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Working on food safety and quality issues at the nexus of food and nutrition security, resilient small-holders and agro-processors, safe food trade and market access, and consumer health and protection. Since December 2017, Mary Kenny is the FAO Food Safety and Consumer Protection Officer at the Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in Budapest. Prior to this, Mary worked for the global programme on food safety and quality at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), having joined the Organization in 1995. Mary's key areas of technical expertise and knowledge are food safety capacity development in developing and transition countries, public and private engagement to build functioning food control systems and safe value chains, Codex Alimentarius Commission international food standard setting, supporting effective participation in Codex, and FAO's programme on the provision of scientific advice to Codex and member countries. Prior to joining FAO, Mary worked in Ireland and the UK as an Environmental Health Officer on public health protection including food safety regulation and food inspection, environmental pollution control and standards in the private-rented housing sector. Mary holds a MSc. in Food Science and Technology and a Degree in Environmental Health. Mary is experienced in project design and implementation, training and information transfer, meeting facilitation and management, report writing and presenting at conferences and seminars. Mary is committed to her most recent challenge to manage FAO's portfolio of food safety capacity development activities, in Central and Eastern Europe. Building partnerships in countries and across the region is essential for successful delivery of FAO's programme of work.

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