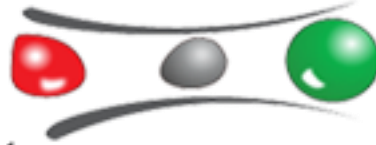




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Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization

THE THIRD ARAB CODEX COLLOQUIUM

11-13 June 2024 • W Hotel – Amman, Jordan

DAY 1: Tuesday, 11 June 2024

8:30-9:00

Registration

9:00-9:45

Opening Ceremony* - *Master of Ceremony: Eng. Sharif Al-Mhirat, JSMO*

- National Anthem of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Introductory Remarks:
 - *Prof. Junshi Chen, Honorary President, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)*
 - *Dr. Mary Frances Lowe, Director, United States Codex Program*
 - *Mr. Khalid Al-Zahrani, Chair of the FAO/WHO Codex Committee for the Near East (CCNE), Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*
 - *Eng. Ali Al-Ghafri, Chair of the Arab Taskforce on Food Safety (ATF), Oman Centre for Food Safety and Quality*
 - *Eng. Ahmed Al-Bashah, Head of Standards, GCC Standardization Organization (GSO)*
 - *Dr. Khaled Soufi, Chairman of Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS) & Egyptian Codex*
 - *Dr. Tareq El-Houby, Chairman of the Egyptian National Food Safety Authority (NFSA)*
- Official Opening:
 - *Eng. Ahmed Eddouaicer, Coordinator Arab Codex Initiative, Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)*
 - *H.E. Eng Abeer Barakat Al Zuhair, Director General of Jordanian Standards and Metrology Organization*

**Order of intervention to be amended in accordance with Jordan's protocol*

9:45-10:15

Introduction of Participants and Review of the Agenda – *Moderator: Eng. Sharif Al-Mhirat, JSMO, Jordan*

10:15-10:30

Review of the Accomplishments of the Arab Codex Initiative

- *Mr. Ahmed Eddouaicer, Coordinator, Arab Codex Initiative, AIDSMO*

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Session 1: Review of Outputs of Key Codex Committees (2024) – Part I

This session aims to review the outputs of the key past Codex Committees, in preparation for the Development of positions for the 47th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission – November 2024.

Updates will be provided by representatives of Arab Codex programs.

Moderator: Dr. Ruba Nail Goussous, JFDA, Jordan

- 11:00-12:30** ▪ **CCSCH7 – Lead Country: Egypt**
- **CCFO28 – Lead Country: Jordan**
- **CCFH54 – Lead Country: Oman**
- **CCCF17 – Lead Country: Morocco**

12:30-13:00 Introduction of the Parallel Working Sessions – Working Groups

➤ *Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Université Laval, GForSS/IUFoST*

Proposed working sessions planned during Days 1 and 2 will be setup and correspond to priority areas:

- Discussing protocols of collaborative coordination for various regional and sub-regional Codex activities – GSO, CCNE and Arab Codex
- Discussing priorities of work in the upcoming committees: CCFL and CCNFSDU
- Discussing priorities of work for the upcoming committees: CCRVDF and CCFICS

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Session 2: Working Group Sessions / Parallel Sessions Adopted

Facilitated/Supported by GForSS Experts

14:00-15:30 Parallel Working Sessions

- Discussing protocols of collaborative coordination for various regional and sub-regional Codex activities – GSO, CCNE and Arab Codex
- Discussing priorities of work in the upcoming committees: CCFL and CCNFSDU
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Session 3: Review of Outputs of Key Codex Committees (2024) – Part II

Moderator: Dr. Ruba Nail Goussous, JFDA, Jordan

- 15:30-16:30** ▪ **CCFA54 – GForSS Expert(s)**
- **CCMAS43 – Lead Country: Oman**
- **CCPR55 – Lead Country: UAE**

16:30-16:45 Day 1 Review of Accomplishments and Adjournment

19:00 Official Dinner – The Great Room

Day 2: Wednesday, 12 June 2024

Session 4: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Stakeholder Engagement in Arab Codex Programs

Moderator: Eng. Hanan Fouad, Codex Contact Point Egypt, EOS

9:00-10:00 Review of Outputs of Parallel Working Sessions

- Collaborative coordination for various regional and sub-regional codex activities – GSO, CCNE and Arab Codex
- Items of Interest for CCFL and CCNFSDU
- Items of Interest for CCRVDF and CCFICS

10:00-10:30 Proposed Codex Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism with Arab Food Stakeholders: Arab Food Industry and Arab Consumer Organizations – Proposed Governance Structure

➤ *Prof. Samuel Godefroy, Université Laval, GForSS/IUFoST*

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11:00-12:00 Discussion of Priorities of the Arab Food Industry Sector in Codex Proceedings

Presentations by a Group of Food Industry Leaders from the Arab Region:

- *Presentation on behalf of the Arab Beverage Association*
- *Presentation on behalf of Crop Life Africa Middle East – Dr. Abdelmoneim Bakr*

12:00-13:00 Facilitated Discussions

- Priorities for the Modernization of the Food Regulatory Landscape in the Arab Region
- Proposed Items of Discussion at the CCNE12

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Session 5: Updates on Initiatives Underway – Arab Codex Program

Moderator: Eng. Nessma Shannak, Codex Contact Point Jordan, JSMO

14:00-15:00 Introduction of the Arab Food Consumption Initiative – Accomplishments and Next Steps

➤ *Dr. Maha Hoteit, Lebanese National Research Council*

15:00-15:30 Introduction of the Proposal for an International Standard for Camel Milk

➤ *Dr. Humaid Ali Khalfan Ali Alshamsi, Abu-Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, UAE*

15:30-16:00 Introduction of the Arab Gluten Free Foods Initiative – Leveraging Codex Guidance

➤ *Dr. Joseph Touma, GForSS*

➤ *Mrs. Abida Kaisi, President of the Jordan Celiac Association, representative of the Arab Consortium of Celiac Consumers*

16:00-17:00 Review of Accomplishments of the Arab Food Laboratory Community – Arab AOAC

Leveraging Codex Standards to Standardize Food Analytical Methods Used for Regulatory Purposes

- *Dr. Amine Kassouf, President of Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL*
- *Representative, The Military Laboratories for Quality Control, Jordan Armed Forces – Arab Army, Jordan*

17:00 Adjournment

Day 3: Thursday, 13 June 2024

Session 6: Charting a Path Forward for the Arab Codex Initiative and Arab Codex Program

Moderator: Eng. Ali Al-Ghafri, Codex Contact Point, Oman - Chair of the Arab Food Safety Taskforce, Oman Centre of Safety and Quality

9:00-10:00 Introduction of Arab Codex Capacity Development Resources

- *Eng. Mariam Eid, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon and Former Codex Vice-Chair*

10:00-10:30 Reviewing Outputs of Arab Expert Working Groups

- The electronic Arab working group on the collection and analysis of data on moisture in fresh dates in the Arab region – Morocco
- The electronic Arab working group on the maximum level for total aflatoxins in ready-to-eat peanuts – Egypt and Sudan

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11:00-12:00 Outlook for the CAC47

- Charting a Path Forward for Coordinated Arab Codex Programs
- Facilitated Group Discussions

12:00-12:30 Reviewing Meeting Recommendations and Final Report

12:30-13:00 Closing Remarks

- *Dr. Mary Frances Lowe, Director, United States Codex Program*
- *Mr. Khalid Al-Zahrani, Chair of the FAO/WHO Codex Committee for the Near East (CCNE), Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*
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