



ASIA CODEX INITIATIVE

Introduction and General Outline

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Introduction of the Initiative

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Initiative implemented by the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS) and Landolakes Venture 37,

In Partnership with Food Science Organizations, Partners and Stakeholders from Asia e.g., ILSI SEA

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Introducing GFoRSS

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- ❑ A not-for-profit organization incorporated according to the laws of the province of Québec and the Canadian Confederation.
- ❑ GFoRSS aims to promote capacity building initiatives in food regulatory sciences i.e., scientific disciplines that underpin food regulatory decisions and food control systems
- ❑ Hosted by the Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Excellence Platform (PARERA) of the Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods of the Université Laval, Quebec Canada
- ❑ Created in 2019 in Dubai, UAE – and Incorporated in Canada in December 2020.

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Objectives

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❑ Promote effective participation in Codex

Collaborate with CCASIA members to enhance countries' effective contribution to international food standard setting, ensuring standards are relevant to the region and its members and upholding Codex values of inclusiveness, transparency and collaboration

❑ Enhance Coordination Efforts at the Regional and Sub-Regional Level:

Support coordination efforts by the Coordinator for Asia (CCASIA) and strengthen sub-regional collaboration and coordination structures such as the ASEAN Codex Taskforce

❑ Enhance Codex technical capabilities at the regional and country level

Partner with CCASIA members and stakeholders to strengthen the technical capacity of Codex Contact points at the country level and to develop and sustain national Codex coordination structures



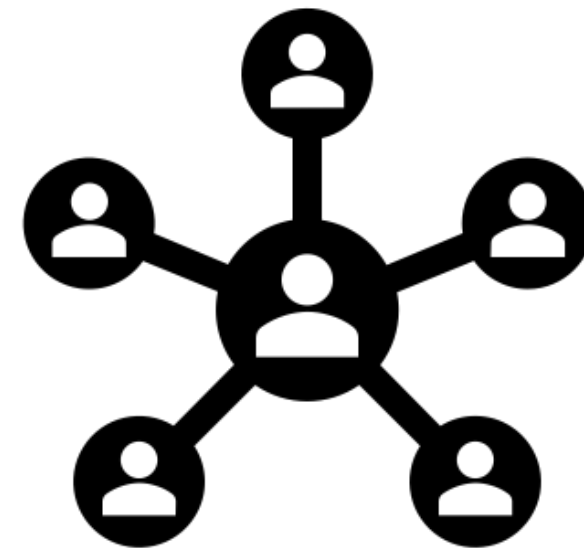
AWARENESS RAISING

Development of training material and delivery of incremental capacity development.



SUPPORT SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATION

Support for sub-regional coordination (e.g., ASEAN / South Asia) and regional coordination efforts (led by CCASIA Chair) and regional standards development.



DEVELOP “POOL OF EXPERTS”

Experts from the region who can be drawn upon to support Codex Delegations in development of positions for Codex meetings.



INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL CAPACITIES

Strengthening of national Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees.

Areas of Intervention

Four Main Areas of Intervention

- A. Awareness Raising:** Development of Training Material and Delivery of Incremental Capacity Development
- B. Development of a “Pool of Experts”:** from countries of the region, which can be drawn upon to support Codex Delegations in Development of Positions for Codex Meetings
- C. Support to Codex Sub-Regional Collaboration and Coordination Efforts such as an “Informal Codex Roundtable for South-East Asia”**
 - Support to Sub-Regional Coordination (e.g. ASEAN, South-Asia) and Regional Coordination Efforts (under the leadership of CCASIA Chair)
 - Continued Support to Regional Standards Development
- D. Investment in National competencies and capacities** Strengthening of National Codex Contact Points.



Creation of Codex Communities of Practice

For Priority Codex Committees (identified by Countries of the region)

- ❑ Support Data Availability and Submission Supportive of Codex Proceedings
- ❑ Enable Access to Data / Information / Guidance useful for effective participation in Codex Committees
- ❑ Access to Information and Communication Tools (ICTs)



Towards Codex Roundtables for SE Asia

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- ❑ Coordinated Preparation ahead of upcoming Codex Committees :
 - Identification of Priorities
 - Shared Resources
 - Coordination of Participation as may be relevant
- ❑ Support to Capacity Building in the Region
 - Support to Submissions to the Codex Trust Fund
 - Development of an ICT (Information Communication Tool) to support the Asia Codex Community of Practice
- ❑ Leverage Investment in Data Availability to Represent Regional Environment: ensure Codex Standard include data from the region



*Discussion of Substance and
Format of Collaboration*

*Proposed Terms of Reference to
the Roundtables*

