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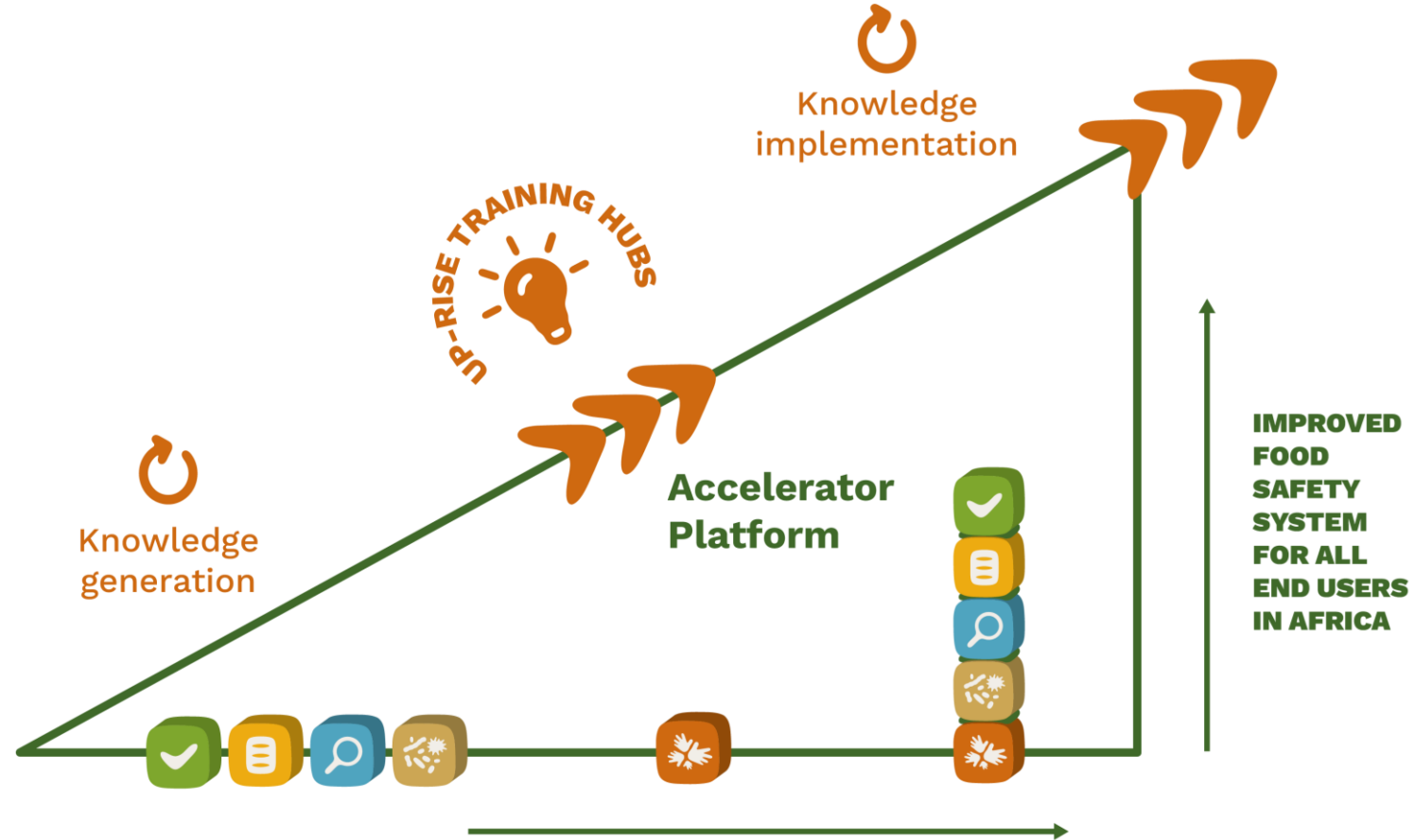
The UP-RISE Accelerator Platform: Bridging Evidence to Action

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UP-RISE: EU-AU Partnership for Resilient, Inclusive and Safe food systems for Everyone

UP-RISE is an international project providing groundbreaking knowledge to understand mycotoxin contamination and to deliver solutions in Africa.





Driving knowledge generation and implementation toward a stronger African Food Safety System

Contribution to European FSS

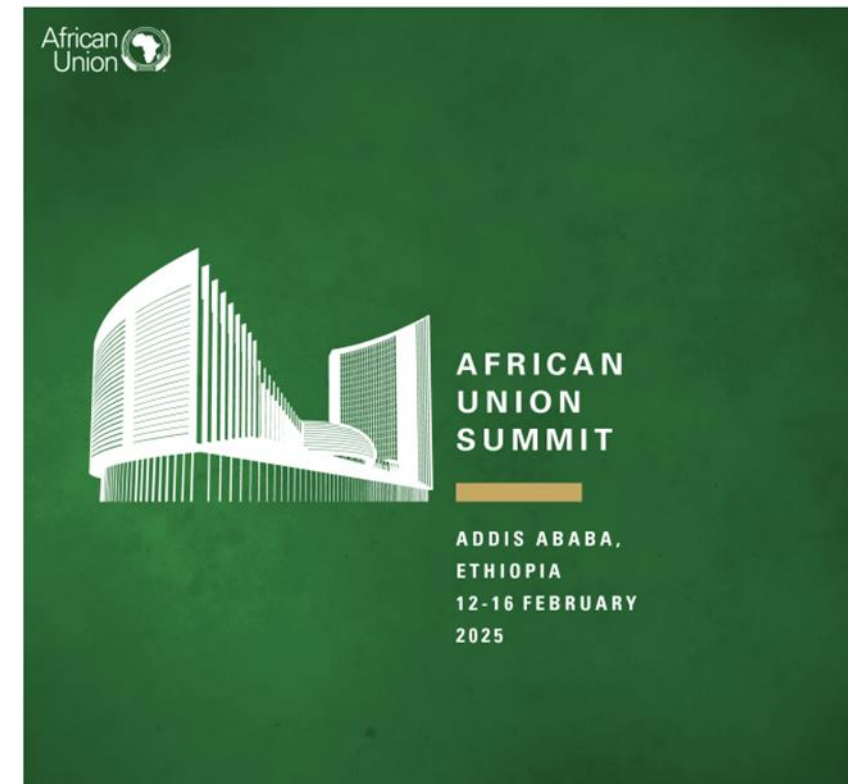
- Fostering a safer African Food Safety System (AFSS) strengthens the European Food Safety System.
- Supports **harmonized standards and safer trade**, reducing unsafe imports.
- European agencies (EFSA) and projects (FoodSafety4EU) facilitate knowledge transfer.
- Innovations contribute to a more resilient global FSS, aligning with EU principles.

PRESS RELEASES

African Union Adopts the Statute for the Establishment of a Continental Food Safety Agency to Address Critical Health and Trade Challenges

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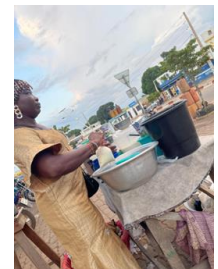
A joint communiqué on a high-level Accelerator Platform panel discussion (July 2, 2025)

Policy & Institutional Challenges

- **Institutional Fragmentation:** Responsibilities for mycotoxin control are scattered, leading to coordination challenges.
- **Regulatory Design:** Laws often crafted for formal sectors, overlooking informal actors' constraints.
- **Incentives & Communication:** Over-reliance on legal obligation; weak risk communication in local languages.
- **Data Systems:** Incomplete monitoring and uneven laboratory capacity hinder policy formulation.
- **Continental Alignment:** Difficulty translating AU food safety principles into practical, country-specific models.

Recommendations for Policy & Practice

- Strengthen National Coordination
- Inclusive Regulatory Tools
- Invest in Infrastructure & Communication
- Enhance Data & Evidence Systems
- Leverage Continental Frameworks



Thank you!