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Codex Initiative for the Middle East and North Africa Region

MENA Codex Initiative

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Outline

Initiative implemented in collaboration with the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS) and Laval University's Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Excellence Platform (PARERA)







Areas of Intervention

Three main areas of intervention:

- A. Regional coordination and support to the analysis of Codex Committee agenda items for Committees of priority.
- B. Support to sub-regional coordination structures:
 - For example: the creation of information exchange networks and communities of practice.
- C. Investment in National competencies and capacities
 - Strengthening of National Codex Contact Points.





Accomplishments to Date

- Creation of MENA Codex resources, amenable to ongoing updates and enhancement: arabcodex.com /.org
- Development of background material for use as reference in preparation for attendance and active participation in:
 - The Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP).
 - The Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF).
 - The Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) – ongoing.
 - The Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) – ongoing.
- □Investment in Creating Groups of Experts







Creation of Codex Communities of Practice

Arab North Africa: Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Sudan.

GCC and other countries from the Near East region.





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Meetings

Physical Meeting: Foundational Meeting for

Codex Communities of Practice (one of our objectives in Dubai)



Virtual Meetings

CCRVDF : Expert WG to prepare for the meeting Coordination meetings : CCFICS, CCRVDF, Meetings with the chair of CCRVDF





Objectives of This Event

- A. Support the Creation and Development of Communities of Practice ?
- B. Determine Priorities of Investment in Codex Capacities in the MENA Region ?
- C. Review Outputs of Key Codex Committees (Preparation for CAC44) and Discuss Future Agenda Items







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