



NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY POLICY ADOPTED

The Food and Drugs Authority held a multi-stakeholder meeting to adopt the National Food Safety Policy on 27th March 2015.

Ghana set itself to develop a National Food Safety (NFS) Policy in 2009 based a situational analysis report which identified some of the major problems with regard to food safety in Ghana.

In his welcome address, the Chief Executive Officer of the Food and Drugs Authority, Mr. Hudu Mogtari said it is pertinent to know that governments all over the world make Food Safety a national priority and therefore are constantly working hard to ensure a well coordinated food safety control system that provides maximum public health protection and economic development.

According to Mr. Hudu Mogtari, the policy will foster close collaboration between stakeholders in agriculture, trade, human health, animal health, tourism and standardization among others, to strengthen food safety, prevent and control both food and water-borne diseases.

Mr. Mogtari also reiterated that the document also promotes appropriate involvement of all relevant stakeholders and build network that can adequately respond efficiently to food safety emergencies.

He was optimistic that the adoption and implementation of the policy is necessary to provide maximum protection of Ghanaian consumers and provide assurance of safe food for our markets and export.

He expressed his appreciation to WHO/FAO for their support as well as all stakeholders who contributed for the development of the document.

Mrs Akosua Kwakye, Food Safety Programme Officer of WHO, Ghana Office, commended Ghana for the efforts put in to develop the draft policy and pledged WHO's support to implement the policy after it had been approved by Cabinet and passed by Parliament.