FAO/WHO CODEX COORDINATING COMMITTEE

NEAR EAST







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1ST CCNE COORDINATION MEETING

Under the leadership of the Sultanate of Oman

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THE ROLE OF REGIONAL COORDINATION FUNCTIONS

Regional Coordinating Committee(s) Aim to:

- ☐ Define the challenges and needs of the region concerning food standards and food control.
- ☐ Promote within the committee contacts for the mutual exchange of information on proposed regulatory initiatives and problems arising from food control and stimulates the strengthening of food control infrastructures.
- □ Recommend to the Commission 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.
- ☐ Develops regional standards for food products moving exclusively or almost exclusively in intraregional trade.
- ☐ Draws the attention of the Commission to any aspects of the Commission's work of particular significance to the region.
- ☐ Promotes coordination of all regional food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organizations within the region.
- ☐ Exercises a general coordinating role for the region and such other functions as may be entrusted to it by the Commission.
- ☐ Promotes the use of Codex standards and related texts by Members.

OMAN'S FIVE GOALS

Oman's 5 Goals through taking the leadership of the FAO/WHO CCNE:

- 1. Consolidate the gains and the progress achieved resulting from previous coordination efforts within the region
- 2. Enhance effective member participation / contribution to Codex proceedings, with focus on areas of interest to the region
- 3. Support the role of members from the region to take a leadership role in the development of national and regional standards (e.g. leadership on development of new proposals, leadership on Electronic Working Groups)
- 4. Enhance information exchange, experience sharing and synergies between members of the region, in developing and defending Codex positions
- 5. Continue dedicated and targeted capacity building in the region to enhance codex capacities and uptake of Codex standards in the region



ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- ☐ Maintaining a strong collaboration with the regional inter-governmental organizations in charge of Standardization : GSO and AIDSMO
- □ All Coordination Meetings related to preparation for Codex Committee meetings will be Chaired by the Regional Coordinator (Oman) and facilitated by AIDSMO





- One Single Set of Codex Coordination Meetings: Chaired by Oman as the Regional Coordinator (facilitated by and in collaboration with AIDSMO and the GSO)
- □AIDSMO and GSO will continue supporting Codex Capacity Building Initiatives
 - Calendar of Events and coordination meetings ready and shared with you

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OUR COMMITMENT

- □Aiming to Enhance Communication with Members and Stakeholders in the Region
- □Aiming to Support more Visibility and leadership of Codex Programs in the Region
 - Showcasing Codex Activities from the Region
- □ Regular Briefs on Activities and Achievements related Codex and Food Control Systems shared with all Stakeholders in the Region
- □ Aiming to Strengthen Communication and Partnership with non-government

stakeholders

■ E.g. Industry Organizations



FUTURE EVENT(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Codex Activities on the Margins of the 7th Oman International Food Safety Conference 21-23 April 2025



