



## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GUIDED DISCUSSION • 20 AUGUST 2025

### Towards Structured Stakeholder Engagement in Codex Matters – CCASIA Context

#### Section 1: Current Practices and Gaps

1. How are stakeholders (industry, academia, consumer groups, etc.) currently engaged in your country's Codex-related processes?

- Are there structured multi-stakeholder mechanisms for consultation?

- What works well, and where do challenges remain?

2. Are there established national multi-stakeholder platforms for food standards and Codex matters?

- If yes, how effective are they in influencing national Codex positions?

- If not, what barriers prevent their establishment?

## Section 2: Regional Experiences to Leverage

3. ASEAN Members: How has the ASEAN Codex Taskforce supported the gathering of input from multiple stakeholders and consolidated these into regional positions? What lessons could CCASIA adapt from this experience?

4. Beyond ASEAN, other models exist (e.g., Global Food Regulators Summit – India 2023, APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum, ASEAN+3 collaboration).

- Which of these approaches offer useful practices for seeking and consolidating stakeholder input on Codex agenda items?

- How could such practices be applied in CCASIA to strengthen the preparation of national or regional Codex positions?

- What specific features (e.g., structured consultations before Codex meetings, rotating coordination roles, joint technical papers, regional multi-stakeholder roundtables) would be most useful to embed into CCASIA work?

## Section 3: Opportunities for Systematic Engagement

5. What mechanisms would you propose to ensure regular and structured stakeholder input into CCASIA deliberations?

- National multi-stakeholder advisory committees?

- Regional dialogue platforms linked to CCASIA sessions?

- Standing roundtables focused on specific Codex agenda items?

6. How can CCASIA better integrate Codex Observers (e.g., food industry associations, science-based organizations, consumer groups) into preparatory and follow-up processes?

7. Would your country support the creation of a regional multi-stakeholder advisory mechanism to inform CCASIA's Codex work?

- If yes, what governance and hosting arrangements would be feasible?

#### Section 4: Capacity Building and Transparency

8. How can CCASIA forums strengthen stakeholder understanding of Codex processes, e.g., through training, explanatory briefs, or joint analysis of Codex agendas?

9. What tools would enhance transparency and inclusiveness in multi-stakeholder engagement?

- Online consultation platforms?

- Circulation of discussion papers on Codex agenda items for stakeholder feedback?

- Regional webinars ahead of Codex meetings?

## Section 5: Action Planning

- 10.** Which priority areas (e.g., food innovation, food contact materials, ultra-processed foods, contaminants, nutrition labeling) require immediate multi-stakeholder engagement in CCASIA?

- 11.** What concrete next steps should CCASIA take to institutionalize structured multi-stakeholder participation ahead of CCASIA23 and CAC48?