

CODEX COLLOQUIUM FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION

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Session 2: Setting the Stage – Workshop Expectations, Current Status of Codex Participation from the Region

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How can we bolster participation in Codex proceedings?

This facilitated discussion aims to capture the current level of participation in Codex Committees from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

It will attempt to document current challenges faced by Codex teams in the region, preventing / limiting participation in and effective preparation for Codex Committees.

1. Documenting Level of Participation

Please capture information collected from delegates seated at your table:

- A. Which Codex Committee(s) have your Country participated in during 2021?

Country → Codex Committee(s)

- B. How different was your participation pre-pandemic, i.e. in comparison to the period before 2019?

Pre-2019: Country → Codex Committee(s)

2. Documenting Priorities of Codex Committees

Please capture information collected from delegates seated at your table:

- A. Discuss, at your table, what are the top 5 Codex Committees that your country consider as high priority warranting participation and contribution. Explain why. For example:
- Strategic importance for national standard development.
 - Strategic importance for import / export control.
 - Importance related to market access considerations.
 - Importance related to interest in leveraging Codex resources for national standard development.
 - Etc.

3. Challenges and Enablers Related to Participation in Codex Proceedings

Discuss the key challenges that impede your country's:

- A. Participation in Codex meetings.
- B. Effective preparation for Codex proceedings – electronic working groups / committees.
- C. Participation in coordination committees at the regional level – within the MENA region – and with other delegations beyond the region.

4. Possible Solutions and Enablers

Discuss at your table and record what you consider as enablers / solutions to address the challenges and impediments identified above.

