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DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA

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BACKGROUND

1. The 15th Session of the Committee agreed to the elaboration of a Strategic Plan for CCASIA. It was further agreed that the draft Strategic Plan, as presented in a conference room document during the meeting, would be circulated in a separate circular letter and that Malaysia would collate the comments and redraft the document, if required, for further consideration at its next session.¹
2. The draft Strategic Plan was circulated for comments in January 2007² and comments in response to this Circular Letter were submitted by Japan and Sri Lanka, which have been compiled in a tabular form as Appendix I to this document.
3. The Committee is **invited** to consider the draft Strategic Plan as contained in Appendix II to this document, which has been redrafted by taking into consideration the comments submitted.

¹ ALINORM 07/30/15, para. 162

² CL 2007/1-ASIA

Appendix I

Draft Strategic Plan for the Coordinating Committee for Asia with country comments received in response to CL 2007/1-ASIA

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| | <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>The Government of Japan would like to thank Malaysia for preparing the draft Strategic Plan for CCASIA and is pleased to provide the following comments in reply to CL 2007/1-ASIA.</p> <p>GENERAL COMMENTS</p> <p>It should be kept in mind that this strategic plan is for the Coordinating Committee for ASIA and thus should include only items in line with the framework of CCASIA. We found that the intent and/or meaning of many items are unclear, whether outputs of many items are highly beneficial is doubtful and many items are duplicating. If the document contains items which are of low importance or priority and can not easily be understood, it will only add the burden of member countries and confuse them. Therefore, the Strategic Plan should focus on items which are of great importance and can be achieved in the framework of CCASIA, and it should describe those items in a clear and easily understandable manner.</p> <p>In addition, as this strategic plan is for CCASIA, it is very clear that responsible party is the member countries of CCASIA. Therefore, it is not necessary to include the column for responsible party in the table of Strategic Objectives. Only in the case that responsible party is not the CCASIA member countries, it should be mentioned in the text of action.</p> <p>Taking these into account, we propose to modify the draft strategic plan as follows:</p> | |
| <p>DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA)</p> | <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>TITLE</p> <p>DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA) <u>2008-2013</u></p> | <p>DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA) <u>2009-2014</u></p> |

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| | <p><i>(Reason)</i></p> <p><i>Time period should be articulated consistent with the Strategic Plan of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. It should be indicated in the title.</i></p> | |
| <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>The importance of the Asian region in international food trade has long been recognized since more than half of the world population resides in the Asian region. The pace of economic development in these countries is undoubtedly amongst the highest in the world. There has been a significant increase in production of food from this region over the years. In line with this development, the need to produce safe and quality foods cannot be overemphasized. Towards this end, countries in the region have increasingly realized the importance of Codex in protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade. In this regard, the participation of Asia countries in Codex forum has also increased significantly. However, the effectiveness of its member countries participation can still be further improved.</p> <p>In order to maintain focus and properly coordinate the views of the countries in the region, the Strategic Plan for CCAsia has been a long time felt need. The Strategic Plan for CCASIA has been formulated consistent with the goals, programme areas and the planned activities of the Strategic Plan being finalized by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The regional strategic plan aims to fulfill amongst others the need for strengthening the national food regulatory system and greater coordination, enable better interaction among member countries and promote harmonization. The Plan also addresses food safety issues that affect the region. Due to the diverse levels of development of countries within the Asian region, the socio-economic status of the population as well as the differences in the regulatory system, the strategic plan has also taken into account the need for developed members to further accelerate and extend technical assistance to developing ones to enable them to implement and accomplish the measures as</p> | <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Last sentence</p> <p>“Due to the diverse levels of development of countries within the Asian region, the socio-economic status of the population as well as the differences in the regulatory system, the strategic plan has also taken into account the need <u>of assistance</u> for <u>developing</u> members to further accelerate and extend technical assistance to developing ones to enable them to implement and accomplish the measures as outlined in the <u>Strategic Objectives draft</u>.”</p> <p><i>(Reason)</i></p> <p><i>A significant part of technical assistance is provided through FAO/WHO and developed countries are contributing to their activities in addition to bilateral technical assistance. Besides, there are possibilities that technical assistance is provided among developing countries. These to be taken into consideration, this sentence should be modified to emphasize the importance of technical assistance to developing countries.</i></p> | <p>Due to the diverse levels of development of countries within the Asian region, the socio-economic status of the population as well as the differences in the regulatory system, the strategic plan has also taken into account the need for developed members to further accelerate and extend technical assistance to developing ones <u>members</u> to enable them to implement and accomplish the measures as outlined in the draft <u>Strategic Objectives</u>.</p> |

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| outlined in the draft. | | |
| <p>GOAL</p> <p>To strengthen the food safety infrastructure of all member countries of Asia and the region's contribution to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.</p> | <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>GOAL</p> <p>To strengthen <u>the effectiveness of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for ASIA in fulfilling its responsibilities to its</u> the food safety infrastructure of all member countries of Asia and the region's contribution to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.</p> | |
| <p>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</p> <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>1. To develop and strengthen national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To identify capacity-building needs in national food regulatory system and to source for funding.</p> <p>2. To organise technical attachments and exchange programmes amongst member countries of the region on a mutual basis.</p> <p>3. To identify the capacity-building needs of the Codex Contact Points to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work, and to source for funding.</p> <p>4. To assist CCASIA Member Countries in developing and strengthening national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee such as mentoring and training programme with the assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations.</p> <p>5. To organise on-the-job training attachment at Codex Contact Points of member countries to observe structural work programme and implementation processes with the assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations.</p> <p>6. To conduct national workshops on effective functioning of</p> | <p><u>Sri Lanka</u></p> <p>Objective 1 - Sri Lanka agrees to the proposed actions 1 to 7.</p> <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>Objective 1</p> <p>Delete Actions 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>1. To develop and strengthen national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To identify capacity-building needs in national food regulatory system and to source for funding.</p> <p>3. To identify the capacity-building needs of the Codex Contact Points to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work, and to source for funding.</p> | |

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| <p>Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committee.</p> <p>7. To conduct regional workshops on effective functioning of Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committee with the support of FAO, WHO and other international organizations.</p> | | |
| <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>2. To strengthen communication & coordination amongst the CCASIA members, with other regions and Codex Secretariat as well as other relevant organizations</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To maintain an up-to-date directory of the National Codex Contact Points of the CCASIA member countries.</p> <p>2. To optimize the use of electronic communication systems in countries of the region by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) conducting e-discussions amongst member countries on issues of mutual interest from time to time ii) sharing of national positions/written comments on issues of interest to the region on a regular basis iii) encouraging the development of a web page for each contact point iv) promoting regional networking among Codex Contact Points to improve communication and share experiences on Codex and related issues. <p>3. To develop, update and maintain a virtual page for CCASIA and to encourage its use.</p> <p>4. To promote networking with Codex Contact Points outside the region.</p> | <p><u>Sri Lanka</u></p> <p>Objective 2 - Sri Lanka agrees to the proposed actions and in addition suggests the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to create a public and stake holders awareness programme in social marketing approach. ii. to have an International Food Safety Day. iii. to established web hosting facilities in the region. iv. to start a process of identifying food safety labs with analytical capacity including safety protocols. <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>Objective 2</p> <p>Delete Action 2 i), 2 ii), 2 iii), 3 and 4.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>2. To strengthen communication & coordination amongst the CCASIA members, with other regions and Codex Secretariat as well as other relevant organizations</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To maintain an up-to-date directory of the National Codex Contact Points of the CCASIA member countries.</p> <p>2. To optimize the use of electronic communication systems in countries of the region by iv) with a view to promote promoting regional networking among Codex Contact Points to improve communication and share experiences on Codex and related issues.</p> | |

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| <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>3. To achieve maximum and effective participation of member countries in the activities of CCASIA, Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To organize informal meetings of CCASIA prior to Codex meetings to develop common position, where possible, on issues of interest as well as to update on national and regional activities.</p> <p>2. To discuss Codex issues of interest including those issues arising from Commission and other Codex subsidiary bodies during CCASIA sessions.</p> <p>3. To seek funding to participate in Codex Meetings and support other Codex activities from “FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhancing the Participation of Developing Countries in the Work of Codex”, WHO, FAO, UNDP, STDF and other international organisations.</p> <p>4. To strengthen the capacity of member countries to formulate national positions and written comments on issues of interest to the region (refer to Objective #1, Actions #3, 5 and 6).</p> | <p><u>Sri Lanka</u></p> <p>Objective 3 - Sri Lanka agrees to the proposed action and in addition suggests the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to start a country level focal points in WHO/ FAO to coordinate food safety and environmental issues. ii. to develop National Standards by the National Standard body. <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>Objective 3</p> <p>Delete Action 4.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>3. To achieve maximum and effective participation of member countries in the activities of CCASIA, Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To organize informal meetings of CCASIA prior to Codex meetings to develop common position, where possible, on issues of interest <u>to the region</u> as well as to update on national and regional activities.</p> <p>2. To discuss Codex issues of interest <u>to the region</u> including those issues arising from Commission and other Codex subsidiary bodies during CCASIA sessions.</p> <p>3. To seek funding to participate in Codex Meetings and support other Codex activities from “FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhancing the Participation of Developing Countries in the Work of Codex”, <u>as well as other sources funded by WHO, FAO, UNDP, STDF and other international organisations.</u></p> | <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To organize informal meetings of CCASIA prior to Codex meetings to develop common position, where possible, on issues of interest <u>to the region</u> as well as to update on national and regional activities.</p> <p>2. To discuss Codex issues of interest <u>to the region</u> including those issues arising from Commission and other Codex subsidiary bodies during CCASIA sessions.</p> <p>3. To seek funding to participate in Codex Meetings and support other Codex activities from “FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhancing the Participation of Developing Countries in the Work of Codex”, <u>as well as other sources funded by WHO, FAO, UNDP, STDF and other international organisations.</u></p> <p>4. To strengthen the capacity of member countries to formulate national positions and written comments on issues of interest to the region (refer to Objective #1, Actions #3, 5 and 6).</p> |

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| <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>4. To strengthen scientific and technical capacities amongst member countries in the region</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To identify and prioritize food safety and Codex issues that affect the region and where appropriate seek the assistance of FAO/WHO for scientific advice.</p> <p>2. To develop a list of experts and institutions available in the region which can provide the required scientific/technical expertise.</p> <p>3. To establish e-Working Groups to address prioritized regional issues.</p> <p>4. To collate and generate quality data on issues of interest to the region and submit to the Joint FAO/WHO expert bodies and consultation. FAO and WHO to assist countries in this activity in line with the Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Application in the Framework of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.</p> <p>5. To promote the consistent application of risk analysis principles at the national level.</p> <p>6. To organize and conduct regional workshops/training courses with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations to facilitate the development of the technical capacity of the members of the region including risk analysis.</p> <p>7. To establish scientific and technical networks amongst the experts and institutions in the countries of the region.</p> <p>8. To promote the participation of regional experts in the Joint FAO/WHO expert bodies and consultation.</p> | <p><u>Sri Lanka</u></p> <p>Objective 4, 5, 6 - Sri Lanka agrees to the proposed actions.</p> <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>Objective 4</p> <p>Delete Action 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>4. To strengthen scientific and technical capacities amongst member countries in the region</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>5. To promote the consistent application of risk analysis principles at the national level.</p> <p>6. To organize and conduct regional workshops/training courses with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations to facilitate the development of the technical capacity of the members of the region including risk analysis.</p> | |
| <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>5. Promote use of Codex standards and related texts as a basis for national legislation.</p> | <p><u>Sri Lanka</u></p> <p>Objective 4, 5, 6 - Sri Lanka agrees to the proposed actions.</p> | <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>5. To Promote use of Codex standards and related texts as a basis for national legislation.</p> |

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| <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To train technical personnel and policy makers responsible for the elaboration of food safety policy (including regulations) on the significance of and need to consider Codex standards and related texts, with technical assistance from FAO/WHO.</p> <p>2. To increase awareness on the importance of Codex amongst relevant stakeholders i.e. government, industries, consumers, academia and professional bodies.</p> <p>3. To assist member countries in terms of capacity building to harmonize national legislation with that of Codex with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations.</p> | <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>Objective 5</p> <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>5. To Promote use of Codex standards and related texts as a basis for national legislation.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To train technical personnel and policy makers responsible for the elaboration of food safety policy (including regulations) on the significance of and need to consider Codex standards and related texts, with technical assistance from FAO/WHO.</p> <p>2. To increase awareness on the importance of Codex amongst relevant stakeholders i.e. government, industries, consumers, academia and professional bodies.</p> <p>3. To assist member countries in terms of capacity building to harmonize national legislation with that of Codex with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations.</p> | |
| <p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>6. Develop and/or review Codex standards and related texts taking into account regional interests</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To establish ad-hoc regional working groups to address issues of common interest to the region during CCAsia sessions.</p> <p>2. To identify specific food products of interest to the region that requires standard to be developed in order to facilitate trade.</p> | <p><u>Sri Lanka</u></p> <p>Objective 4, 5, 6 - Sri Lanka agrees to the proposed actions.</p> <p><u>Japan</u></p> <p>Objective 6</p> <p>Delete Action 1 and 2, consequently Objective 6.</p> <p><i>(Reason)</i></p> <p><i>Action 1</i></p> <p><i>Issues of common interest should firstly be discussed in the plenary of CCASIA. If a working group is necessary, it should be established according to the Guidelines on Working Groups included in the Procedural Manual. It is not necessary to determine to establish a working group in the Strategic Plan.</i></p> | <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>1. To establish ad-hoc regional working groups to address issues of common interest to the region during CCAsia sessions <u>as and when necessary.</u></p> |

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| | <p><i>Action 2</i></p> <p><i>We are deeply concerned that a lot of regional standards have been and are being developed without considering in detail whether a proposal falls within the criteria set out by the “Criteria for the Establishment of Work Priorities” (p.66, 16th Procedural Manual). The work relating to the development of these regional standards have been a heavy burden to the CCASIA and depriving the time to be allocated to the other important activities as shown in Objectives 1-5. Therefore, we propose to remove the Objective 6 from this Strategic Plan.</i></p> | |

Appendix II**DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA (CCASIA)
2009-2014****(Draft revised based on country comments received in response to CL 2007/1-ASIA)****INTRODUCTION**

The importance of the Asian region in international food trade has long been recognized since more than half of the world population resides in the Asian region. The pace of economic development in these countries is undoubtedly amongst the highest in the world. There has been a significant increase in production of food from this region over the years. In line with this development, the need to produce safe and quality foods cannot be overemphasized. Towards this end, countries in the region have increasingly realized the importance of Codex in protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade. In this regard, the participation of Asia countries in Codex forum has also increased significantly. However, the effectiveness of its member countries participation can still be further improved.

In order to maintain focus and properly coordinate the views of the countries in the region, the Strategic Plan for CCAsia has been a long time felt need. The Strategic Plan for CCASIA has been formulated consistent with the goals, programme areas and the planned activities of the Strategic Plan being finalized by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The regional strategic plan aims to fulfill amongst others the need for strengthening the national food regulatory system and greater coordination, enable better interaction among member countries and promote harmonization. The Plan also addresses food safety issues that affect the region. Due to the diverse levels of development of countries within the Asian region, the socio-economic status of the population as well as the differences in the regulatory system, the strategic plan has also taken into account the need ~~for developed members~~ to further accelerate and extend technical assistance to ~~developing ones~~ members to enable them to implement and accomplish the measures as outlined in the ~~draft~~ Strategic Objectives.

GOAL

To strengthen the food safety infrastructure of all member countries of Asia and the region's contribution to the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

| OBJECTIVES | ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE PARTY | TIME-LINE |
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| 1. To develop and strengthen national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee | 1. To identify capacity-building needs in national food regulatory system and to source for funding. | Member countries | On-going |
| | 2. To organise technical attachments and exchange programmes amongst member countries of the region on a mutual basis. | Interested member countries | On-going |
| | 3. To identify the capacity-building needs of the Codex Contact Points to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work, and to source for funding. | Member countries | On-going |
| | 4. To assist CCASIA Member Countries in developing and strengthening national food regulatory system and Codex Contact Point and/or National Codex Committee such as mentoring and training programme with the assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations. | Member countries with the required capability | Initiate by 2010 |

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| | <p>5. To organise on-the-job training attachment at Codex Contact Points of member countries to observe structural work programme and implementation processes with the assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations.</p> <p>6. To conduct national workshops on effective functioning of Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committee.</p> <p>7. To conduct regional workshops on effective functioning of Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committee with the support of FAO,WHO and other international organizations.</p> | <p>Member countries with the required capability</p> <p>Member countries</p> <p>Coordinator</p> | <p>Initiate by 2010</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>Initiate by 2010</p> |
| <p>2. To strengthen communication & coordination amongst the CCASIA members, with other regions and Codex Secretariat as well as other relevant organizations</p> | <p>1. To maintain an up-to-date directory of the National Codex Contact Points of the CCASIA member countries.</p> <p>2. To optimize the use of electronic communication systems in countries of the region by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) conducting e-discussions amongst member countries on issues of mutual interest from time to time ii) sharing of national positions/written comments on issues of interest to the region on a regular basis iii) encouraging the development of a web page for each contact point iv) promoting regional networking among Codex Contact Points to improve communication and share experiences on Codex and related issues. <p>3. To develop, update and maintain a virtual page for CCASIA and to encourage its use.</p> <p>4. To promote networking with Codex Contact Points outside the region.</p> | <p>Coordinator</p> <p>Coordinator and member countries</p> <p>Interested member country</p> <p>Coordinator</p> | <p>Initiate by 2009</p> <p>Initiate by 2009</p> <p>Initiate by 2010</p> <p>Initiate by 2010</p> |
| <p>3. To achieve maximum and effective participation of member countries in the activities of CCASIA, Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies</p> | <p>1. To organize informal meetings of CCASIA prior to Codex meetings to develop common position, where possible, on issues of interest <u>to the region</u> as well as to update on national and regional activities.</p> <p>2. To discuss Codex issues of interest <u>to the region</u> including those issues arising from Commission and other Codex subsidiary bodies during CCASIA sessions.</p> <p>3. To seek funding to participate in Codex Meetings and support other Codex activities from</p> | <p>Coordinator</p> <p>Member country</p> <p>Member countries</p> | <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> |

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| | <p>“FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhancing the Participation of Developing Countries in the Work of Codex”, <u>as well as other sources funded by</u> WHO, FAO, UNDP, STDF and other international organisations.</p> <p>4. To strengthen the capacity of member countries to formulate national positions and written comments on issues of interest to the region (refer to Objective #1, Actions #3, 5 and 6).</p> | Member countries | Initiate by 2010 |
| 4. To strengthen scientific and technical capacities amongst member countries in the region | <p>1. To identify and prioritize food safety and Codex issues that affect the region and where appropriate seek the assistance of FAO/WHO for scientific advice.</p> <p>2. To develop a list of experts and institutions available in the region which can provide the required scientific/technical expertise.</p> <p>3. To establish e-Working Groups to address prioritized regional issues.</p> <p>4. To collate and generate quality data on issues of interest to the region and submit to the Joint FAO/WHO expert bodies and consultation. FAO and WHO to assist countries in this activity in line with the Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Application in the Framework of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.</p> <p>5. To promote the consistent application of risk analysis principles at the national level.</p> <p>6. To organize and conduct regional workshops/training courses with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organisations to facilitate the development of the technical capacity of the members of the region including risk analysis.</p> <p>7. To establish scientific and technical networks amongst the experts and institutions in the countries of the region.</p> <p>8. To promote the participation of regional experts in the Joint FAO/WHO expert bodies and consultation.</p> | <p>Member countries</p> <p>Facilitating country</p> <p>Interested member countries</p> <p>Lead countries</p> <p>Member countries</p> <p>Facilitating country</p> <p>Member countries</p> <p>Member countries</p> | <p>On-going</p> <p>Complete by 2009</p> <p>Initiate by 2010</p> <p>Initiate by 2010</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>Initiate by 2009</p> <p>Initiate by 2010</p> <p>On-going</p> |
| 5. To Promote use of Codex standards and related texts as a basis for national legislation. | 1. To train technical personnel and policy makers responsible for the elaboration of food safety policy (including regulations) on the significance of and need to consider Codex standards and related texts, with technical assistance from FAO/WHO. | Member countries | 2009 |

| OBJECTIVES | ACTIONS | RESPONSIBLE PARTY | TIME-LINE |
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| | <p>2. To increase awareness on the importance of Codex amongst relevant stakeholders i.e. government, industries, consumers, academia and professional bodies.</p> <p>3. To assist member countries in terms of capacity building to harmonize national legislation with that of Codex with assistance of FAO/WHO and other international organizations.</p> | <p>Member countries</p> <p>Member countries</p> | <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> |
| <p>6. Develop and/or review Codex standards and related texts taking into account regional interests</p> | <p>1. To establish ad-hoc regional working groups to address issues of common interest to the region during CCAasia sessions as and when necessary.</p> <p>2. To identify specific food products of interest to the region that requires standard to be developed in order to facilitate trade.</p> | <p>Interested member country</p> <p>Member countries</p> | <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> |