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Supporting the Enhancement of Food Control Systems in the SWP Region

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Regional Coordination Efforts in Codex

Reviewing Guidance from Codex Procedural Manual and Applied Practices

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GUIDANCE FROM PROCEDURAL MANUAL

□ Guidance from Procedural Manual Offers Direction as to the Way Regional Coordination Would be Exercised:

- **Rule IV** of the “Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission” defines the role of the Coordinator (Country):
 - to **appoint the Chairperson** of the Coordinating Committee
 - **to assist and coordinate the work** of the Codex Committees set-up... in their region or group of countries in **the preparation of draft standards**, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission;
 - to assist **the Executive Committee and the Commission**, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and **recognized regional intergovernmental and non-government organizations** in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.



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 - to **identify problems and needs concerning standards and food control**
 - to **Promote Contacts and Mutual Exchange of Information on Proposed Regulatory Initiatives**
 - Support to Enhancement of Food Control Infrastructure
 - Recommends the **development of worldwide standards** for **products of interest to the region**, including products considered by the Committee to have an international market potential in the future
 - Supports the **development of Regional Standards**
 - **Promotes Various Aspects of Coordination in the Region, as Entrusted by the CAC**
 - Promotes Use of Codex Standards in the Region



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OVERVIEW OF APPLIED PRACTICES

☐ CCAFRICA Practice:

- Coordinator collaborates with Regional Organization (African Union Commission) to organize coordination meetings, prior to each Codex Committee (on the premises of the meeting).
- Where relevant – regional positions are developed and expressed on behalf of countries of the Region at a given Codex Committee
- Developed Groups of Experts managed by the AUC to support the preparation of positions for each Codex Committee.

☐ CCLAC Practice:

- Coordinator also collaborates with a Regional Organization: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) to Develop regional positions and hold coordination meeting during Codex Committees and prior to each Codex Committee identified as a priority

