



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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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 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.
 - 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 not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

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

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

5. The Commission, at its 38th Session (6-11 July 2015), appointed Chile as Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean¹ for its first term. Chile, having served for one term, two years by July 2017, will be eligible for re-appointment.

6. The Committee **is invited to nominate** a Coordinator for Latin America (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 40th Session of the Commission (2017).

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

Coordinators for Latin America and the Caribbean

Coordinator	Country	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration appointment
Dr Eduardo R. Méndez	Mexico	1976	11 th CAC	from end of 11 th to end of 12 th CAC
Dr Eduardo Méndez	Mexico	1978	12 th CAC	from end of 12 th to end of 13 th CAC
Dr Alfredo M. Dovat	Uruguay	1979	13 th CAC	from end of 13 th to end of 14 th CAC
Dr E.M. Brivio	Uruguay	1981	14 th CAC	from end of 14 th to end of 15 th CAC
Mr Ramón Darías Rodés	Cuba	1983	15 th CAC	from end of 15 th to end of 16 th CAC
Mr Ramón Darías Rodés	Cuba	1985	16 th CAC	from end of 16 th to end of 17 th CAC
Ms María Eugenia Chacón Moroux	Costa Rica	1987	17 th CAC	from end of 17 th to end of 18 th CAC
Ms María Eugenia Chacón Moroux	Costa Rica	1989	18 th CAC	from end of 18 th to end of 19 th CAC
Mr Carlos A. Ferreira Guimaraes	Brazil	1991	19 th CAC	from end of 19 th to end of 20 th CAC
Mr Carlos A. Ferreira Guimaraes	Brazil	1993	20 th CAC	from end of 20 th to end of 21 st CAC
Dr Galdós Ugarte	Uruguay	1995	21 st CAC	from end of 21 st to end of 22 nd CAC
Dr Galdós Ugarte	Uruguay	1997	22 nd CAC	from end of 22 nd to end of 23 rd CAC
Mr Luís E. Felíz Roa	Dominican Republic	1999	23 rd CAC	from end of 23 rd to end of 24 th CAC
Dominican Republic		2001	24 th CAC	from end of 24 th to end of 26 th CAC
Argentina		2003	26 th CAC	from end of 26 th to end of 28 th CAC
Argentina		2005	28 th CAC	from end of 28 th to end of 30 th CAC
Mexico		2007	30 th CAC	from end of 30 th to end of 32 nd CAC
Mexico		2009	32 nd CAC	from end of 32 nd to end of 34 th CAC
Costa Rica		2011	34 th CAC	from end of 34 th to end of 36 th CAC
Costa Rica		2013	36 th CAC	from end of 36 th to end of 38 th CAC
Chile		2015	38 th CAC	from end of 38 th to end of 40 th CAC

¹ REP15/CAC, para. 185.