

**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?

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* Are there structured multi-stakeholder mechanisms for consultation?

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* What works well, and where do challenges remain?

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

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

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* If not, what barriers prevent their establishment?

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**Section 2: Regional Experiences to Leverage**

1. 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?

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1. 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?

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

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* 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?

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**Section 3: Opportunities for Systematic Engagement**

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

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* National multi-stakeholder advisory committees?

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* Regional dialogue platforms linked to CCASIA sessions?

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* Standing roundtables focused on specific Codex agenda items?

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

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

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

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**Section 4: Capacity Building and Transparency**

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

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

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* Online consultation platforms?

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

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* Regional webinars ahead of Codex meetings?

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**Section 5: Action Planning**

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

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

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