

APPENDIX IV

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE PERIOD 2024-25 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN

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| <p>1. Address current, emerging and critical issues in a timely manner.</p> | <p>1.1 Identify needs and emerging issues</p> | <p>1.1.1 Survey to identify emerging issues and needs related to Codex topics, including those related to national food control systems, considering the report of the twenty-second CCLAC meeting.</p> <p>1.1.2 Regional workshop to gather information on identified needs.</p> | <p>The survey and the regional workshop will identify the needs prioritized by countries in the region. This information will then be processed.</p> | <p>FAO, WHO, Regional Coordinator.</p> | <p>Work with Member States, based on gaps identified through the FAO/WHO survey and the workshop led by the Regional Coordinator.</p> | <p>Drafting of a survey on emerging issues in early 2024.</p> <p>Regional workshop in the first quarter of 2024. Relevant documents and final report of the twenty-third CCLAC meeting.</p> |
| | <p>1.2 Establish an order of priority for needs and emerging issues.</p> | <p>1.2.1 Identify current and emerging issues in the region based on discussions at the twenty-second CCLAC meeting and comments gathered by the EWG and, if necessary, a regional survey.</p> | <p>Make Member States aware of emerging needs and issues with a view to joint actions to achieve regional positions that can be defended in the framework of the various Codex bodies.</p> | <p>Regional Coordinator, CCLAC Member States</p> | <p>After prioritizing the issues identified, encourage Members to communicate proactively in order to actively participate in Codex work (committees, EWG, meetings and other scheduled activities)</p> | <p>Relevant documents and final report of the twenty-third CCLAC meeting.</p> |

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| <p>2. Develop standards based on science and Codex risk analysis principles.</p> | <p>2.2 Promote the presentation and use of globally representative data in the development and review of Codex standards.</p> | <p>2.2.1 Activities organized by FAO and WHO to strengthen the technical capacities of Member States for data generation and publication in GEMS/Food.</p> | <p>The results of the workshop led by the CCLAC Secretariat in 2022 showed that Member States require further guidance and assistance regarding the collection, compilation and submission of scientific data used as a basis for risk assessment.</p> | <p>FAO and WHO, Regional Coordinator</p> | <p>Thematic capacity-building activities, such as workshops, meetings and others, will be carried out to meet the requirements of Codex standard-setting.</p> | <p>Workshops and documents conducted by FAO, WHO and/or Member States. Relevant documents and final report of the twenty-third CCLAC meeting.</p> |

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| 3. Increase impact through the recognition and use of Codex standards. | 3.1 Raise awareness of Codex standards. | <p>3.1.1 Hold awareness-raising events on Codex standards for stakeholders throughout the agrifood chain, including academia and the private sector.</p> <p>3.1.2 Draft information, education and communication materials.</p> | The aim is to raise awareness of Codex standards among stakeholders and encourage their adoption by means of the events and communication materials. | Member States, Regional Coordinator, FAO, WHO and Codex Secretariat. | Increased recognition and understanding of Codex work and standards. | <p>Relevant information published on the CCLAC page of the Codex website.</p> <p>Relevant documents and final report of the twenty-third CCLAC meeting.</p> |
| | 3.2 Support initiatives that enable understanding and implementation and application of Codex standards. | <p>3.2.1 Hold regional and national events to celebrate World Food Safety Day, disseminating the importance of implementing/applying Codex standards.</p> <p>3.2.2 Encourage the participation of different stakeholders (academics, industry, civil society, academia, observers, public institutions, international organizations and others).</p> | Improve understanding of the benefits of implementing Codex standards. | Member States, Regional Coordinator, FAO, WHO and Codex Secretariat. | <p>Increase recognition and understanding of Codex texts.</p> <p>Inform the region of events organized by the various Member States, FAO, WHO and Codex Secretariat.</p> | <p>Celebrating World Food Safety Day, with national and regional events.</p> <p>Relevant information published on the Codex website.</p> |

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| | 3.3 Recognize and promote the effects of Codex standards. | 3.3.1. Encourage Member States to participate in the survey on the use and impact of Codex standards. | To be aware of the global survey on the use and impact of Codex standards in Member States of the region. | Member States, Regional Coordinator and Codex Secretariat. | Active participation of Member States in the survey on the use and impact of Codex standards, increasing the percentage of participation compared to previous years. | Relevant documents, survey report and final report of the twenty-third CCLAC meeting. |
| 4. Encourage the participation of all Codex members throughout the standard-setting process. | 4.1 Enable sustainable national Codex structures in all Member States. 4.2 Increase the sustainable and active participation of all Codex members. 4.3 Reduce barriers to active participation of developing countries. | <p>Submit projects to the Codex Trust Fund for eligible countries to access benefits and work in accordance with the process.</p> <p>Develop opportunities for mentoring, exchanging experience and knowledge between countries in the region and with other countries.</p> <p>Support capacity building, through training courses, seminars and others.</p> <p>Applications in the Codex programme for the Americas to increase in-person</p> | With the support of the Codex Trust Fund, the Codex programme for the Americas and other projects, more Member States are meeting the requirements and strengthening their national committees for better participation in Codex work. | CTF, FAO, WHO, Regional Coordinator and Member States | <p>Promoting capacity building and activities of Member States regarding participation in Codex work.</p> <p>Increased participation in committees, EWGs, as well as increased response rate to CLs.</p> <p>Alerts by the CCLAC Regional Coordinator on the existence of EWGs, establishing a space for the exchange of positions prior to publication in the forum.</p> | <p>Applications to the Codex Trust Fund, subject to compliance with requirements.</p> <p>Number of Member States participating in Codex meetings recorded in participant lists.</p> <p>Documents relating to the twenty-third CCLAC meeting.</p> |

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| | | participation in the various committee meetings. Encourage participation in electronic working groups (EWGs) and responses to circular letters (CLs). | | | | |

REGIONAL CODEX COMMUNICATIONS WORK PLAN 2024-2025

| Objectives | Activities | Responsible party | Targets | Indicators |
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| 1. Establish clear, communication channels | 1.1. Consolidate and improve information flow and exchange between countries and Codex Secretariat (CS) 1.2. Establish simple and rapid communications methods (e.g. discussion group on Codex EWG forum) | 1.1 Member Countries and CS 1.2 Regional Coordinator (RC), Member Countries and CS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By CCLAC24, 80% of Members/ Observers surveyed indicate timeliness, accessibility and quality of Codex regional communications “excellent” or “good” | Number of survey responses rating regional communications “excellent” or “good” |
| 2. Communicate the value of Codex engagement and use of standards in the region | 2.1. Provide CS with monthly drafts of web stories capturing food safety, standards work or capacity building initiatives in the region 2.2. Promote regional success stories and initiatives in conjunction with CS and FAO/WHO 2.3 Liaise with Codex Trust Fund beneficiary countries in the region to communicate on every phase of CTF projects 2.4 Liaise with ACT beneficiary countries in the region to communicate on every phase of ACT projects | 2.1 Member Countries, RC 2.2 CS, RC, FAO/WHO 2.3 CTF Beneficiary Countries, FAO/WHO, CS 2.4 ACT Beneficiary Countries, FAO/WHO, CS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By CAC48, 20 news items from countries in the region published By CCLAC24, 30 news items from countries in the region By CCLAC24, 70% of countries in the region have continued to make a contribution to Codex news on the regional webpage | Number of CCLAC news stories published Number of countries who have made a published contribution |