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NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30th Session of the Commission (2007) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.
2. The amended Rule IV reads as follows:
 - IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 (hereinafter referred to as “regions”) or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as “groups of countries”), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.
 - IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.
 - IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
 - (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
 - (ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
 - (iii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.
3. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28th Session of the Commission (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific. The same Rule provides that no more than one delegate from any country shall be a member of the Executive Committee¹.

¹ This means that the Coordinators, during their appointment, cannot serve as members elected on a geographic basis.

4. At the time of writing, 33 Member countries of the Codex Alimentarius Commission belong to the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Nicaragua
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Panama
Bahamas	Ecuador	Paraguay
Barbados	El Salvador	Peru
Belize	Grenada	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bolivia	Guatemala	Saint Lucia
Brazil	Guyana	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Chile	Haiti	Suriname
Colombia	Honduras	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Uruguay
Cuba	Mexico	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

5. The Commission, at its 45th Session (21-25 November 2022, 12-13 December 2022, 19 December 2022 and 6 February 2023), appointed Ecuador as Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean for its second term.² Ecuador, having served for two terms, is not eligible for re-appointment.

6. The Committee **is invited to nominate** a Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean (one of the Members in the list above) for appointment by the 47th Session of the Commission (2024).

7. A full list of Coordinators for Latin America and the Caribbean since the establishment of CCLAC is given in the table below.

Coordinators for Latin America and the Caribbean

Coordinator	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration appointment
Mexico	1976	11th CAC	from end of 11th to end of 12th CAC
Mexico	1978	12th CAC	from end of 12th to end of 13th CAC
Uruguay	1979	13th CAC	from end of 13th to end of 14th CAC
Uruguay	1981	14th CAC	from end of 14th to end of 15th CAC
Cuba	1983	15th CAC	from end of 15th to end of 16th CAC
Cuba	1985	16th CAC	from end of 16th to end of 17th CAC
Costa Rica	1987	17th CAC	from end of 17th to end of 18th CAC
Costa Rica	1989	18th CAC	from end of 18th to end of 19th CAC
Brazil	1991	19th CAC	from end of 19th to end of 20th CAC
Brazil	1993	20th CAC	from end of 20th to end of 21st CAC
Uruguay	1995	21st CAC	from end of 21st to end of 22nd CAC
Uruguay	1997	22nd CAC	from end of 22nd to end of 23rd CAC
Dominican Republic	1999	23rd CAC	from end of 23rd to end of 24th CAC
Dominican Republic	2001	24th CAC	from end of 24th to end of 26th CAC
Argentina	2003	26th CAC	from end of 26th to end of 28th CAC
Argentina	2005	28th CAC	from end of 28th to end of 30th CAC
Mexico	2007	30th CAC	from end of 30th to end of 32nd CAC
Mexico	2009	32nd CAC	from end of 32nd to end of 34th CAC
Costa Rica	2011	34th CAC	from end of 34th to end of 36th CAC
Costa Rica	2013	36th CAC	from end of 36th to end of 38th CAC
Chile	2015	38th CAC	from end of 38th to end of 40th CAC
Chile	2017	40th CAC	from end of 40th to end of 43rd CAC ³
Ecuador	2020	43rd CAC	from end of 43rd to end of 45th CAC
Ecuador	2022	45th CAC	from end of 45th to end of 47th CAC

² REP22/CAC, para. 215.

³ For a total of three years, due to the postponement of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees Meetings in 2018.