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Supporting the Regional Pacific Islands Focal Point

Supporting the regional focal point in Pacific Island Islands involves several key strategies aimed at enhancing expertise, capacity building, and effective participation. Here are some ways to support this:

1. Training and Capacity Building Programs

Implement specialized training programs tailored to the specific needs and interests of each Codex committee; in our case is the NASWP Region. These programs could focus on areas such as risk assessment, food safety management systems, labeling requirements, and regulatory compliance. By equipping members with the necessary skills and knowledge, they can become specialists in their respective fields and make meaningful contributions to Codex standards development.

2. Mentorship and Knowledge Sharing

Facilitate mentorship opportunities between experienced members and newcomers within the member countries. Encourage knowledge sharing through workshops and seminars. By fostering a culture of mentorship and collaboration, members can learn from each other's experiences and expertise. Participation in the EWG's could be effective through effective communication and avoid delays in the composition of any standards.

3. Resource Allocation

Allocate resources, including funding, technical support and infrastructure development, to support specialized activities within member countries. This could involve providing funding for research projects, expert consultations, or participation in specialized training programs. By investing in specialized activities, members can deepen their understanding of complex issues and contribute more effectively to Codex standards development. Also, there is lack of scientific data to support the EWG's and the development of each standard. This hinders the work forward for the adoption of the standards.

4. Engagement with Technical Experts/ Consultants

Foster partnerships with external experts, including academia, research institutions, and industry stakeholders, to support specialization within member countries. Invite experts to provide technical input, share best practices, and contribute to discussions on specialized topics. By tapping into external expertise, committees can access a broader range of knowledge and perspectives, enriching their discussions and decision-making processes.

5. Support for National Codex Structures

Strengthen national Codex structures and focal points within each member country. Provide training and capacity building support to national Codex committees, enabling them to engage more effectively in Codex activities and contribute to specialized discussions at national, regional and international levels. By building capacity at the national level, member countries can enhance their representation at regional and international meetings.

6. Promotion of Cross-Cutting Issues

Encourage the integration of cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, sustainability, and food security and food safety, into specialized discussions within member countries. By addressing these interconnected challenges, members can develop holistic and context-specific solutions that reflect the unique needs and priorities of the NASWP Region. Promoting cross-cutting issues can also foster interdisciplinary collaboration and support specialization in emerging areas of interest.

Overall, supporting the regional focal points in the NASWP region requires a multi-faceted approach that combines training, mentorship, resource allocation, engagement with external experts, support for national Codex structures, and promotion of cross-cutting issues. By implementing these strategies, member countries can enhance their capacity to engage effectively in Codex work and contribute to the development of food standards that promote food safety, public health and facilitate trade.