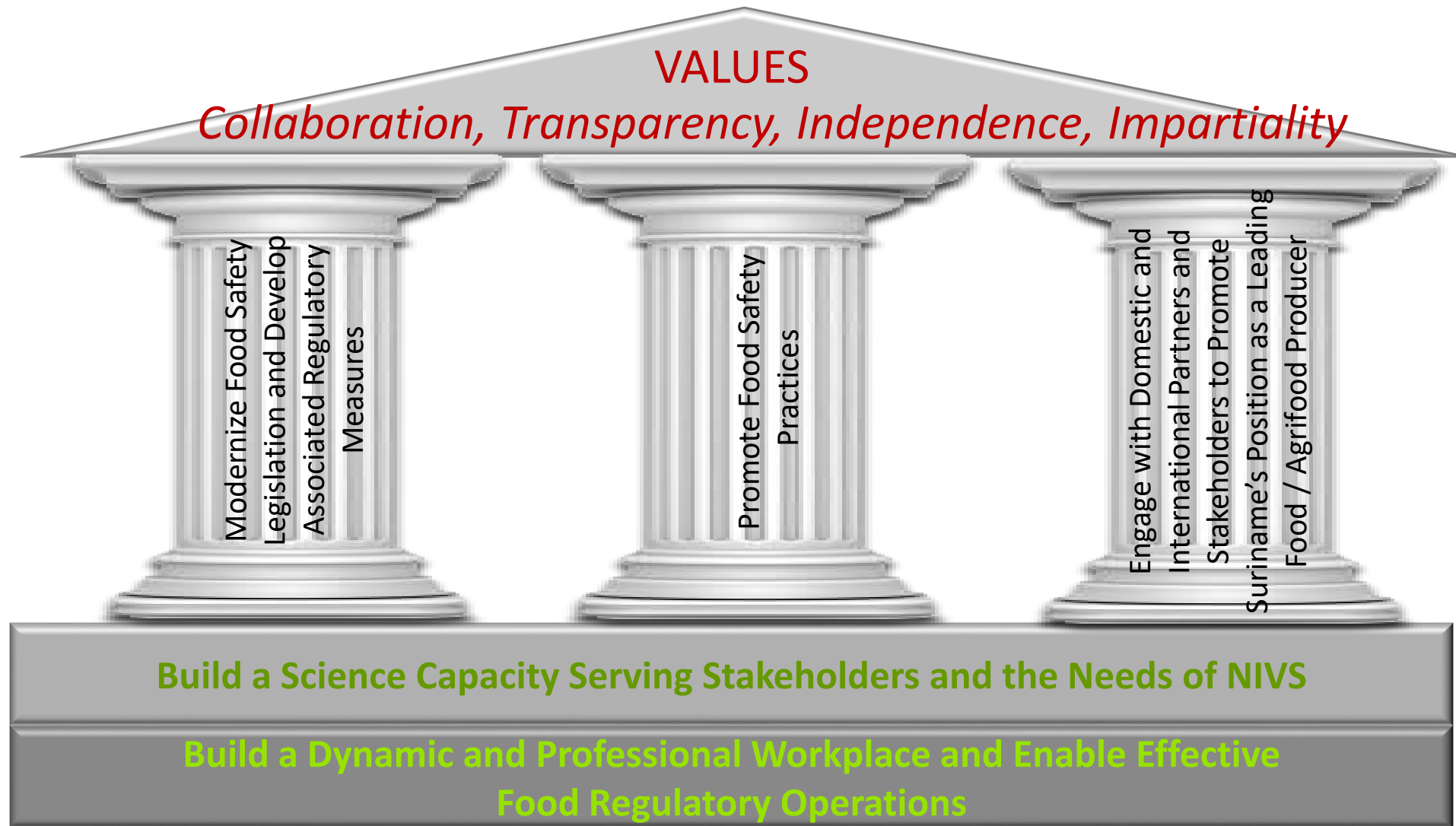
Strategic Direction for Transformation: 2023-2025

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1. Modernize Suriname's Food Safety Legislation and Develop Supporting Regulatory Frameworks
2. Promote Food Safety Practices by Surinamese Food Producers and Operators
3. Engage with Domestic and International Partners and Stakeholders to Promote Suriname's Position as a Leading Food and Agrifood Producer.
4. Build a Dynamic and Professional Workforce and Enable Effective Food Regulatory Operations
5. Build a Science Capacity Serving Stakeholders and NIVS



NIVS Strategy 2023 – 2025



Strategic Goal 1

Modernize Suriname's Food Safety Legislation and Develop Supporting Regulatory Frameworks



Activities:

- 1.1 Develop and consult on policy underpinning the new food safety legislation.
- 1.2 Draft a modernized Suriname Food Act and support its discussion and adoption by Parliament.
- 1.3 Develop a regulatory regime for food import management and control.
- 1.4 Develop a regulatory regime for minimum food safety requirements of Food Business Operators.
- 1.5 Develop Updated Food Safety Standards and other Horizontal Food Regulatory Requirements.

Strategic Goal 2

Promote Food Safety Practices by Surinamese Food Producers and Operators

Activities:

2.1 Develop tailored guidance for enhanced food safety practices for food producers.

2.2 Develop and deploy guidance and associated training on Good Agriculture Practice (GAP) adapted for Suriname.

2.3 Develop a general food safety awareness campaign.

2.4 Operationalize NIVS Inspectorate, incrementally.

2.5 Develop Guidance on Food Labelling Practices.



Strategic Goal 3

Engage with Domestic and International Partners and Stakeholders to Promote Suriname's Position as a Leading Food and Agrifood Producer.

Activities:

3.1 Enable effective preparation and participation of Surinamese delegations in Codex Committee proceedings.

3.2 Play a leading role in the operationalization of the Caribbean Taskforce on Food Safety and support Caribbean Food Regulatory Convergence.



Strategic Goal 4

Build a Dynamic and Professional Workforce and Enable Effective Food Regulatory Operations



Activities:

- 4.1 Recruit a vibrant and developing food regulatory workforce serving the objectives of NIVS and the food production sectors through multiple strategies and engagement with academic institutions in Suriname.
- 4.2 Develop and deploy the relevant Information and Communication Tools (ICTs) needed for the food regulatory operationalization of NIVS programs.

Build a Science Capacity Serving Stakeholders and NIVS

Activities:

5.1 Enhance food laboratory operations with extension of food testing capacities to address the needs of Suriname's food production sectors.

5.2 Develop a food safety science capacity to anchor NIVS Decision-making in Food Risk Analysis.

5.3 Sustain infrastructure, equipment and operational investments to support NIVS food safety regulatory operations



Next Steps / Year One Implementation

- Modernization of the Food Act : Policy and Possible Introduction in Parliament
- Initiate Modernization of Food Import Control : Risk-Based Approach
- Requirements of Operations for Food Business Operators (FBOs): **Voluntary Guidance** for Pre-Requisite Programs and Preventive Controls e.g. GAP – Tailored to small operations
- Launch of Food Safety Education Campaign: Consumers and FBOs
- Initial Review and Adoption of Horizontal Food Safety Requirements e.g. Contaminants management,
- IT mediated Food Inspectorate – Initial Modernization of VKI Inspection Regime
- Guidance for Food Labelling
- Effective Participation in Codex Proceedings and leadership role in the Caribbean Food safety taskforce
- Initiate building NIVS workforce through collaborative approaches with the Academic Institutions
- Enhance Food Safety Testing Capacity : Diversification/Enhancements of VKI Food Laboratory Capacity



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