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TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretariat
Codex Alimentarius Commission

SUBJECT: Request for information on the implementation of the CCAFRICA Strategic Plan

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1. In preparation of the 20th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA), updated information since the 19th Session of the Committee is requested on the implementation of the CCAFRICA Strategic Plan.
2. The information submitted will be compiled in working documents to be considered by the 20th CCAFRICA. The information provided on the implementation of CCAFRICA Strategic Plan will be used to monitor the implementation of the strategic plan especially in relation to the priority activities and related actions identified by the 18th CCAFRICA (see ALINORM 09/32/28, Appendix II).¹
3. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit the relevant information by using the questionnaire attached to this Circular Letter and to provide this information as directed above. Codex Members and Observers are invited to submit information in a clear and concise way in order to facilitate analysis of the information by the Coordinator for Africa, Cameroon, their translation and consideration by the Committee.

¹ The Strategic Plan including its priority activities and actions is available at ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/reports/alinorm09/al32_28e.pdf

QUESTIONNAIRE

GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OBSERVER STATUS WITH CODEX ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CCAFRICA STRATEGIC PLAN (FOR INFORMATION ON THE PRIORITY AREAS AND ACTIVITIES FOR EACH OF THE OBJECTIVES MENTIONED BELOW REFER TO ALINORM 09/32/28, APPENDIX II)²

OBJECTIVE 1: Use of electronic communication and sharing of information

Taking into account the priority areas and actions of objective 1, please describe any significant developments/actions taken to improve electronic communications at the national level, including:

- a. the development of a national Codex website
- b. use of the CCAFRICA website
- c. mechanisms for sharing information among countries of the region.

Include any positive experiences or any difficulties experienced.

OBJECTIVE 2: Active and effective participation of countries in the region in the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies

Taking into account the priority areas and actions of objective 2 provide an update since the 19th CCAFRICA on:

- Codex meetings participated in, including working groups and the source of funding for participation;

- Codex activities supported by FAO/WHO at the national level

- awareness programmes undertaken at national level to strengthen participation by stakeholders in Codex activities

- regional bilateral or multilateral programmes developed to strengthen participation of stakeholders in Codex activities.

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- Other relevant Codex activities

OBJECTIVE 3: Strengthening of National Codex Committees and/or Codex Contact Points

Taking into account the priority areas and actions of objective 3, provide an update since the 19th CCAFRICA on the composition, functions and activities of the CCP or NCC (or similar structure) in your country (include information on positive experiences or difficulties experienced)

OBJECTIVE 4: Available technical and scientific expertise and experiences of countries

Taking into account the priority areas and actions of objective 4, provide information on whether your country has identified and/or trained scientific experts to support the work of Codex, whether a list of experts has been supplied to the CCAFRICA database; whether any experts have contributed to or participated in scientific work of Codex (e.g. in JECFA, JEMRA, JMPR, other expert consultations or meetings)
