

Overview of the upcoming CCASIA23

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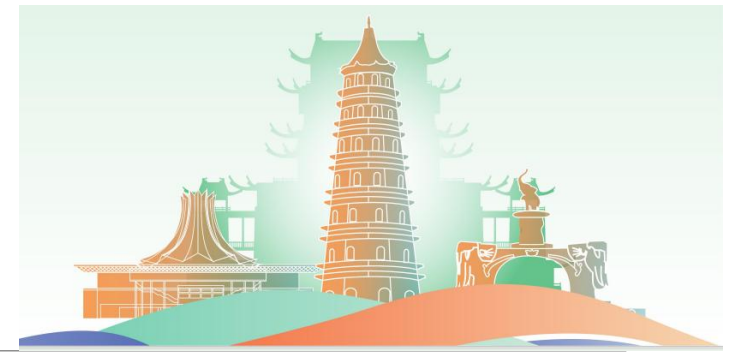
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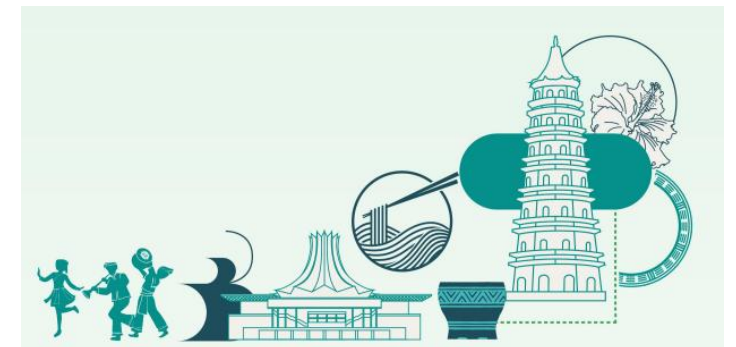
CCASIA23



- Plenary and report adoption: **22 to 26 September, Nanning, China**
- Workshop on food allergens by FAO and WHO: **19 to 20 September**
- Side event on FAO's Efforts to Support the Implementation of Codex Standards by the Codex Secretariat and FAO: **23 September (Lunch Time)**

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Provisional Agenda Items for CCASIA23

1	Adoption of the agenda
2	Keynote address – Food safety issues and best practices for a diverse region
3	Matters arising from the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Codex subsidiary bodies
4	Food safety and quality in the CCASIA region
5	Codex work relevant to the region
6	Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025: Implementation by CCASIA
7	Codex communication work plan – progress report
8	Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031: Status and next steps
9	Use and impact of Codex standards in the region
10	Draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling (Asia) (at Step 7)
11	Proposals for new work
11.1	Proposal for the development of a regional standard for traditional sweets (Asia)
11.2	Proposal for the development of a regional standard for canned porridge and cooked rice (Asia)
12	Nomination of the Coordinator for Asia
13	Other business
14	Date and place of the next session
15	Adoption of the report

Item 2 Keynote address – Food safety issues and best practices for a diverse region

- This session will feature keynote speeches and a panel discussion on regional priority issues.
- The focus will be on chemical food safety in Asia, with particular attention to the importance of reliable data for setting maximum levels.
- The discussion will highlight challenges and potential approaches for strengthening scientific foundations in food safety.

Item 4 Food safety and quality in the CCASIA region

- FAO and WHO will present reports on the current and emerging challenges related to food safety and food quality in the region.
- This discussion will provide an opportunity to identify common priorities and areas for collaboration among Asian countries.

Item 5 Codex work relevant to the region

- Based on a survey conducted by China (the previous regional coordinator), Members will discuss issues that require Codex attention in the areas of food safety and trade.
- CCASIA23 will also review the level of participation of Asian countries in Codex committees and working groups, providing insight into regional engagement and gaps.

Item 6 Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025: Implementation by CCASIA

Item 7 Codex communication work plan – progress report

- CCASIA23 will review the progress made under the Regional Work Plan and the Communication Work Plan adopted at CCASIA22.
- These plans identified priority activities for Asia in support of the Codex Strategic Plan.
- Members will report on their achievements and share experiences.

Item 8 Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031: Status and next steps

- Following the adoption of the new Strategic Plan at CAC47 (2024), CCASIA23 will discuss which strategic goals and outcomes should be prioritized by Asia, and what activities the region should implement to achieve them.
- The goal is to develop a practical and achievable regional work plan.

Item 9 Use and impact of Codex standards in the region

- The Codex Secretariat has conducted annual surveys to assess since 2022 on how Members use Codex standards and what impact they have.
- At CCASIA23, the results for the Asian region are presented as a basis for discussion on strengthening the role of Codex standards at national and regional levels.

Item 10 Draft regional standard for quick frozen dumpling (at Step 7)

- China has led the development of this draft standard since it was first proposed in 2017.
- While consensus was reached on many parts, the provision on food additives remains unresolved, particularly regarding how to classify additives used in the dough and the filling.
- CCASIA23 will examine the revised text and comments submitted at Step 6, with the aim of proceeding for final adoption.

Item 11 New work proposals

11.1 Regional Standard for Traditional Sweets

- India has proposed a standard covering mithai and other traditional sweets.
- At CCASIA22, concerns were raised that the scope was too broad and definitions were unclear.
- India is expected to resubmit a revised proposal, and Members will re-examine the necessity and feasibility of developing such a standard.

11.2 Regional Standard for Canned Congee and Cooked Rice

- Republic of Korea and China previously submitted separate proposals on cooked rice and canned congee, but agreed to consider the possibility of combining them into one comprehensive standard.
- The revised, joint proposal is presented at this session.

Thank you for your attention!