

Report of the 18th meeting of the Arab Codex Contact Points

As part of the implementation of recommendation (4) of the 17th meeting report of the Arab Codex Contact Points, held virtually on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, which states:

“The holding of the 18th meeting of the Arab CCPs on a date to be determined in coordination with the GFORSS. »

A coordination meeting was held remotely on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, with the aim of preparing the main meeting of the Codex Technical Committee on General Principles, with the participation of representatives of the following Arab States:

- Jordan
- UAE
- Bahrein
- Algeria
- Syria
- Oman
- Palestine
- Egypt
- Morocco

As well as AIDSMO, GFORSS and GSO representatives.

The coordinator of the Arab Codex initiative within AIDSMO launched the meeting with introductory remarks. He commenced the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all the participants and expressing his gratitude for their prompt response to the invitation. He reviewed the only item that will be discussed in the meeting and indicated that the meeting of the Codex Technical Committee concerned with general principles will take place in Bordeaux-France, between 2-6 October 2023 and is administered in three languages (English, French and Spanish), and registration is carried out via the electronic link available on the official website of the Codex Alimentarius.

The meeting agenda was approved and included the following items:

Agenda item	Subject matter
1	Opening Remarks and adoption of Agenda: Coordinator Arab Codex Initiative, AIDSMO
2	Review and analysis of Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP33) agenda Items
3	Other points

Item2: Review and analysis of Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP33) agenda Items

Professor Samuel Godefroy, GFoRSS COO, made an analytical presentation on the agenda items of the 33rd meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP33), as follows:

Item4: Codex Procedural Manual: presentation of new format and observations on consistency and superseded content.

Item5: Codex Procedural Manual: Proposed update to the Guide to the Procedure for the Amendment and Revision of Codex Standards and Related Texts.

Item6: Review and possible amendments to the rules of procedure on Sessions of the Commission.

Item7: Review and possible amendment of the principles concerning the participation of international non-governmental organizations in the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

The meeting included two interventions from representatives of Oman and Egypt, focusing on the possibility of using the Arabic language during meetings of the Codex Alimentarius committees.

Lastly, the following conclusions and recommendations were adopted:

1. Inclusion of all documents and presentations presented during the meeting in the interactive platform of the Arab Codex Initiative (www.Arabcodex.com).
2. Thanking Prof. Samuel Godefroy for his presentation on the agenda items of the 33rd meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP33).
3. Holding the 19th meeting of the Arab CCPs on a date to be determined in coordination with the GFoRSS.