

APPENDIX VII

CCAFRICA WORKPLAN 2022-2024 TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

Priority Goal	Priority objective	Activities for the period 2022-2024	Rationale for proposed activities	Responsible or lead party	Expected output by 2024	Reporting mechanism	Approach
1. Address current, emerging and critical issues in a timely manner	1.1 Identify needs and emerging issues	A regional survey to identify emerging food safety issues and needs including issues related to national food control systems, to be launched in Member Countries	A regional survey was conducted in 2017/18, which identified emerging food safety issues as aflatoxins, pesticide residues in foods and AMR. The response was 47% and there is need to upscale and have more input from members.	National Codex Contact points CCAFRICA coordinator FAO, WHO Codex Secretariat	Report of identified gaps according to the FAO/WHO survey tool Increased response	Report to next session of CCAFRICA	A survey will be developed by FAO/WHO and the Codex secretariat to be implemented in early 2023 (aim to include elements in the survey that would better capture capacity needs among members – a bridge to implementation of the Food control systems Assessment Tool). Some additional information to support members in their completion of the survey may also be provided
	1.2. Prioritize needs and emerging issues.	Capacity development on food control systems at national level (strengthening surveillance/diagnosis) Creating awareness on identified issues e.g. Aflatoxin, pesticide residues, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) - CCAFRICA23 report	Need to emphasize the gaps and priorities through committees and their working groups. This will ensure a timely Codex response. Initiate activities at regional level through formulation of new work proposals	National Codex Contact Points CCAFRICA Coordinator	Increased effective participation in Codex committees /meetings/EWG to gain a better understanding of ongoing work particularly in priority areas Increased awareness of the FAO/WHO Food Control System Assessment Tool through the implementation of Webinar(s) on the tool	Biennial reporting of events	Promoting participation in ongoing Codex work in the priority areas (aflatoxins, pesticide residues, AMR) led by the Coordinator with support of the Codex Secretariat. Communication to be sent to all CCPs by CCAFRICA Coordinator in March 2023 requesting them to provide information on any events convened to allow for their collation. FAO/WHO in collaboration with CCAFRICA to undertake timed regional sessions in relation to the application of the FAO/WHO Food Control System assessment Tool

3: Increase impact through the recognition and use of Codex standards	3.1 Raise the awareness of Codex standards	<p>Develop Information education and communication (IEC) materials; Posters, brochures, fliers Hold workshops/ seminars/ meetings/media to educate on standards related to priority areas (see 1.2) with heavy focus on e.g. industries, institutions, government officers</p> <p>Codex @60</p>	<p>There is low application of codex standards by stakeholders These activities will contribute to raising awareness on Codex standards, thus contributing to the global use of Codex standards by different stakeholders as a reference for food safety and fair practices in food trade.</p> <p>To contribute to the ongoing celebrations for marking 60 years of Codex</p>	<p>National Codex Contact Points CCAFRICA Coordinator</p>	<p>Increased awareness on codex standards</p> <p>Success regional stories in celebration of Codex@60</p>	<p>Event reports</p>	<p>It is important to link activities here with the Communications Plan adopted with CCAFRICA.</p> <p>Planned events would have to be of a virtual and physical mode to take care of the transition from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Coordinator to reach out to Members to encourage awareness raising activities at country level and/or indicate tools needed to support this.</p> <p>Members response to online survey in order to provide input to celebrate Codex@60</p>
	3.2 Support initiatives to enable the understanding and implementation/ application of Codex standards	<p>Sensitize policy makers on codex standards, the requirements for their implementation and their value as a foundation to adopt/adapt codex standards in development of national food standards & regulations and application in food trade.</p> <p>Undertake sensitization events to support stakeholders to apply and eventually comply to regulations</p> <p>Respond to the upcoming annual surveys from the Codex Secretariat on the use and impact of Codex texts</p>	<p>There is low application of codex standards by stakeholders. These activities will contribute to implementation and application of codex standards</p> <p>Having data at the regional level on use and impact of specific Codex texts can help ensure activities are targeted to needs</p>	<p>National Codex Contact Points CCAFRICA coordinator</p>	<p>Increased application/uptake of Codex standards by stakeholders</p>	<p>Biennial Report</p>	<p>Outreach to CCPs by coordinator to encourage activities in is area</p> <p>Use the opportunity of the ongoing work on drafting guidelines supporting the harmonization of food safety legislation in the region to sensitize policymakers.</p> <p>Leverage on the WFSD events to undertake national and regional sensitization events.</p> <p>Leverage the annual survey on use and impact of Codex standards administered by the Codex Secretariat</p>

4: Facilitate the participation of all Codex members throughout the standard setting process	4.1. Enable sustainable national Codex structures in all Codex Member countries	Conduct advocacy to policy makers to prioritize codex work, allocate resources and provide institutional framework for Codex structures within member countries	Need to institutionalise work of codex at the national level by strengthening codex structures.	National Codex Contact Points CCAFRICA coordinator	Enhanced activities by Member countries in support of Codex work	Biennial Reports	
	4.2 Increase sustainable and active participation of all Codex members	Encourage the establishment of national Codex (expert) committees at the country level to enable active participation and timely responses to circular letters, EWG work.	The experts committees will be the forum for discussion on Codex Work and contributions of countries on Codex standards	National Codex Contact Points CCAFRICA coordinator	Increased participation in EWG, PWG and response to circular letters Training events on Codex and modes of participation (e.g. EWG, OCS implemented at national, sub-regional or regional level.	Biennial Reports	Undertake national and regional training events on the use of Codex tools Encourage the eligible countries in the region to apply for CTF Round 7 Strengthen collaboration between CCAFRICA with FAO, WHO, AU and RECs