

2024 FSANZ Stakeholder Forum

Collaboration in food regulation: Working together for impact

EVENT SUMMARY

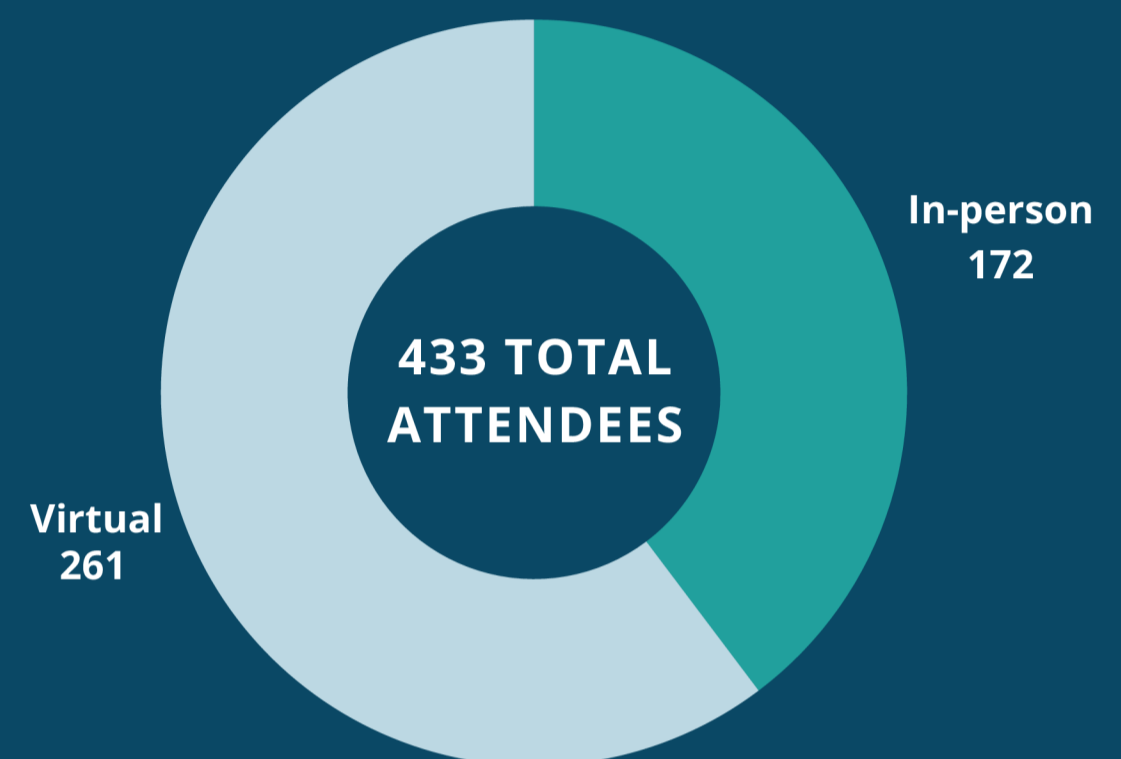


Facilitated by Geraldine Doogue AO, the 2024 FSANZ Stakeholder Forum brought together representatives from **public health, consumer groups, academia, government and industry** to explore the theme of Collaboration in food regulation: Working together for impact.

433 in-person and virtual delegates attended the forum, held in Melbourne on 20 June 2024.

261 delegates from all represented sectors accessed the livestream throughout the day.

172 delegates attended in person, more than doubling numbers from the 2022 forum.



WHAT WE HEARD



Session 1 The world of food

- importance of international collaboration in food regulation
- balancing food safety, trade and environmental concerns
- necessity of funding and innovation for regulatory support
- trust, transparency and evidence-based public health guidelines.



Session 3 Stakeholder stories

- preventive health measures for long-term public health benefit
- building trust through transparent, evidence-based regulation and stakeholder collaboration
- legal and policy reforms for food access
- agile and responsive regulation system to foster innovation and manage complexities
- consumer education and digital labelling to improve food safety.



Session 2 Collaboration in the bi-national food regulation system

- need for modernisation and agility for industry and regulation
- enhanced cooperation and international engagement for public health initiatives
- importance of data and technology, including AI, for future regulatory and health efforts
- collaboration and consultation to address system complexity and agree priorities
- consumer education impacting public health and industry practices.



Session 4 Workshops for impact

Session 4 explored how stakeholders could work with FSANZ to support our strategic outcomes:

- food you can trust
- helping consumers make informed choices
- supporting innovation for sustainable and nutritious foods.

A variety of key topics were raised, including:

- collaboration, communication and stakeholder engagement
- clear standards, labelling and consumer education
- innovation and sustainable practices
- prioritisation of public health.