

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPCOMING CODEX COMMITTEE

DAY 1_ AUGUST 18, 2025



The poster features a white background with blue and yellow geometric patterns on the left and right sides. At the top, there is a row of logos including IUFOST, GFI, RSS, F&STAT, FIIRN, F&STA, and the BAO/WHO CODEX COORDINATING COMMITTEE. The main title 'ASIA CODEX AND FOOD REGULATORY FORUM 2025' is in large, bold, blue and yellow letters. Below the title, it says 'Bangkok - Thailand'. On the left, there is a list of topics: 'Reviewing the Codex Landscape 18 AUGUST 2025', 'Preparing for CAC48 & Supporting Food Innovation Through Regulatory Transformation 19 AUGUST 2025', and 'Capacity Building & Next Steps 20 AUGUST 2025'. At the bottom, there is a calendar icon for August 18-20, 2025, a clock icon showing 09.00 AM to 05.00 PM, and a location pin icon for Royal Orchid Sheraton Riverside Hotel Bangkok, BANGKOK - THAILAND.

CCPR56 (Pesticide Residues Committee)



- Maximize opportunities during **CCASIA23 (late September 2025, Nanning, China)** to coordinate regional positions on CCPR priorities for SAB (Special Advisory Board) meetings.
- Encourage improvements in coordination and workflow between CCPR and JMPR, ensuring transparent timelines and access for Asian data contributors.
- Advocate for inclusion of **regionally critical pesticides** in the JMPR evaluation/re-evaluation list, especially those widely used in CCASIA markets.
- Act promptly on **Calls for Data** to ensure JMPR (Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues) has access to sufficient toxicological and residue data from Asia.

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- **Agenda Item 7** : Support updates to guidelines on stability and purity testing for reference materials and stock solutions, ensuring lab reliability across Asian surveillance systems.
- **Agenda Item 8.1** : Emphasize resourcing for periodic review of compounds with insufficient support, per EU's noted concerns.
- **Agenda Item 8.2** : Promote CCASIA-wide alignment of pesticide registration information, enabling collective monitoring and better representation of Asia in MRL settings.

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Agenda Item 11: Support ongoing CCPR/CCRVDF collaboration on compounds with dual use (pesticide & veterinary drug).

- Thailand asked how dual-use compounds (pesticide and veterinary drug residues) are assessed, particularly regarding the dietary exposure models applied in setting Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs).
- Indonesia inquired about the models used for evaluating pesticide residues (the former IEDI model versus the newer GECDE model), to which Thailand responded that they continue to use the old model.

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General Discussions

- Provide region-specific **production, trade, and contamination data** for key Asian spices (e.g., turmeric, chili, pepper, cardamom, cumin).
- Encourage harmonized Codex standards for quality parameters (moisture, volatile oils, cleanliness specifications) for groups of spices to facilitate fair trade.
- Advocate for Codex work that supports small-scale farmers, particularly in South and Southeast Asia, where spices are a major livelihood.
- Promote capacity building on GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) and post-harvest handling.
- Use the upcoming CCASIA session (Nanning, Sept 2025) to harmonize Asian views on spices/herbs standards.
- Prepare joint CCASIA positions on priority commodities (e.g., chili, turmeric) to strengthen influence in global Codex debates.

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Specific Discussions

- The Chair of CCSCH encouraged CCASIA members to take leadership roles in active working groups and contribute to ongoing queries.
- The issue of country of harvest versus country of origin was raised, with members urged to engage actively in the EWG discussions.
- Regarding new work, inquiries were made, and the Chair highlighted a proposal from the USA along with four standards currently under development.
- Emphasis was placed on the importance of data to support new work, with a call for data providers to submit relevant information and make new sources of data available.

Specific Discussions

Allergen Labelling Guidance



- The issue of using ED01 versus ED05 in risk assessment was raised.
- Maldives brought forward the use of technology in labelling (e.g., QR codes).
- Singapore indicated that their regulation, in line with Codex guidance, warrants that technology driven labelling would not replace physical labels, which are still mandatory. Digital solutions are meant to offer complimentary / additional information.