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DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

*Prepared at the Strategic Planning Meeting
(San José, Costa Rica, 4-5 November 2002)*

BACKGROUND

1. The Draft Strategic Plan for the Coordination of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean has been revised by Member Countries of the Region at the Strategic Planning Meeting held in San José, Costa Rica from 4-5 November 2002.
2. The Committee is therefore invited to consider the revised version of the Draft Strategic Plan as contained in the Annex to this document.

DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATION OF CCLAC

OBJETIVES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
1. To foster effective communication between the CCLAC members, with other regions and Codex members, the Codex Secretariat and relevant organizations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To maximize the use of electronic communication systems in countries of the region, and stimulate the development of a web page for each contact point. 2. To conclude the development of the virtual page of CCLAC and to encourage its use. 3. To organize a virtual chat room with the primary objective of exchanging information prior to Codex meetings, with CCLAC members as well as with other regional committees or Codex member countries. 4. To maintain an up-to-date directory of the National Codex Contact Points including other addresses as indicated by the CCLAC member countries. 	<p>The regional Coordinator of CCLAC will be responsible for points 1, 2 and 4. For point 3 Argentina and a representative from an English speaking country have the responsibility.</p> <p>The Codex Commission in coordination with the contact points of CCLAC.</p>
2. To achieve the active and effective participation of all countries of the Region in the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies in particular in the CCLAC.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To solicit Inter-Agency collaboration (INPPAZ/ PAHO/ FAO/ IICA) to carry out the translation of information of interest to CCLAC countries into English, Spanish and French. 2. To establish working groups to examine strategic aspects of the Codex activities. 3. To involve all countries of the region in active participation in the work undertaken by CCLAC. 	The regional Coordination of CCLAC with the assistance of the countries of the Region.
3. To promote the development and strengthening of the capacities of the National Codex Committees and/or Codex Contact Points in CCLAC Member Countries.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish training programmes and to coordinate them with the efforts of other organizations and possible funding resources. 2. To establish an exchange of experiences between the Codex Contact Points and/or National Codex Committees in the CCLAC countries and others. 	The responsibility for the execution of this objective will be subject to suggestions and further approval of the Strategic Plan for the Coordination of CCLAC by the CCLAC member countries.

OBJETIVES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
Objective 3 Continued.	3. To keep a record of training activities, exchange of information between countries, negotiations with international organizations and other activities defined in the Action Plan.	
4. To take advantage of the technical and scientific capacities existing in CCLAC member countries.	1. To elaborate a list of specialists and institution available in the CCLAC region based on the information provided by each country. 2. To identify and prioritize items that in the working groups need a specialized opinion. 3. To identify available support from regional specialists and organizations regarding themes where a specialized opinion is required and promote their participation in the committee of experts.	The responsibility for the execution of this objective will be subject to suggestions and further approval of the Strategic Plan for the Coordination of CCLAC.
5. To ensure the continuity, development and sustainability of the committee's tasks.	1. To design a biennial operational plan, to be implemented between the CCLAC meetings, consistent with this Strategic Plan. 2. To carry out periodical evaluations and follow up of the actions contemplated in the Strategic Plan. 3. To establish mechanisms for the transfer of information during the transition of the Coordination. 4. To present a final report of the compliance of the actions contemplated in the Strategic Plan, in the framework of the holding of the regional meeting of the CCLAC.	The responsibility of the Regional Coordination. The responsibility of the Regional Coordination.

OBJETIVES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
6. To attain technical cooperation and funding mechanism to allow CCLAC to develop and sustain its activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To elaborate a list of organizations offering technical and financial cooperation. 2. To organize working groups to formulate the necessary Projects to seek the resources and follow up on them. 3. To conduct analysis and follow – up of proposals to establish the trust fund and other means of funding in the sphere of codex with respect to the interests of the Region. 	For point 3, the Coordination, with the support of all CCLAC member countries, will solicit the support of the organizations of the Region and other countries to sponsor these actions.
7. To identify and prioritize the needs of the Region on food safety and other themes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To carry out surveys in member countries to detect the needs of the Region. 2. To incorporate the issue of analysis and prioritization on the agenda of the Committee. 3. To develop Standards, guidelines and other recommendations of regional interest. 	The Regional Coordination.

PROPOSAL

**DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR THE
FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (CCLAC)**

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

**TO OPTIMIZE THE ROLE OF CCLAC AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS
WITHIN THE
CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION AND THE LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION.**