

# 38<sup>th</sup> Joint Arab Codex Contact Points and CCNE Coordination Meeting

## PREPERATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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FAO Headquarters, German room  
(C-building, 2nd floor)  
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# Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

**Tentative programme**

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# Agenda Item 101

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS  
COMMISSION EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION  
FAO HEADQUARTERS

UPDATE ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

SESSION: 88TH CCEXEC  
JULY 2025, ROME

# Purpose of the Document

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**This document provides a budgetary update related to Codex operations, covering**

- Expenditure status for the 2024–2025 biennium
- Funding outlook for 2026–2027
- Challenges from WHO and FAO budget structures
- Recommendations for Member State action and Codex oversight



# Background from CAC47 (Nov 2024)

## Overview and Participation

### CAC47:

- Endorsed the final Codex budget report for 2022–2023
- Approved the 2024–2025 budget and noted additional funding needs
- Acknowledged voluntary contributions from Japan, Korea, and Singapore
- Highlighted two key funding gaps:
  - ✓ Non-recurring: USD 2.1M (special one-time allocation)
  - ✓ Recurrent: USD 2M (permanent budget increase for Codex Secretariat)
- Urged Member advocacy at FAO/WHO to address these needs
- Called for:
  - ✓ More equitable FAO/WHO funding
  - ✓ Cost-effective translation/interpretation
  - ✓ Transparent annual cost breakdowns



# 2024–2025 Biennium: Current Budget Status

- **Budgeted:** USD 8.9 million
- **On track:** All activities planned for 2024–2025 are progressing well
- **Scientific advice funding** (by FAO & WHO):
  - ✓ FAO: USD 5.7M, mainly from assessed contributions
  - ✓ WHO: USD 6.3M, largely from voluntary contributions

***WHO's** reliance on voluntary contributions poses sustainability risks.*



# 2026–2027 Biennium Planning Gap

## Planning Gap



- No Codex budget proposal submitted at CAC47 for 2026–2027
- Lack of planning under Rule XIII (which usually governs budget proposals)
- Raises concerns about:
  - ✓ Delays in planning core Codex activities
  - ✓ Lack of clarity for future funding sources

# Recent Developments (2025)



## The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- Proposed 2026–2027 Codex budget remains stable: USD 7.1M
- Increased scientific advice funding from USD 2.6M to USD 3.1M
- FAO Council (April 2025): asked for risk/opportunity assessment on Codex funding (with WHO)

## The World Health Organization (WHO)

- No explicit allocation for Codex in its proposed 2026–2027 budget
- WHO's overall budget (including food safety) may see significant cuts

***FAO** remains a reliable source; **WHO's** commitment is uncertain.*



# Discussion Points

- **Dual-agency model** (FAO/WHO) needs balanced and sustained support
- **WHO's** likely budget reduction could limit scientific input
- **Codex Secretariat** identified unfunded priorities under the Strategic Plan
- **There is a lack of:**
  - ✓ Operational clarity on how funds are used
  - ✓ Transparency in decision-making on financial priorities

***Member States must engage early to influence Codex budget decisions***



# Recommendations

**Include** this budget update on CCEXEC88's agenda



## Request:

- ✓ Codex Secretariat: update on 2024–2025 spending and 2026–2027 planning
- ✓ FAO and WHO: updates on scientific advice and Codex funding commitments

*Use this session to provide strategic guidance and reinforce Member oversight*

# Key Takeaways

- **Codex 2024–2025** activities are on track ☑
- **WHO** funding outlook for 2026–2027 is unclear and potentially declining ⚠
- **FAO** remains supportive and plans to increase scientific advice budget ☑
- **No** 2026–2027 Codex budget was submitted—this is a governance gap !
- **More** transparency and Member engagement are urgently needed 🔍



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