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NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR

1. The Rules governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 23rd Session of the Commission (1999) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in the 13th Edition of the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Rule II.4) as follows:
2. The Rules governing the appointment of a Coordinator are cited below:
 - "4. (a) The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.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.
 - (b) 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. Coordinators shall hold office from the end of the session of the Commission at which they were appointed until not later than the end of the third succeeding regular session, the precise term being determined by the Commission in each instance. After having served two consecutive terms, the Coordinators shall be ineligible to hold such office for the next succeeding term.
 - (c) The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
 - (i) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules IX.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.

- (ii) 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.
- (d) In order to carry out their functions, Coordinators shall participate in the Executive Committee as Observers.”

3. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.1, as amended by the Commission at its 23rd Session, are as follows:

Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific.

4. At the time of writing, 41 countries in the Region of Africa are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The countries are the follows:

Angola	Gambia	Nigeria
Benin	Ghana	Rwanda
Botswana	Guinea	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Guinea Bissau	Seychelles
Burundi	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Lesotho	South Africa
Cape Verde	Liberia	Swaziland
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Tanzania, United Republic of
Chad	Malawi	Togo
Côte d' Ivoire	Mauritius	Uganda
Democratic Republic of Congo	Morocco	Zambia
Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Namibia	
Ethiopia	Niger	
Gabon		

5. The Commission, at its 27th Session, appointed Morocco as Coordinator for Africa to serve in that capacity from the end of the 27th Session to the end of the 28th Session of the Commission for its second term. Under Rule II.4(b), Coordinators may serve two consecutive terms. The Committee is invited to nominate a Coordinator for Africa (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the Twenty-eight Session of the Commission.