



Trade and Regulatory Capacity Building Division

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# Overview

- Trade Policy and Geographic Affairs (TPGA)
  - FAS lead for trade policy
  - APAC and ATAC
- Office of Global Programs
  - Implement capacity-building programs promoting a science-based approach and trade facilitative approach to MRL regulation



# Leveraging our global presence



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FAS staffs 94 offices in 76 countries around the world. FAS Foreign Service Officers (FSO) and Locally-Employed Staff (LES) — while not maintaining a physical presence — also monitor and report on the agricultural trade matters of an additional [100 countries](#).

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- Angola, Luanda, OAA
- Argentina, Buenos Aires, OAA
- Australia, Canberra, OAA
- Austria, Vienna, OAA
- Bangladesh, Dhaka, OAA
- Belgium, Brussels, USEU
- Bosnia And Herzegovina, Sarajevo, OAA
- Brazil, Brasilia, OAA
- Brazil, Sao Paulo, ATO
- Bulgaria, Sofia, OAA
- Burma, Rangoon, OAA

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**Office Types**

- AIT American Institute in Taiwan
- ATO Agricultural Trade Office
- FAO Food and Agriculture Organization on the United Nations
- OAA Office of Agricultural Affairs
- OCBD Office of Capacity Building and Development
- USEU U.S. Mission to the European Union
- UNMIS U.S. Mission to the United Nations
- USTR U.S. Trade Representative

**FAS Overseas Offices by Region** (select one or more)



## Our Reach

- FY21- \$2M in GA funds
- 10 projects among more than 70 countries
- ASEAN, APEC, EAC, ECOWAS, CACU, CAN
- Reached over 1,500 officials through 25+ virtual activities since the pandemic started

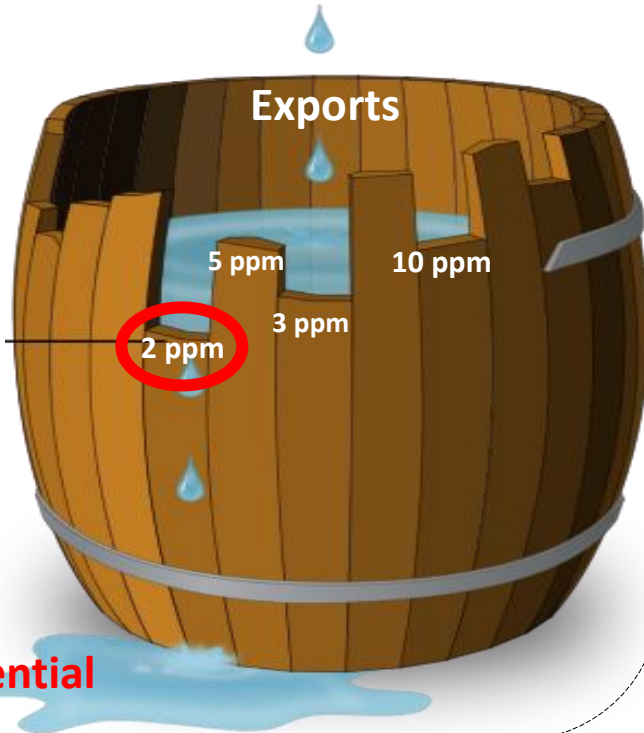




# Global Challenges and Approaches

## Agricultural Production

Disharmonized MRLs are like uneven staves on a barrel. The lowest MRL is the limiting factor for exports



Messaging and  
pesticide risk  
communication  
management

MRL alignment

Pesticide residue  
monitoring and  
testing

Regulatory  
alignment

International  
Organizations  
coordination

Trade enabling  
environment for  
U.S. agriculture

## Program Goals

1. Provide counterinfluence to the EU in pesticide regulatory approaches and MRLs
2. Align pesticide and biopesticide regulatory systems as closely to those of the United States as possible
3. Strengthen global commitment to the Codex System
4. Resolve and prevent MRL-related barriers to trade
5. Reduce the number of missing MRLs by supporting joint research
6. Ensure farmers have access to new and existing tools to respond to climate change pressures





## Sustainability and Climate Change

Pesticides are an essential technology in the farmer's agricultural toolbox. They are necessary for:

- Sustainable intensification and increased production to feed the growing global population
- Reducing food loss and waste
- Ensure developing farmers maintain market access and critical income streams
- Limiting the use of other, more harmful agricultural practices



## Partners

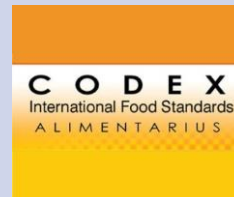
### Universities/NGOs



### Industry



### Interagency



### International Organizations





## Upcoming Projects and Events

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| <b>East Africa Virtual Training Series</b>                | Training on risk assessment for EAC countries with less regulatory capacity (South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda)   |
| <b>African Risk Communication Course</b>                  | Risk communication course for pesticide regulators throughout Africa to share best practices in science communication and navigating misinformation. |
| <b>APEC MRL Harmonization workstream</b>                  | APEC MRL workshop in June 2021 on risk communication and best practices in regulatory enforcement and testing.                                       |
| <b>ASEAN Pesticide Working Group</b>                      | Regional ASEAN Import Tolerance pilot program just beginning   |
| <b>Central American Technical Working Group Workshops</b> | Regional harmonization and technical capacity building workshops   |
| <b>Field trials</b>                                       | 11 active field trials: 10 African countries, 8 Latin American countries, 3 Southeast Asian countries  |