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PREPERATION FOR THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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(CCGP34)

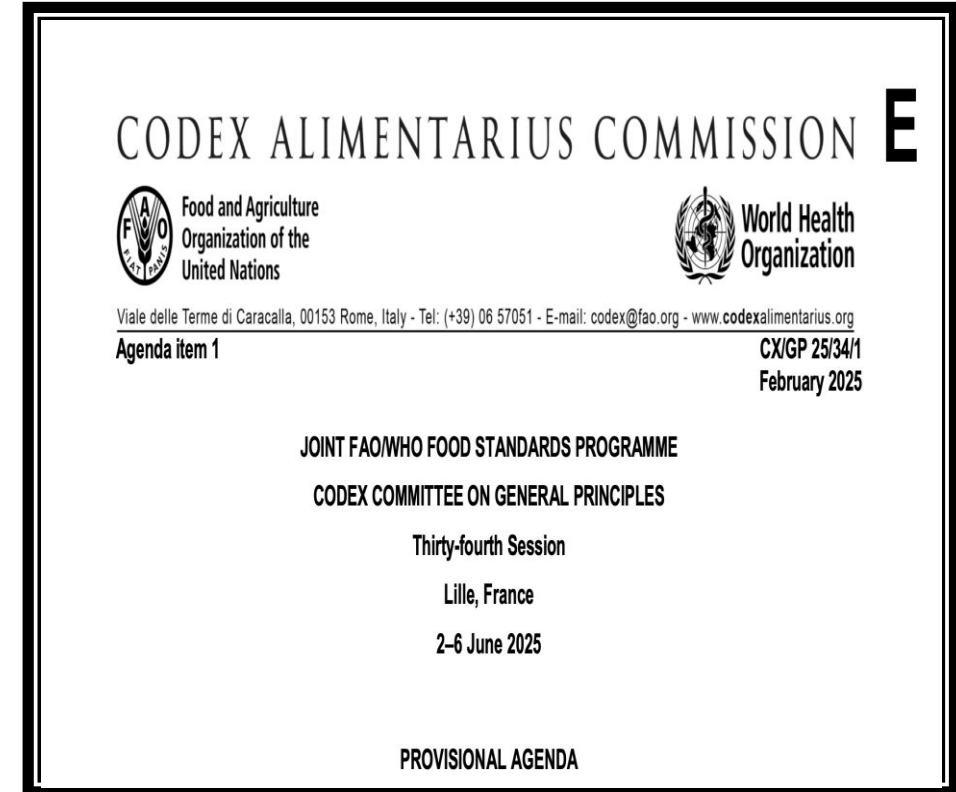
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Introduction

The Codex Committee on The General Principles will hold its 34th Session, in Lille City, France, from **2-6 June 2025**.



CCGP34 – Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Adoption of the agenda. (CX/GP 25/34/1)

Agenda Item 2. Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies. (CX/GP 25/34/2)

This item outlines updates on the procedural amendments, strategic planning and new work proposals, including actions for improved consistency, inclusivity, and efficiency.

CCGP34 is invited to review key items requiring further discussion and recommendations.

Agenda Item 3. Information on activities of FAO and WHO relevant to the work of CCGP (CX/GP 25/34/3)

FAO and WHO provided updates on key activities supporting Codex work, including the Codex Trust Fund, e-learning, strategic frameworks, and initiatives on food safety and agrifood systems transformation.

CCGP34 is informed of ongoing efforts to enhance national capacities, promote science-based standards, and encourage investment in food safety systems.

Agenda Item 4 . Codex Procedural Manual: Review of inconsistencies in language and superseded content.



4.1 Section 3: Guidelines for subsidiary bodies (CX/GP 25/34/4 & Add.1)

This agenda item presents proposed updates to Section 3 of the Codex Procedural Manual to align guidelines for subsidiary bodies with current practices.

CCGP34 is invited to resolve specific issues, consider revisions to PWG and EWG guidelines, and recommend the updated text for CAC48 adoption`

4.2 Other inconsistencies apart from Section 3 (CX/GP 25/34/5)

This agenda item reports on efforts to address language inconsistencies and outdated or superseded content in the Codex Procedural Manual.

CCGP34 is invited to review Member proposals (Appendix I) and note editorial updates implemented or planned by the Codex Secretariat (Appendix II)



Agenda Item 5 . Codex Procedural Manual: Update to the Guide to the procedure for amendment/revision of Codex texts. (CX/GP 25/34/6)

This agenda item proposes refined procedures and clearer definitions for *correction*, *amendment*, and *revision* of Codex texts in Section 2.1 of the Procedural Manual.

CCGP34 is invited to review the updated framework, which aligns with FAO publishing practices and promotes transparency, version control, and consistency across Codex documents.

Agenda Item 6. Amendment to Principles on participation of international NGOs (CX/GP 25/34/7)

This agenda item aims to enhance transparency, traceability, and consistency in updating Codex standards. It proposes clarifying the *double representation rule* for all INGOs with Codex observer status. The amendment ensures consistent application of this rule, regardless of an INGO's status with FAO or WHO.

Agenda Item 7. Codex Procedural Manual: Review of resource-efficient practices for new-work proposals. (CX/GP 25/34/8)

Codex Procedural Manual: Review of the potential use of existing provisions to promote more resource-efficient practices in the review of new-work proposals which do not fall within the remit of an active Codex committee.



Agenda Item 8. Review of the application of the Criteria and procedural guidelines for Codex committees and ad hoc intergovernmental task forces working by correspondence(CX/GP 25/34/9)

Reviews the use of Codex Committees working by correspondence (CWBC), proposing clearer guidance and greater flexibility to incorporate virtual tools. Amendments aim to improve efficiency, clarify scope, and align practices with current technologies.

Agenda Item 9. Other business

Agenda Item 10. Date and place of next session

**Lille, France
2026**



Agenda Item 11. Adoption of the report

CCGP34 encourages continued alignment of Codex processes with:

- **Modern practices**
- **Digital tools and**
- **Transparency principles**



With the aim to strengthen Codex's global role.

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