

APPENDIX III

Activities to be implemented in the CCASIA region in 2020-2021 to support the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025

| Priority Goal | Priority objective | Activities for the period 2020-2021 | Rationale for proposed activities | Responsible or lead party | Expected output by 2021 | Reporting mechanism |
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| 1. Address current, emerging and critical issues in a timely manner | 1.1 Identify needs and emerging issues. | 1.1.1 Collect information on country's current, emerging and critical issues and identify the needs. | To understand the needs and emerging issues of each member country | Regional Co-ordinator / FAO / WHO | Compiled list of issues and needs of Member countries | Survey questionnaires |
| | 1.2 Prioritize needs and emerging issues. | 1.2.1 Establish practical criteria taking into consideration prioritization criteria used in relevant Codex committees and the Codex Procedural Manual | The criteria for evaluating and prioritizing emerging issues could be used to assess and prioritize the proposal for new work in terms of the need and appropriateness for the region | CCASIA / Regional co-ordinator | Practical criteria will be established | Report of the coordinator (eg. under the Agenda Item on Codex work relevant to the region) |
| | | 1.2.3 Prioritize the issues and needs at the regional level | To get an official Codex regional document | CCASIA | Needs and emerging issues prioritized | Plenary |
| 2. Develop standards based on science and Codex risk based principles | 2.1. Use scientific advice consistently in line with Codex risk analysis principles | 2.1.1 Arrange capacity building programs to enhance understanding of all countries in the region on the use of scientific information and risk analysis principles | The activities will help improve understanding of all countries in the region on the scientific data needed for drafting standard and risk analysis to manage measures accordance with the risk assessment outcome. | RCC/member countries/ FAO/WHO | Enhanced awareness and knowledge of member countries on the use of scientific information and risk analysis principles | FAO/WHO reports on capacity development activities |
| | 2.2 Promote the submission and use of globally representative data in developing and reviewing Codex standards | 2.2.1 Assessment of total number of member countries responding to calls for data | Such an assessment will help provide a picture of member countries who have not been able to submit data. | FAO/WHO | Baseline information on countries responding to calls for data. | Reports to GEMS Food and from FAO/WHO |
| | | 2.2.2. Collate, analyze and share data on a specific product contaminant that is common to member countries. | Before embarking on generation of new data, this activity will assist in getting a picture of the existing data in the region and contribute to building capacity on data management and analysis. | FAO/WHO/ Member countries | Increase in understanding of available and capacity to collate, manage and analyse data in the region | Report by FAO/WHO to CCASIA22 |
| | 2.3 Promote sufficient and sustainable funding for expert bodies that deliver scientific advice. | 2.3.1. Inform the RCCs of the annual discussions in CAC on sustainable funding for FAO/WHO scientific advice to Codex through its inclusion in the agenda item on Matters arising from CAC and its subsidiary bodies. | Not all Codex members have the opportunity to attend CAC but may be able to attend the RCCs and given the importance of this issue for Codex work the RCCs provide an important | FAO/WHO, Codex Secretariat | Raise the Member country's awareness about current situation | Matters arising document and meeting report |

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| | | | opportunity to share this information. | | | |
| | | 2.3.2.Member countries encourage FAO/WHO governing bodies to allocate dedicated funding for scientific advice | This will help keep funding for scientific advice a high priority for FAO/WHO | Member countries, FAO/WHO | Sustained funding for scientific advice ensured | |
| 3. Increase impact through the recognition and use of Codex standards | 3.1 Raise the awareness of Codex standards | 3.1.1. Implement activities (e.g. seminar) to increase awareness of stakeholders on Codex matters | This will help to increase awareness on impact of Codex standards on trade and facilitate adoption Codex standards and therefore facilitate trade. | Member countries | Codex members are proactively promoting the use of Codex standards | Activity report to Codex Secretariat or CCASIA Coordinator |
| | | 3.1.2.Engagement of stakeholders for participation in Codex matters <i>[Subject to government's policy]</i> | Most stakeholders (industry, academia etc) may not be aware of Codex work. | Member countries | Codex members are proactively promoting the use of Codex standards | Activity report to Codex Secretariat or CCASIA Coordinator |
| | 3.2 Support initiatives to enable the understanding and implementation/application of Codex standards | 3.2.1 Enhance understanding on the use of Codex standards as the guidance for development of national food standards by responding to the biannual survey on the use of Codex standards | Developing food standards based on Codex standards will help to facilitate international trade e.g. facilitate the setting up of MRAs and acceptance of equivalence as and when necessary | Member countries | Increased knowledge on the use of Codex standards in the development of national food standards and regulations. | Report of the survey on Use of Codex standards |
| | 3.3 Recognize and promote the impact of Codex Standards | 3.3.1. Identify and report success stories on the use of Codex standards | Published success stories will provide inspiration for adoption of Codex standards on larger scale | Member countries and Codex Secretariat | Increased awareness on the value of Codex standards | Published stories |