

Side Event: Codex @ 60 – Towards More Robust Food Control Systems at the Regional Level

Date: Wednesday 1 Feb 2023 14-17:00 | Nadi, Fiji

Introduction

CCNASWP and its members are contributing to highlight the accomplishments of Codex during its 6 decades of existence and its possible future contributions to enhancing the food control systems in the region.

This event will also support discussion surrounding how best to enhance Codex capacities in the region and to steer investments in such capacities for the benefit of consumers and the food and agrifood production sector.

The workshop will feature the participation of the Chairperson of the CAC, Dr. Steve Wearne, Vice Chairperson Raj Sajekar, representatives of FAO, WHO and a number of experts and opinion leaders with demonstrated experience in Codex activities over the past period.

Proposed Agenda

13:30 – 14:00 Registration of Additional Participants to the workshop (participants from Fiji and/or other jurisdictions participating in the Workshop)

14:00 – 14:30 Official Opening and Introductory Remarks
Introductory remarks by Senior officials from Fiji, other countries, and representatives of FAO and WHO
Introductory Remarks by the Coordinator for CCNASWP
Introductory Remarks by Dr. Steve Wearne, Chairperson, Codex Alimentarius Commission
Introductory Remarks Mr. Raj Rajesekar, Vice Chairperson, Codex Alimentarius Commission

14:30 – 15:30: Facilitated Discussions on the Future Developments of Codex in the SWP Region - Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities

Discussions amongst participants will be organized through roundtable discussions which will take place in the form of roundtable exchanges, facilitated by questions designed to extract key input from participants. The summary output of each table will serve as a starting point to the Panel discussion to follow in the subsequent section:

Future Developments of Codex in the SWP region: Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities – Themes to be discussed

- *Codex capacities in the region and priorities of investment.*
- *Opportunities for the development of regional standards relevant to the SWP region: A possible pipeline for proposals of regional standards that may be developed*
- *Maximizing Codex impacts on the modernization of food control systems in the SWP*

15:30 – 16:00 Health Break

16:00 – 16:45 Moderated Panel Discussion

Future Direction of Codex Capacities in the NASWP region, leveraging success and shaping a path forward for investment

Panel participants will include:

- *Spokespersons from the Roundtable discussions*
- *Representatives of FAO/WHO*
- *Codex Representatives of NASWP delegations*

16:45 – 17:00 Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

CCNASWP Chair
Chair Codex Commission