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Kevin Fay, Executive Director of Global Food Cold Chain Council (GFCCC) Joins Champions 12.3 Program

At the 2015 United Nations General Assembly, countries of the world formally adopted a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. SDG 12 seeks to “ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.” The third target under this goal (Target 12.3) calls for cutting in half per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer level, and reducing food losses along production and supply chains (including post-harvest losses) by 2030.

To help convert Target 12.3 into reality, the global multi-stakeholder summit “No More Food to Waste” proposed the idea of developing a group of executives who would champion the cause of achieving SDG Target 12.3 or *Champions 12.3*. During the United Nations General Assembly’s Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015, the government of The Netherlands formally called for its formation.

Champions 12.3 is a coalition of executives from governments, businesses, international organizations, research institutions, farmer groups, and civil society dedicated to inspiring ambition, mobilizing action, and accelerating progress towards achieving SDG Target 12.3 by 2030.

The Global Food Cold Chain Alliance works to identify, develop and promote technology-neutral policies and actions to reduce the food cold chain waste contribution to greenhouse gas emissions; we support solutions that are energy efficient and reliant on low-GWP compounds and equipment; we work to identify and develop standards and practices to increase access to the food cold chain and reduce food waste; and we actively seek to engage and influence international and national bodies, including the FAO, CCAC, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Montreal Protocol.

The Global Food Cold Chain Alliance is actively working to improve our understanding of the importance of the cold chain in reducing food waste and thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We are excited to have Kevin Fay represent us as a Champion.