



THE SECOND ARAB CODEX COLLOQUIUM

Crowne Plaza Muscat
Muscat - Sultanate of Oman

June 11-10 يونيو

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Introduction

The second Arab Codex Colloquium is planned to take place from 10 – 11 June 2023. The Colloquium will enable a physical meeting of up to 2 representatives of the Codex Program from each Arab Country, with the partnership of collaborating regional standardization organizations – namely, the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Standardization Organization (GSO).

The meeting will serve as an opportunity to:

- A. Review the accomplishments of the Arab Codex Initiative:
 - Review outputs of key Codex Committees of the current Codex season.
 - Prepare for the participation of the Arab region to the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46).
- B. Shape the future directions of the Arab Codex Initiative.
- C. Progress on the activities of the Working Groups created through the Arab Codex Initiative.

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Proposed Agenda

Day 1: 10 June 2023

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks

9:00 – 9:30

- *Prof. Samuel Godefroy, COO GFORSS; Full Professor, Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Canada*
- *Mr. Kenneth Lowery, Senior International Issues Analyst, US Codex Office, USDA*
- *Dr. Moez Sanaa, Standards and Scientific Advice on Food and Nutrition, WHO*
- *Mr. Ahmed Eddouaicer, Coordinator, Arab Codex Initiative, AIDSMO*
- *Dr. Oday Al-Bouhamad, Eng. Ahmed Al Basha, GSO*
- *Dr. Tarek El Houby, Chairman of the board, National Food Safety Authority (NFSA)*
- *Eng. Ali AlGhafri, Chair, GCC Codex Working Group*
- *Oman Officials: Dr. Hussein Al Masroori, Director General, Centre of Food Safety and Quality, Oman*

9:30-10:00

Introduction of Participants and Review of the Agenda



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Review of the Accomplishments of the Arab Codex Initiative

10:00 – 11:30

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Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Ulaval – GFORSS, Mr. Ahmed Eddouaicer, AIDSMO, Eng. Hajar Tiglifet and Dr. Elie Bouyazebeck, GFORSS
Facilitated discussions on Future Directions of the Arab Codex Initiative.

11:30 – 12:00

HEALTH BREAK

Session 2 – Review of Outputs of Key Codex Committees Part I

12:00 – 13:30

- CCFIC & CAC45, Delegation of Morocco
- CCFH, GFORSS Team
- CCCF, Delegation of Jordan

13:30 – 14:30

LUNCH

Session 3 – Engagement of the Arab Region in Codex Proceedings, Future Opportunities

14:30 – 15:00

Introductory Remarks by Dr. Steve Wearne, Chair, Codex Alimentarius Commission

15:00 – 15:30

Aspirations of the Arab Region from its Participation to Codex *Facilitated Discussions*

15:30 – 16:00

Introduction of the GCC Codex Activities

- *Eng. Ahmed Al Basha*
- *Eng. Ali AlGhafri*

16:00 – 16:30

Review of Day 1 Accomplishments

16:30

Adjournment

18:00-19:00

Informal discussion of Arab EWG

Day 2: 11 June 2023

8:00 – 9:30	GCC Codex Working Group Meeting
9:00 – 9:30	Informal Morning Discussion with Codex Chair <i>Members of the Arab Codex Community are invited to meet with the Codex Chair for a morning engagement session.</i>
Session 4 – Review of Outputs of Key Codex Committees Part II	
9:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCRVDF, Delegation of Oman• CCFA, Delegation of Egypt• CCNFSDU, Delegation of Egypt• CCFL, GForSS Team
11:30 – 12:00	HEALTH BREAK
Session 5 – Best Practices in Preparing for Codex Committees	
12:00 – 13:00	Development of National Positions and Benefits of Regional Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Prof. Samuel Godefroy</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Review of Upcoming Codex Committees and Plans for Enhanced Arab Contribution
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH
Session 6 – Outlook of and Preparation for the CAC46	
14:30 – 15:00	Review of Agenda of CAC46 <i>View from the Chair</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion point introduced by Arab Codex Delegates : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper introduced by Arab Codex Delegates• Items to recommend as for the agenda of CCNE11
15:30 – 16:00	Review of Codex Capacity Building Needs in the Arab Region and Proposals for Enhanced Capacities
16:00 – 16:15	Summary of Recommendations and Future Direction
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair, CAC• US Codex Office• Omani Hosts
16:30	Adjournment

