



GLOBAL FOOD REGULATORY  
SCIENCE SOCIETY

# FOSTERING ENHANCED STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN ARAB CODEX POSITION DEVELOPMENT

The Third Arab Codex Colloquium

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“Protect consumer health and promote fair practices in the food trade by setting international, science-based food safety and quality standards.”



“Where the world  
comes together  
to create food safety and  
quality standards to  
protect everyone  
everywhere.”



# Codex Core Values

1. INCLUSIVENESS
2. COLLABORATION
3. CONSENSUS BUILDING
4. TRANSPARENCY



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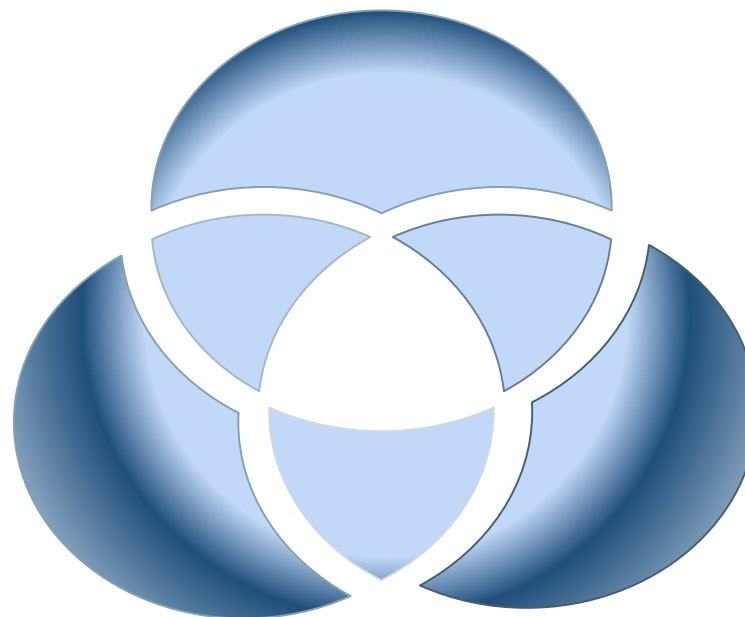


# What is Codex?

**The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) is:**  
*An intergovernmental body established in 1963*



Currently consists of 189 members  
 188 member countries  
 1 member organization (EU)



More Observers than Members



240 Observers

- 59 IGOs
- 165 NGOs
- 16 UN

# Solicit Stakeholder Input in Shaping Codex Positions

## Consultation is a core activity of the CCP

In order to **facilitate consultation** and **avoid overwhelming stakeholders** with unwanted documentation, it is the **responsibility of the CCP**:

- to **identify which groups are interested in what issues**; and
- to **determine the mechanism for consultation**.



# Solicit Stakeholder Input – A Coordination Mechanism

**Countries are free to choose their own national coordination mechanism.**

To facilitate the consultation process and to ease some of the workload of the Codex Contact Point, many countries have established a **National Codex Committee (NCC)** or an equivalent structure.

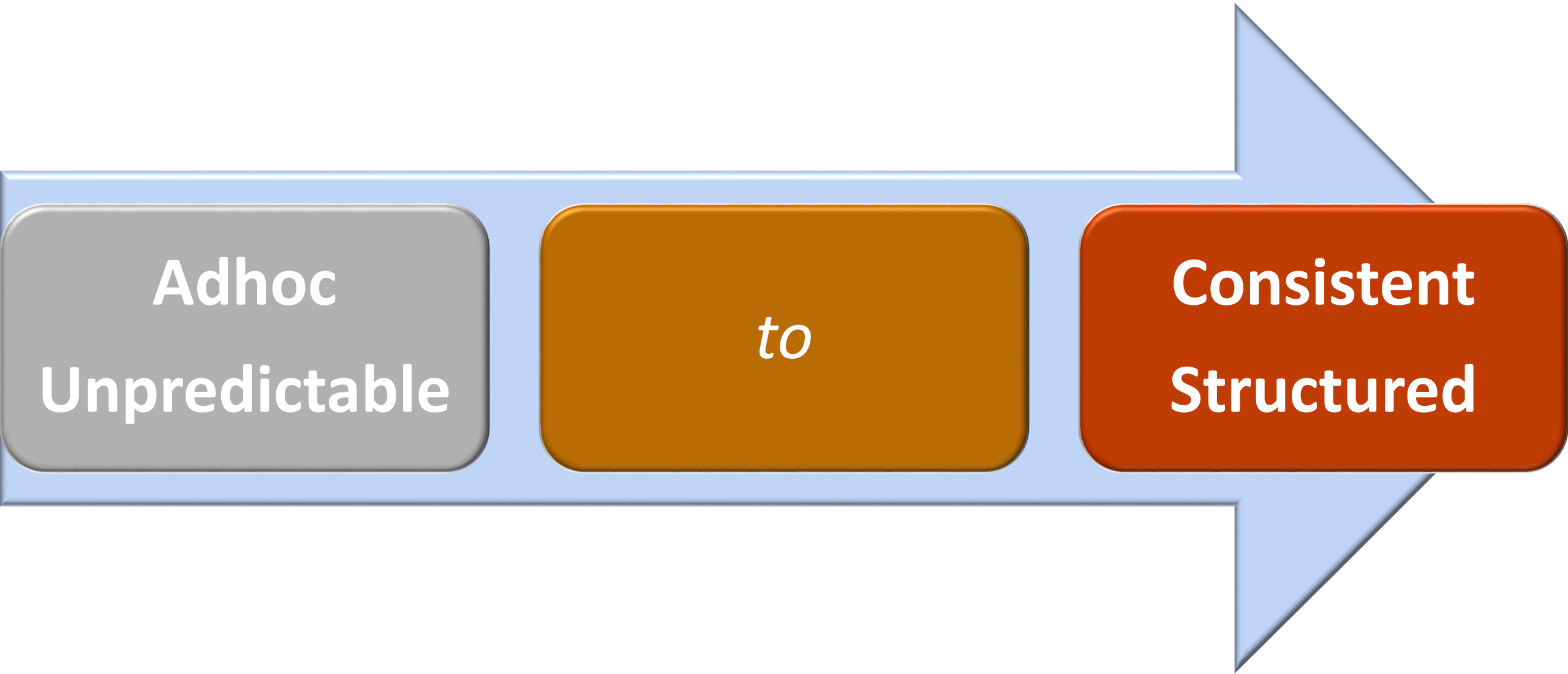




- ❑ National Codex Committees, Include Non-Government Partners, for example: Morocco, Egypt
  - National Codex Committee Used as a Forum for Engagement and to Solicit Stakeholder Input
- ❑ Other forums are dedicated to Stakeholder Engagement – e.g., Public Meetings, Conferences, Workshops, Dedicated Meetings
  - Consumer Organizations
  - Industry Organizations
  - Health Professional Groups
  - Academia



# Enhance Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation <sup>10</sup>



# Consider .... A more Inclusive Approach



## Structured Stakeholder Engagement

e.g., Arab Consortium of Celiac Associations



e.g., Arab Food Industry Regulatory Advisory Committee (ArFIRAC)



Food Regulatory  
Authorities in Countries



Regional  
Organizations

# Consider a Consistent and Inclusive Approach

