



Codex Community Event

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Sofitel Fiji, Nadi, Fiji

2ND NORTH AMERICA SOUTH WEST PACIFIC CODEX COLLOQUIUM

Supporting the Enhancement of Food Control Systems in the SWP Region

Event Partner Organizations



Reviewing Codex Capacities in the SWP: Outputs of the First SWP Codex Colloquium and Next Steps



OUTPUTS OF THE SWOT – AUCKLAND SWP MEETING 8-9 NOVEMBER 2022 - CHALLENGES

- Codex contact points in the region (particularly in PICs) are generally under capacitated,
- Needs of Capacity building are important, in particular around improving the **understanding about the structure, operations of Codex work**, and more importantly the way to benefit from Codex standards
- The **scientific capacity in the region is limited** and would benefit from the creation of a **pool of resources**, mainly expertise that could be useful and accessible to various food control organizations and in particular Codex contact points in the region,
- **Access to data is limited** to support scientific assessments and to address the relevance of proposed standards for the region and its countries,



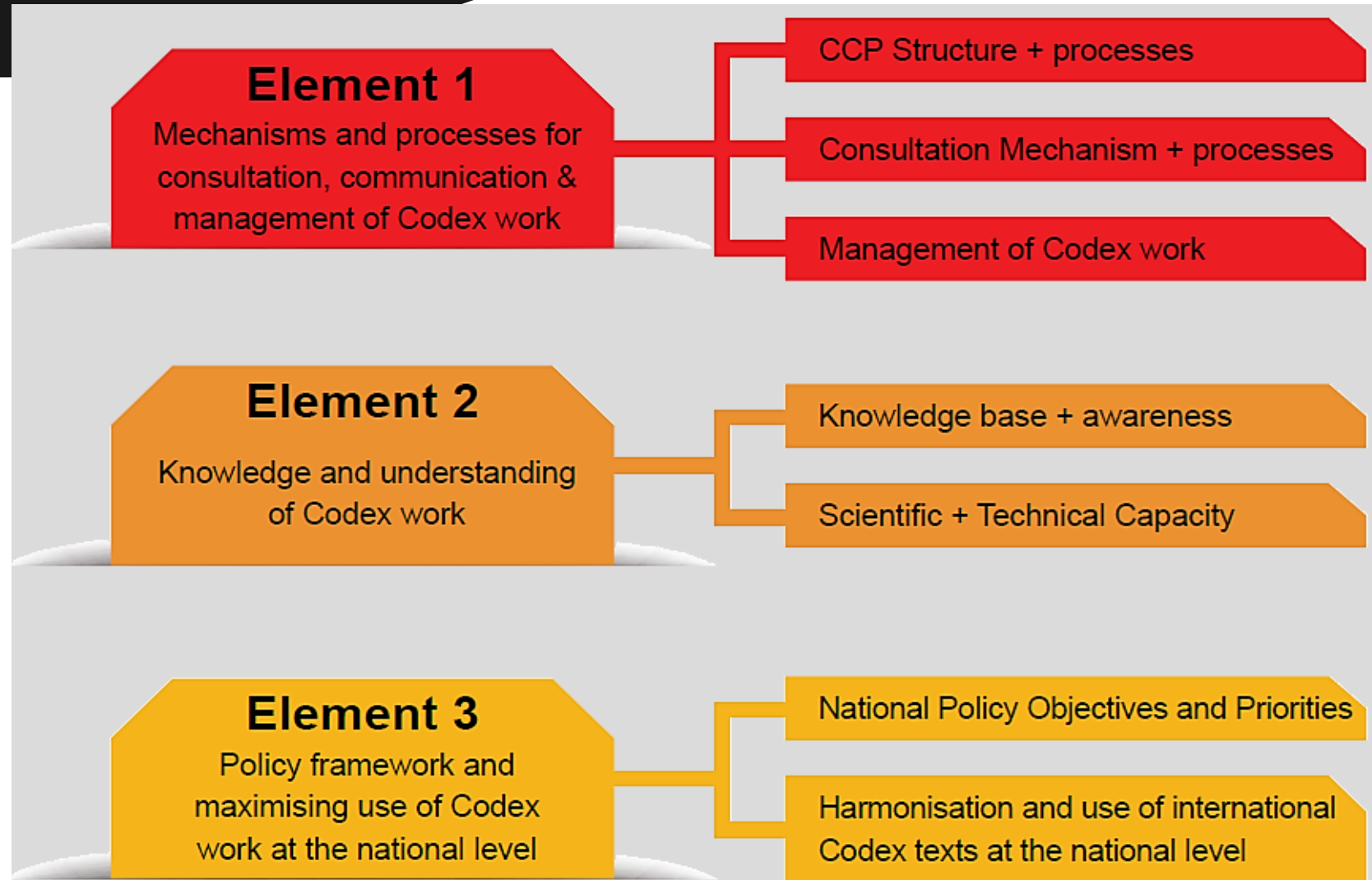
OUTPUTS OF THE SWOT – AUCKLAND SWP MEETING 8-9 NOVEMBER 2022 – OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Significant development in the level of participation from the region: Virtual Meetings
- ✓ Codex guidance Being Used as a Source for Regulatory Decisions
- ✓ Guidance Provided to Strengthen Food Control Systems ,
- ✓ The Codex SWP Initiative offers an opportunity to invest in capacity development in the region, and to **develop enhanced coordination**,
- ✓ Codex Roundtables for the NASWP region: although inconsistent attendance
- ✓ Continued Efforts to Position Regional Standards (e.g., Kava, Noni) and to promote marketability and availability of local products in foreign markets,

**FAO/WHO Diagnostic
tool for assessing status
of national Codex
programmes**



Overview of all Elements and sub-elements to be assessed



Components of a well-established national Codex programme:



NATIONAL CODEX OFFICE

with clearly defined roles and responsibilities and provided with necessary resources for carrying out the core functions of the Codex Contact Point (CCP)



SOUND CONSULTATION STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES

at the national level to encourage and facilitate involvement of stakeholders on Codex and related matters



TRANSPARENCY, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

throughout the programme



SOLID KNOWLEDGE BASE AND AWARENESS

of Codex and food safety matters among national professionals and stakeholders



HIGH LEVEL SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION

for Codex programmes underpinned by a well defined national policy framework setting out the country's priorities and interests in Codex;



STRONG LINKS

to national food control systems to promote involvement and participation of food regulatory professionals in the work of Codex and use of relevant Codex texts

Components of a well-established national Codex programme:



SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES

including ability to develop national food standards based on Codex/international norms



COUNTRY POSITIONS AND INPUTS

when developing Codex texts underpinned by scientific and technical data



ADEQUATE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES

to run the programme and planning to secure resources



SYSTEMATIC MONITORING AND ANALYSIS

of Codex activities and implementation of follow up actions, and planning for the future.

Concerned Parties for the Assessment

1

Key Decision Makers

2

National Codex Office

3

**National Codex Committee/
Sub-committees**

4

**National Competent
Authorities**

5

Standardization Organizations

6

**Universities &
Research Centers**

7

**Others / NGOs, Chamber
of Commerce,...**

National Codex Programmes Assessment (NaCoPA) Checklist

Based on FAO/WHO Diagnostic Tool for assessing status of National Codex Programmes.

Ass. Code:

Country:

Assessor:

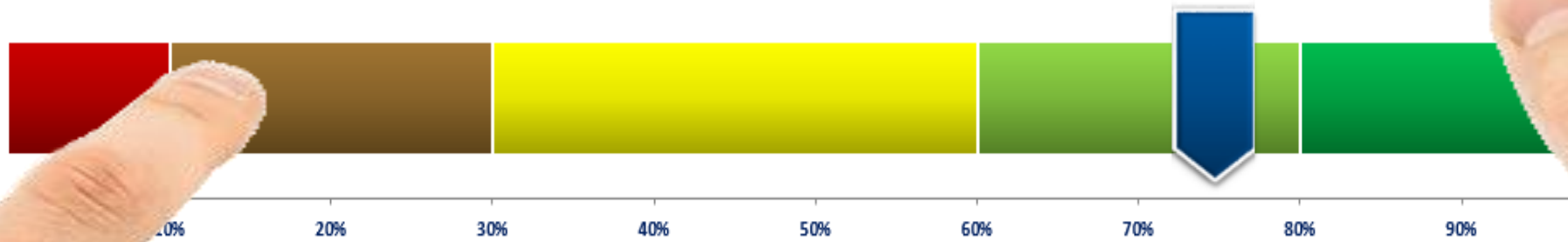
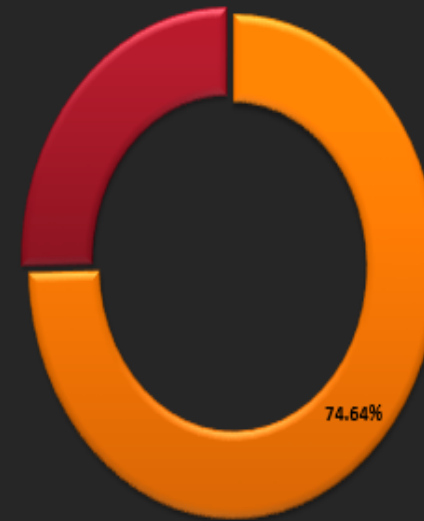
Dates:

| Assessment Criteria | Concerned Party | Type of evidence | Exist? | Conformance score | Level Rating | Importance | Weighted | Objective Evidences/ Comments |
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| Element 1: Core mechanisms and related processes for consultation, communication and management of Codex work | | | | | | | 4.00 | |
| SE.1.1 Codex Contact Point (CCP) structure and processes | | | 0.0% | 100.00% | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| SE.1.1.01 Designated CCP in place | | | N | 100 | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| Q1111 Is there a designated Codex Contact Point ? | CCPM | Official Doc. | N | 50 | | | | |
| Q1112 Does the CCP have a dedicated email address? | CCPM | Technical Doc. | N | 25 | | | | |
| Q1113 Are the location and contact details of the CCP familiar to all relevant national | National Agencies | Simulation | N | 25 | | | | |
| SE.1.1.02 CCP responsibilities for Codex and related work are clearly defined | | | N | 100 | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| Q1121 Are the roles and responsibilities of the CCP clearly defined? | CCPM | Technical Doc. | N | 50 | | | | |
| Q1122 Are the roles and responsibilities of the CCP accessible to all? | CCPM | Observation | N | 20 | | | | |
| Q1123 Are the roles and responsibilities of the CCP coherent with the Codex | CCPM | Observation | N | 30 | | | | |
| SE.1.1.03 Management of the Codex Contact Point functions | | | N | 100 | 4 | 1 | 4 | |
| Do the CCP communicate with the Codex Secretariat, are they responsive? | CCPM | Records | N | 15 | | | | |
| Does the CCP have a clear working procedure for managing its functions | CCPM | Procedure or Program | N | 30 | | | | |
| Does the CCP disseminate information in-country and provide information to | CCPM | Simulation | N | 15 | | | | |

Soft Digital checklist

National Codex Programmes Assessment (NaCoPA) tool DASHBOARD

74.64% Level of conformance achieved



ELEMENT 1

ELEMENT 2

ELEMENT 3

Interactive Dashboard

62.13%

71.46%

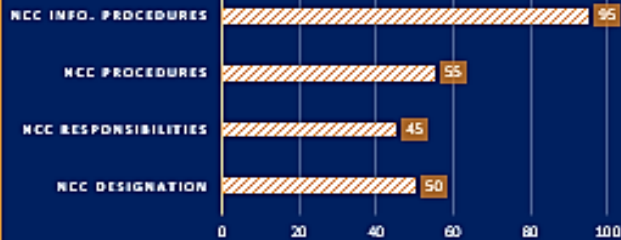
81.67%

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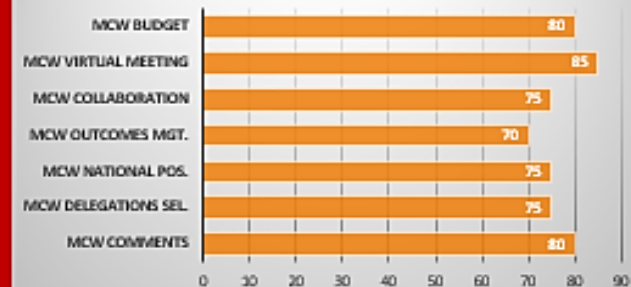
NATIONAL CODEX CONTACT POINT



CONSULTATION MECHANISM AND PROCESSES / CCP

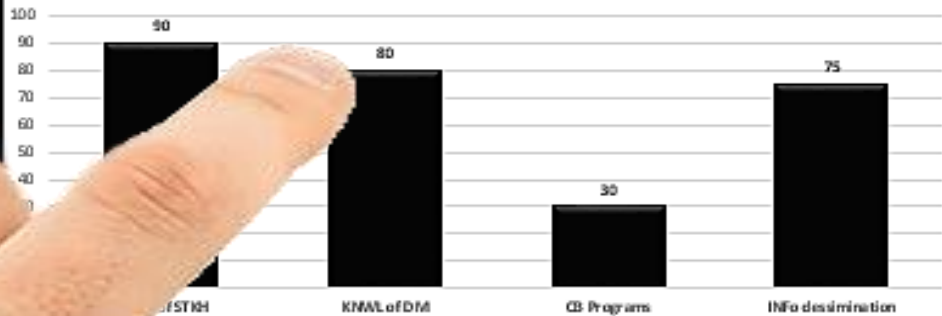


MANAGEMENT OF CODEX WORK

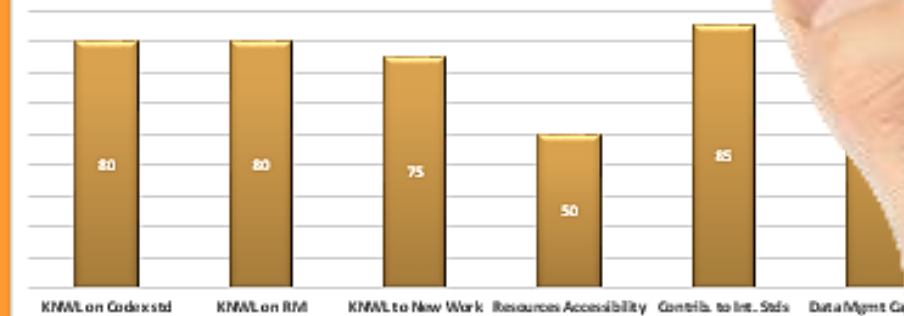


Element 2: Knowledge and understanding of Codex work

Knowledge base and awareness



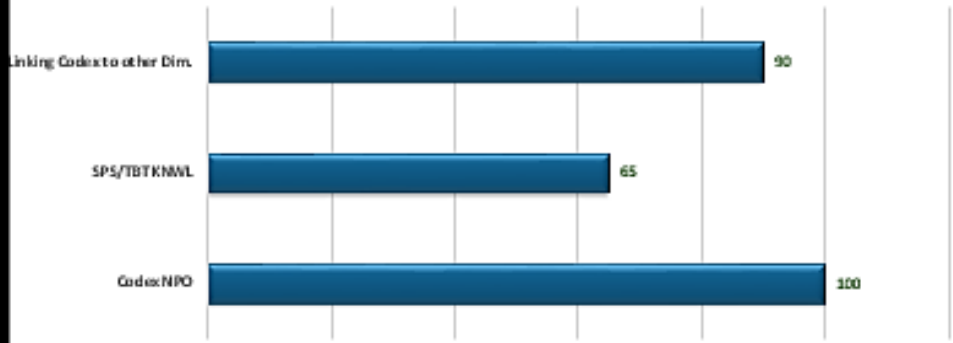
Scientific and Technical capacity



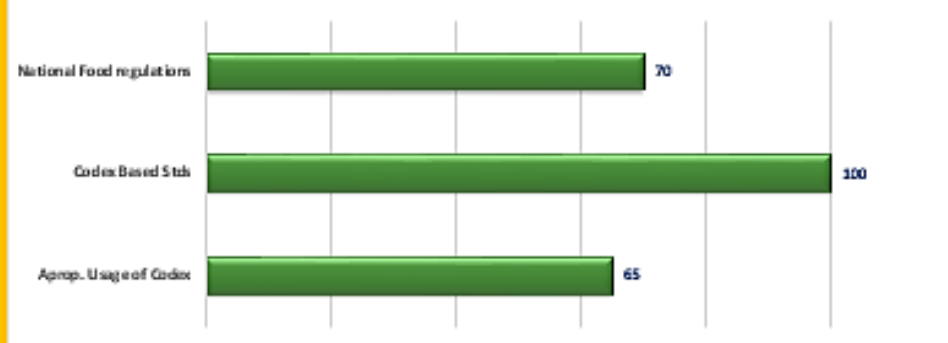
Real-time detailed results generation

Element 3: Policy framework and maximising the use of Codex work at the national level

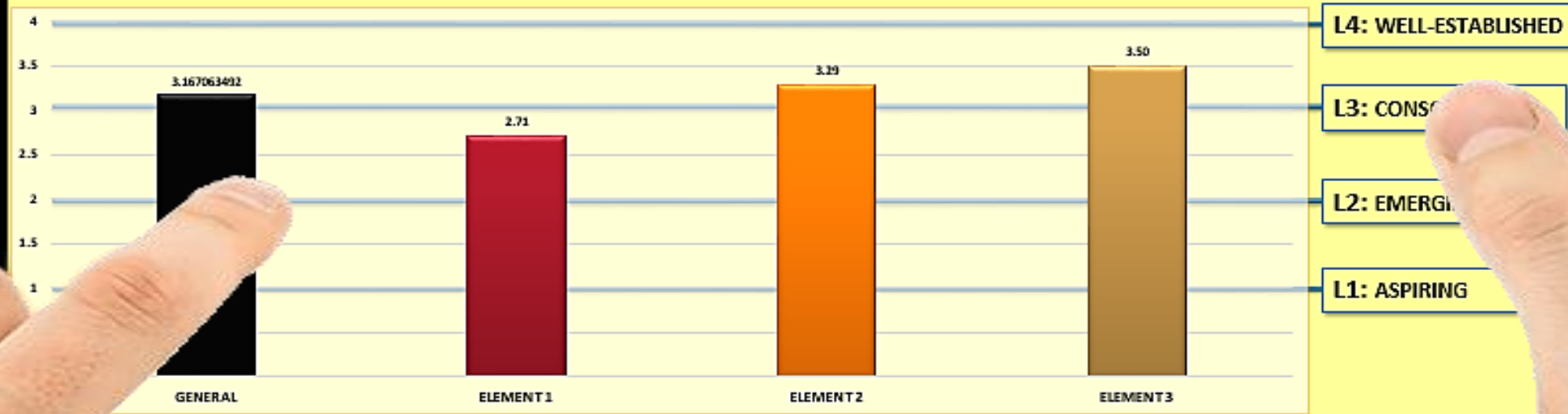
National Policy Objectives and Priorities



Harmonisation and use of international Codex texts at the national level



OVERALL RATING LEVELS



Harmonized with the FAO/WHO Codex Tool



POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ Avenues to Increase Awareness and Support for Codex Programs in the Region
- ✓ Avenues to Leverage Codex Trust Fund Projects in the Region
- ✓ Adaptation of Codex Capacity Assessment Tool
- ✓ Prioritization of Codex Committees for the Region
- ✓ Better Use of Codex Roundtables: Is this the Right Forum ? Should we Update it / Enhance it

