

## EWG Invitation

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**Title** Discussion Paper on Guidance for Method Endorsement  
**Committee** CCMAS  
**Session** 39<sup>th</sup>  
**Chair of EWG** USA  
**Co-Chair(s)**  
**Working Languages** English and [insert, if necessary]

**Description of work** Develop a discussion paper to recommend guidance for the endorsement and designation of empirical methods as Type I and/or Type IV and issues around two Type II methods for the same provision and commodity. The paper will include, but not be limited to, discussion of determining Typing of methods, when 2 or more empirical methods exist for the same provision and commodity; if 2 empirical methods can be endorsed as Type IV; and clarify the approach if 2 or more identical Type II methods can be endorsed.

### Timetable for work

Proposed timetable	Activity
Registration Complete	July 30, 2018
First Draft of Document	September 15, 2018
Comments back from draft	October 15, 2018
Second Draft of Document	November 15, 2018
Comments back from 2nd draft	December 15, 2018
Final EWG Document	February 1, 2019

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Please place "CCMAS Guidance EWG" in the subject line

**Registration deadline** July 30, 2018

**EWG online platform** Yes  No

### The EWG platform

Link: <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

Usergroup name: CCMAS-endorsement guidance 2018

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the usergroup directly.

The EWG chair will give participants access to the group online once they have verified their credentials so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the chair through your CCP even if you are already registered on the platform.

We look forward to your participation.