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Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)

WHO Roster of Toxicological and Epidemiological Experts 2026 – 2030

This roster consists of scientific experts who have either submitted applications in response to the call for experts or are members of the WHO Expert Panel on Food Safety. The applications were reviewed by the WHO Secretariat and by an external referee, and selections made based on the criteria outlined in the call for experts. Scientists of the roster will be considered for future meetings of JECFA according to expertise required for the respective meetings. Inclusion in the roster does not guarantee such participation.

Before participating in meetings, selected experts will be required to declare any potential interests associated with the substances under consideration through completion of the standard WHO declaration of interest form.

When making selections for individual meetings a balance of scientific expertise, gender and geographical representation will be considered. The roster is dynamic and WHO encourages applications from unrepresented and underrepresented countries, people with disabilities, younger applicants and women.

Experts are placed on it for an initial period of five years (2026 - 2030) or until their terms on the WHO Expert Panel on Food Safety expire, and new experts are added based on consideration of new applications and specific expertise required for a meeting.

JECFA is tasked with the evaluation of food additives, contaminants and natural toxins in food, as well as veterinary drug residues. Key areas of expertise related to these work areas are listed for each expert.

For detailed information on JECFA please refer to the website:

[https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa))

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation	Country	Area of Expertise
Abdallah	Mohamed Fathi	Aarhus University	Denmark	Contaminants
Afghan	Abdul	Health Canada	Canada	Contaminants
Aguila	Cecilia	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Retired)	USA	Veterinary Drugs, Contaminants
Aguilar	Fernando	ANSES (Retired)	France	Food Additives, Contaminants
Albert	Mary	Health Canada	Canada	Food Additives
Alharbi	Najla Saud	Saudi Food and Drug Authority	Saudi Arabia	Contaminants, Veterinary Drugs
Arnich	Nathalie	ANSES	France	Contaminants
Assunção	Ricardo	Food and Nutrition Department	Portugal	Contaminants, Food Additives
Barrett	Gordon	Health Canada	Canada	Contaminants, Food Additives
Benford	Diane	Food Standards Agency (Retired)	United Kingdom	Food Additives, Contaminants
Blechinger	Scott	Health Canada	Canada	Food Additives, Contaminants
Boobis	Alan R	Imperial College	United Kingdom	Veterinary Drugs, Contaminants, Food Additives
Bronson	Roni	Health Canada	Canada	Contaminants
Carter	Lauren	Health Canada	Canada	Food Additives, Contaminants
Chan	Chun Yong, Eric	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore	ADME Modeling
Chaturvedi	Rajnish Kumar	CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research	India	Contaminants
Chen	Guangchao	National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)	The Netherlands	Biostatistics
Chowbay	Balram	National Cancer Centre Singapore	Singapore	PK/PD Modeling, Veterinary Drugs
Cope	Rhian	SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd	Australia	Veterinary Drugs
Creton	Stuart	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	New Zealand	Contaminants, Food Additives
Dalefield	Rosalind	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	New Zealand	Food Additives, Contaminants

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Didier Alexandri	Alexandre Henri	Sitex SA - Vivisol	Switzerland	Veterinary Drugs, Food Additives, Contaminants
Dourson	Michael L.	Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA)	USA	Contaminants
Fortes	Cristina	Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata	Italy	Epidemiology, Food Additives, Contaminants
Gerazova	Katerina	Food and Veterinary Agency	North Macedonia	Food Additives, Contaminants
Gorniak	Silvana	University of São Paulo	Brazil	Veterinary Drugs
Haldar	Partha	All India Institute of Medical Sciences	India	Epidemiology
Halldórsson	Þórhallur Ingi	University of Iceland	Iceland	Epidemiology, Contaminants
Hammer	Mary-Anne	Health Canada	Canada	Food Additives, Contaminants
Han	Xiaomin	China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment	China	Microbiology, Food Additives, Contaminants
Harbottle	Heather	U.S. Food and Drug Administration	USA	Microbiology, Veterinary Drugs
Harraq	Zainab Al	EFSA	Italy	Food Additives, Contaminants
Jia	Xudong	China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment	China	Food Additives
Kabadi	Shruti	U.S. Food and Drug Administration	USA	Food Additives, Contaminants
Karahalil	Bensu	Gazi University	Turkey	Food Additives, Contaminants
Kass	Georges	EFSA (Retried)	Italy	Food Additives, Contaminants
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Kuhnle	Gunter	University of Reading	United Kingdom	Food Additives, Contaminants
Le Hegarat	Ludovic	ANSES	France	Food Additives, Contaminants
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Louro	Henriqueta	National Institute of Health Doutor Ricardo Jorge	Portugal	Food Additives, Contaminants

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Lundebye	Anne-Katrine	Institute of Marine Research	Norway	Food Additives, Contaminants
Malama	Sydney	University of Zambia	Zambia	Microbiology
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Mekonen	Seblework	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia	Contaminants
Monga	Gerald	Central Veterinary Research Institute (Retired)	Zambia	Veterinary Drugs, Contaminants
Moretto	Angelo	University of Padova	Italy	Contaminants, Veterinary Drugs
Nathanail	Alexis	EFSA	Italy	Food Additives, Contaminants
Nicolas	Jeane	New Zealand Food Safety	New Zealand	Contaminants
Oulhote	Youssef	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	USA	Epidemiology
Pallapies	Dirk	Institute for Prevention and Occupational Medicine of the German Social Accident Insurance	Germany	Epidemiology
Pineiro	Silvia	U.S. Food and Drug Administration	USA	Microbiology, Veterinary Drugs
Price	Shirley Christine	University of Surrey	United Kingdom	Food Additives, Contaminants, Veterinary Drugs
Saravanan	Manoharan	Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research Institute; Meenakshi Medical College and Research Institute	India	Veterinary Drugs
Schrenk	Dieter	University of Kaiserslautern	Germany	Contaminants
Smith	Catherine A	Health Canada	Canada	Food Additives, Contaminants
Smurthwaite	Kayla	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Australia	Epidemiology, Contaminants, Food Additives
Sui	Haixia	China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment	China	Food Additives, Contaminants
Sun	Quancai	Macau University of Science and Technology	China	Microbiology, Food Additives, Contaminants
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Tyagi	Pravesh	Ministry for Primary Industries	New Zealand	Contaminants
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Wolf	Douglas	WolfToxRisk LLC	USA	Contaminants, Veterinary Drugs
Wu	Felicia	Michigan State University	USA	Epidemiology, Contaminants
Yang	Hui	China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment	China	Food Additives, Contaminants