

DAY 1: Saturday, 19 April 2025

8:30-9:00

Registration

Opening Ceremony

▪ **Introductory Remarks by:**

- *Pr. Samuel Godefroy, President and COO, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS) and President of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)*
- *Eng. Ali Al-Ghafri, Regional Coordinator for the CCNE, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Oman*

9:00-9:30

▪ **Official Opening:**

- *Eng. Shadwa Saad, Supervisor, Standards and Metrology Center, Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)*
- *Eng. Waleed bin Khafan Al-Maamari, Oman Codex Contact Point, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Oman*
- *H.E. Pr. Hussein Samh Al-Masroori, General Director, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Oman*

9:30-10:00

Review of the Latest Accomplishments of the Arab Codex Initiative (June 2024/ April 2025)

Eng. Ahmed Eddouaicer, Coordinator, Arab Codex Initiative, AIDSMO

10:00-10:30

Introduction of Participants and Review of the Colloquium Agenda

Moderator: Dr. Amine Kassouf, Scientific Director, GForSS

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Parallel Workshop 1-A: Review and Analysis of Agenda Items for the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF18)

This workshop aims to review the priority agenda items of CCCF18, scheduled for June 23–27, 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand, to enhance coordination within the Arab region and foster effective participation of Arab delegations in the upcoming session.

Target participants: members of the Arab Codex Working Group on CCCF / other interested attendees

Moderator: Dr. Karima Zouine, GForSS Team

This workshop will include:

- Reviewing the agenda of the upcoming session (CCCF18)
- Identifying priority agenda items for the region
- Selecting 1 or 2 key agenda items and reviewing the corresponding working documents
- Preparing recommendations for the Arab Codex delegations on the selected item(s)

11:00-13:00

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Parallel Workshop 1-B: Initiating the Arab Codex Working Group on the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)

This workshop aims to develop the approach to be followed by the Arab Codex Working Group on CCPR. This approach will be followed upon the availability of the agenda of CCPR56, scheduled for September 8–13, 2025, in Santiago, Chile. This endeavor aims to enhance coordination within the Arab region and foster effective participation of Arab delegations in the upcoming session.

Target participants: members of the Arab Codex Working Group on CCPR / other interested attendees

Moderator: Dr. Amine Kassouf, GForSS Team

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| 11:00-13:00 | This workshop will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reviewing the report of the last session (CCPR55)▪ Reviewing the agenda of the upcoming session (CCPR56) upon its availability▪ Identifying priority agenda items for the region▪ Selecting 1 or 2 key agenda items and reviewing the corresponding working documents▪ Preparing recommendations for the Arab Codex delegations on the selected item(s) |
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| 14:00-14:45 | Reporting on the CCCF group to the plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of the agenda▪ Discussion of the priority agenda items selected for the Arab region▪ Presentation of the analyzed item(s) and the formulated recommendations |
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| 14:45-15:30 | Reporting on the CCPR group to the plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of the agenda▪ Discussion of the priority agenda items selected for the Arab region▪ Presentation of the analyzed item(s) and the formulated recommendations |
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| 15:30-17:00 | Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Risk Analysis Principles Applied by CCFA and the JECFA▪ Review of the Outputs of CCFA55▪ Discussion of the Engagement with Industry Stakeholders in Relation with CCFA Agenda Items |
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Moderators: Pr. Samuel Godefroy & Dr. Amine Kassouf, GForSS Team

17:00-17:15 Day 1 - Review of Accomplishments and Adjournment

DAY 2: Sunday, 20 April 2025

Parallel Workshop 2-A: Guidelines to Prevent and Mitigate Food Fraud

This workshop will serve as a collaborative platform to brainstorm and explore the development of a discussion paper for submission to the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH). The paper will propose the development of guidelines aimed at preventing and mitigating food fraud across various stages of the food chain.

Target participants: members of the Arab Codex Working Group on CCFH / other interested attendees

Moderator: Dr. Elie Bou Yazbeck, GForSS Team

Development of a Discussion Paper

8:30-10:30

- Review and analyze scientific literature on this subject
- Develop the outline for a discussion paper to be submitted for the upcoming CCFH

Parallel Workshop 2-B: “Reservations” in the Framework of the Codex Alimentarius

This workshop will focus on reviewing the use of “reservations” in Codex Alimentarius proceedings by members, examining their significance and potential impact on the relevance and understanding of Codex standards. Participants will analyze current guidance in the procedural manual, review current and prevalence of use of “reservations”, in the context of adoption of Codex standards over the past 5 years, with the aim to identify gaps in guidance and requirements for possible further work by the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP).

Target participants: members of the Arab Codex Working Group on CCGP / other interested attendees

Moderator: Dr. Mustafa Sultan, GForSS Team

Development of a Discussion Paper

8:30-10:30

- Review the list of reservations expressed lately in the Codex Alimentarius proceedings
- Develop the outline of a discussion paper to be submitted for the upcoming CCGP

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11:00-11:30

Reporting on the CCFH Group to the Plenary

11:30-12:00

Reporting on the CCGP Group to the Plenary

12:00-13:30

The 35th Joint Arab Codex Contact Points and CCNE Coordination Meeting – Virtual Participation for Non-Workshop Attendees

The 44th session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS44)

Session Chair: Eng. Ali Al-Ghafri, Regional Coordinator for the CCNE

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AGENDA

THE FOURTH ARAB CODEX COLLOQUIUM

DAY 2: Sunday, 20 April 2025

14:30-15:15

Round Table Discussion on Effective Engagement of Industry Stakeholders in Codex Proceedings by CCNE Members

Moderator: Eng. Ali Al-Ghafri, Regional Coordinator for the CCNE

15:15-16:00

The Upcoming CCNE12 Session: Round Table Discussion on Priority Items to be Included in the Agenda

Moderator: Eng. Ali Al-Ghafri, Regional Coordinator for the CCNE

16:00-16:30

Closing Session

Eng. Ahmed Eddouaicer, Coordinator, Arab Codex Initiative, Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)

H.E. Pr. Hussein Samh Al-Masroori, General Director, Food Safety and Quality Center, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources

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