

## Food Loss and Waste (FLW) Initiative Signatory Benefits

### Introduction

The Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA) in partnership with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**), co-funded by the European Union have embarked on an industry initiative to halve food loss and waste in South Africa by 2030. The aim of the initiative is to facilitate participation and activities towards the implementation of the developed food loss and waste voluntary agreement.

This initiative requires voluntary participation. Initiatives such as the Voluntary Agreement (VA) requires inclusive participation and a fee from stakeholders. However, stakeholders have requested that there should be no signatory fee.

### Food Loss and Waste Agreement

A South African food waste voluntary agreement which entails the implementation plan has been developed. This implementation plan was developed in consultation with the stakeholders from government, industry, civil society and academia.

The agreement seeks to respond to the collective effort to prevent and reduce the loss and waste of food intended for human consumption, including the food insecurity dilemma in South Africa.

The vision of the agreement is to collectively commit to:

- Reducing food loss and waste in South Africa by 50% by 2030.
- Adopting the food utilisation hierarchy, which prioritises improved food utilisation and food loss and waste prevention and reduction in the first instance, and secondly the redistribution of edible, nutritious surplus food for human consumption, and to enable secondary markets for surplus food.
- Identifying food surplus and waste management solutions that respond to a circular economy and sustainable food systems agenda.
- Advocate for a common agreed definition with the sector and the regulators.
- Work towards a common yearly baseline trajectory as outlined in the VA implementation plan and report annually.

### Signatory Options

Stakeholders can show their commitment through signing up as Core signatory or Associate signatory.

**Core signatory** – you are a food or drink business involved in the production [including agriculture and fisheries], processing, manufacturing, grocery wholesale or retail, or a food service or hospitality business in South Africa. Small through to large operations are welcome.

**Associate signatory** – you work with or provide support to the South African food sector or

consumers to reduce food waste or provide food waste solutions, such as government departments, municipalities, trade associations, not-for-profits or food redistribution charities, food waste solution or waste management providers.

### **Food Loss and Waste Signatory Sign-up Benefits**

In line with the funding model as outlined above (no signatory fee), the CGCSA as the secretariat of the initiative and funded by sector members. The benefits will be based on CGCSA (Legal and Regulatory and Food Safety initiative) membership and non- membership. This will be reviewed once the public Benefit Organisation (PBO) is in place to support the initiative.

#### **CGCSA Non- Members Sign up**

##### **Services**

- Access to Reporting Portal \*
- Attendance European Union funded Dialogues
- State signatory to VA but not allowed to use initiative logo in their communication platforms.
- Receive general Food loss and waste related Alerts and Meetings.
- \*Mandatory training on reporting for portal access (Paid)

#### **CGCSA FSI Members**

##### **Benefits**

- Access to Reporting Portal \*
- Attendance European Union funded Dialogues
- State signatory to VA but not allowed to use initiative logo in their communication platforms
- Receive general Food loss and waste related Alerts and Meetings
- Working groups participation
- Use of FLW Initiative logo in all company communications platforms
- Access to the latest insights from research and innovation to address food waste, to consumer food loss and waste insights and the opportunity to participate in consumer campaigns;
- Free/Reduced rate for training in food loss and waste measurement and reporting
- Opportunity for collaboration and partnerships in the entire value chain towards reporting and food and loss reduction in South Africa.
- Technical support and advice on food loss and waste reduction strategies, hotspot analysis and reporting;
- Early access to tools, market assessments guidance and case studies and signatory webinars;
- Attendance at Agreement supported events, annual signatory only workshops to share best practice, will be key to upskilling and engaging your wider internal teams;
- Regular media profiling and publicity relating to Agreement achievements and progress;
- Identify areas of improvements for internal efficiencies and measure progress.
- Opportunity for company logo to be publicised on the CGCSA FLW webpage

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