

ARAB CODEX INITIATIVE



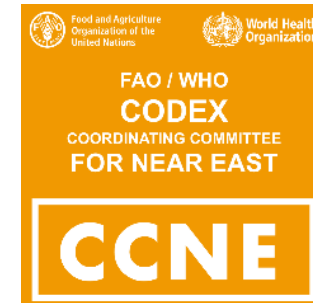
Progress achieved and the next cycle

Implementation of the CCNE Regional Work Plan 2026–2027

52nd Joint Coordination Meeting of Arab and CCNE Codex Contact Points

2 September 2026

Prepared jointly by



Regional coordination is now operational

January - July 2026

5

priority Codex
committees

31

priority agenda
items

80

experts mobilized

5

Regional **Expert
Working Groups
(RExWG)**

14

Member Countries
Represented in RExWG

8

regional coordination
Meetings (>300 participants)

8

post-meeting reports
prepared

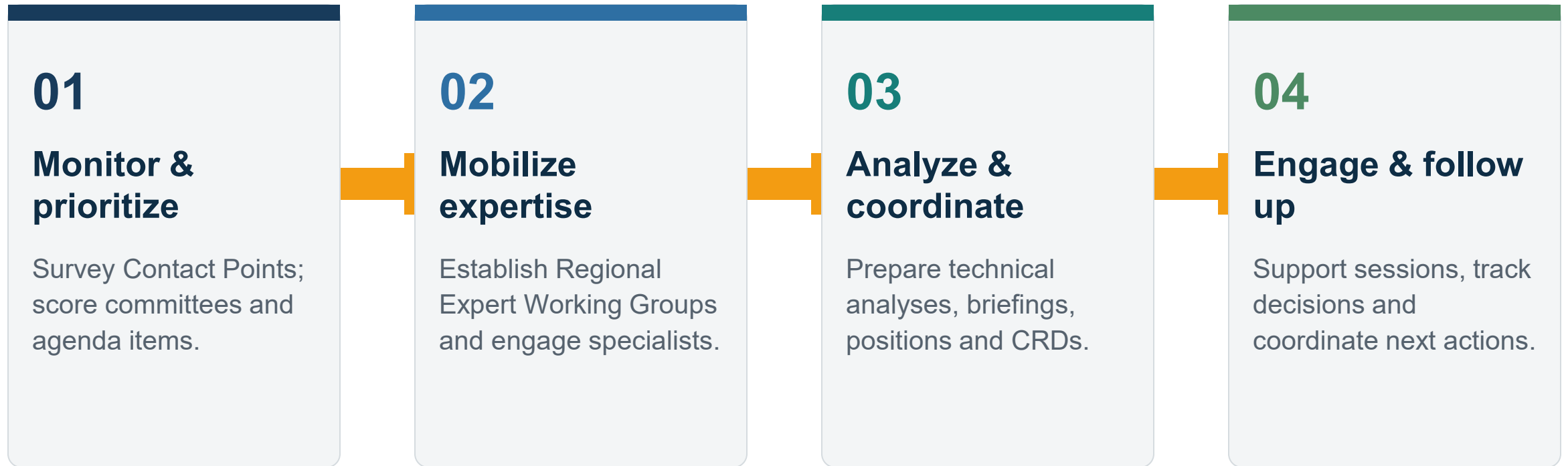
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Conference Room
Documents (CRDs)

Five surveys and one harmonized scoring framework kept support focused on the Region's highest-priority work.

Priorities become coordinated Codex engagement

A repeatable cycle was applied before, during and after each priority committee session.



Result: national priorities were converted into science-based, coordinated regional contributions.

Coordination delivered five Codex outcomes

Selected results from the five priority committees

CCFO29

Olive oil data EWG established

Chaired by Syria; co-chaired by Australia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and IOC.

CCMAS45

Regional methods work presented

A Conference Room Document updated the Committee on regional commodity standards.

CCFA56

Further review secured for Doogh

Additive endorsement was deferred, allowing consideration at CCNE13.

CCRVDF28

Camelid veterinary-drug MRLs adopted

Regional review and consensus-building supported adoption at CAC49.

CCFL49

Consensus reached on origin and harvest labelling

A common regional position contributed to agreement and subsequent endorsement.

Six committees define the next cycle

September–December 2026 | technical focus and proposed coordination dates

Committee / session	Session dates	Main regional focus	Coordination
CCPR57	7–12 Sep	Management of pesticide residues	2 Sep
CCMMP11	29 Sep–29 Oct	Draft standard for pasteurized liquid camel milk	23 Sep
CCFICS28	12–17 Oct	Traceability; prevention and control of food fraud	7 Oct
CCCF19	19–23 Oct	Contaminants and toxins; priority EWGs	14 Oct
CCNFSDU45	2–6 Nov	NRVs; foods for older infants and young children; New work proposals (prebiotics – Sudan; UPF – IFT)	28 Oct
CCFH56	16–20 Nov	Food hygiene, microbiological safety and allergen management	11 Nov

Contact Points will confirm priority agenda items requiring focused analysis and regional coordination.

Three priorities will sustain momentum

The next cycle consolidates the mechanism while preparing the Region's longer-term agenda.

01

Priority EWGs

Continue technical and operational support for olive oil data, methods and sampling, and monitoring of the Regional Work Plan.

02

Targeted capacity building

Pursue the 5th Arab Codex and Food Regulatory Forum, subject to confirmation, plus activities on risk analysis, data and laboratories.

03

Early preparation for CCNE13

Identify and develop potential new work proposals through early consultation ahead of Muscat, 5–9 December 2027.

Immediate focus for Contact Points

Confirm priority agenda items • Mobilize national experts • Sustain coordinated follow-up



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