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## CODEX ROUNDTABLE FOR THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC

### Proposed Terms of Reference

The Codex Roundtable for South-West Pacific is an informal codex coordination forum, gathering Codex Contact points of countries of the South-West Pacific.

#### **Objective:**

To enhance effective participation of Codex teams of countries of South-West Pacific, through increased coordination, information exchange, work-sharing opportunities and mutualization of resources

#### **Proposed Approach:**

Codex Roundtable meetings will be organized to support:

- Preparation for effective participation in Codex committee meetings,
- Development of data, scientific information from countries of the South-West Pacific, supporting Codex standard setting processes and reflecting the region's realities
- Coordination of worksharing opportunities in support of participation in Codex technical committee discussions
- Sharing experiences related to countries' contribution to Codex activities, including to support codex capacity enhancement through submissions for funding to the Codex Trust Fund
- Identification of capacity building needs and delivery of training, awareness raising and competency enhancement programs destined to experts from the region, with the aim to strengthen the scientific capacity underpinning Codex programs in the region
- Establishment of a sustained pool of experts from the region, with emphasis on food risk analysis, and developing experience of work in Codex
- Development of codex regional standards proposed by the South-West Pacific countries, with the aim to promote and add value to regional food and agri-food products, including indigenous and traditional foods
- Coordination of engagement with other Codex delegations from North America and other regions, as may be required

The Codex Roundtable for the South-West Pacific also aims to be an **informal vehicle** that fosters the implementation of collaborative projects supporting Codex Programs in the South-West Pacific in a sustainable fashion.

## **Scope**

Programs and activities related to Codex Standard Setting and participation of delegations of countries of the South-West Pacific in these activities, including their stakeholders.

## **Membership**

All Codex contact points of the South-West Pacific and individuals/organisations identified by the CCPs as partners and contributors to Codex Programs in these countries may be members of the Codex Roundtable for the South-West Pacific

## **Chairmanship**

The Codex Roundtable for the South-West Pacific and its meetings will be chaired by the Coordinator for the FAO/WHO Codex Coordinating Committee for North America and the South-West Pacific (CCNASWP), and/or a delegate identified by the coordinator.

## **Model of Operation / Values**

The Codex Roundtable for the South-West Pacific is an informal mechanism of collaboration. Membership in the Roundtable, although coordinated by Codex contact points from the region, is voluntary and does not create any formal or legal obligation to Codex contact points and the organisations with which they are affiliated.

Values pursued in conducting work under the Codex Roundtable for the South-West Pacific are those embraced by the Codex Alimentarius Commission in particular: Inclusiveness, Collaboration and Transparency.

## **Operations and Resources**

The Codex Roundtable for the South-West Pacific will be supported by the South-West Pacific Codex Initiative, a capacity building program aiming to enhance Codex capacities in the South-West Pacific, funded by the US Codex Office and implemented by the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS) and Landolakes Venture 37, in partnership with Codex Programs of Australia and New-Zealand and Codex Contact Points of countries of the South-West Pacific.

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