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REPORT OF THE IN-SESSION WORKING GROUP

CCLAC21 established an in-session working group chaired by Ecuador to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Plenary on the activities to be undertaken in the region in the next two years to support implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

However, due the security situation it was not possible to convene the working group as planned. A brief meeting was convened to identify the priority goals for CCLAC. Members considered goals 1- 4 and based on their experience and needs identified Goals 2 and 4 as the highest priority.

As there was no time for the working group to elaborate activities related to Goals 2 and 4, the proposals provided by Nicaragua, El Salvador, Ecuador and Colombia in CRDs 6, 7, 12 and 14 are presented in Appendix 1 as the starting point for discussions.

The plenary is invited to revise and/or refine these activities and complete the table

Priority Goal	Priority objective	Activities for the period 2020-2021	Rationale for proposed activities	Responsible or lead party	Expected output by 2021	Reporting mechanism
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 Carry out activities to improve understanding, in all the countries of the region, of the use of scientific advice and risk analysis in standard setting activities (workshops or webinars on Codex and risk analysis, etc.).				
		2.1.2				
	2.2 Promote the submission and use of globally representative data in developing and reviewing Codex standards	2.2.1 Identify Regional Technical Networks and share this information with the CCPs	Sharing information contributes to the generation of the data required for Codex work.	Codex Members (CPPs)		
		2.2.2. Inform the competent national authorities of the regional priorities defined so that the necessary resources are available to support the work of regional interest and national impact.				
		2.2.3 Promote activities to strengthen data generation in the region.				
		2.2.4 Raise concerns at Committee and/or CAC level, when barriers on Adoption of standards / proposals / new work, with solid scientific support appear.				
		2.2.5 Promote the development of regional positions to serve as support to standards / proposals / new work stuck in Codex processes for several years, in order to have an effective management				
		2.2.6 Generate databases of institutions that provide scientific information on the identified subsectors.	Dialogue with these institutions may provide technical information on proposed topics.	Expert bodies, Members, CCLAC	2021	

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		2.2.7 Promote joint work mechanisms to support the proposing country of an issue.	To optimize resources and take advantage of the information and experience that other countries may have.	Expert bodies, Members, CCLAC	2021	
	2.3 Promote sufficient and sustainable funding for expert bodies that deliver scientific advice.	2.3.1 Schedule additional activities to increase awareness on the importance of the work carried out by scientific advisory bodies and increase funds for the work of these bodies.				
		2.3.2.				
4. Facilitate the participation of all Codex Members throughout the standard setting process	4.1 Enable sustainable national Codex structures in all Codex Member Countries	4.1.1 Promote the use of FAO/WHO Diagnostic Instruments and other evaluation instruments	The diagnostic tool is very useful to evaluate the degree of development of a national structure national and to identify concrete measures (project formulation, development of procedures, ...) congruent with their conditions and capabilities, which contributes to efficiency and sustainability structure.	Members; CCLAC	2020-2022	
		4.1.2. Promote activities that allow establishing costs/benefits of having sustainable national Codex structures.	Demonstrate, based on results, the importance of having Codex structures properly established.			
	4.2 Increase sustainable and active	4.2.1 All proposed projects at Codex level to be of interest and at the same time accessible.	Projects of interest key to involve more countries.			

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	participation of all Codex Members					
		4.2.2 Develop twinning programs / experience exchanges between countries with strong Codex structures and countries with developing Codex structures.	There is a potential in the region to create technical cooperation mechanisms between members. The countries that have received support can replicate the exercise with other countries and thus give sustainability to the initiative.	Members, CCLAC, Observers	2020-2022	
		4.2.3 Strengthen Codex electronic platforms, so that they fulfill the function of facilitating the work of members / Codex Secretariat	Key role of Codex e-tools		2020-2022	
		4.2.3.4 Establish meetings between the Codex Secretariat and national reps at FAO/WHO, to promote the work of Codex	To promote the importance of Codex, also at national level.	Members, Codex Secretariat	2020-2022	
	4.3 Reduce barriers to active participation by developing countries	4.3.1 Manage additional resources to fund the participation of national representatives in activities that require a face-to-face participation.				
		4.3.2 Documented discussions of RCCs or related meetings on the obstacles that prevent the participation of countries in the development of Codex texts and possible solutions. Member countries must establish an order of priority and propose concrete measures.	Identifying the obstacles that prevent the active participation of countries is an exercise that will allow proposals and facilitate the adoption of appropriate strategies, in a logical order.	Members, CCLAC	2020-2022	