

The role of standards to facilitate trade of agricultural commodities for food security and nutrition

Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)

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Trade is critical to food security and the ability to trade in food is central to the livelihoods of many of the world's rural poor. As the most important international standard setting body in the area of food safety, the Codex Alimentarius plays a crucial role in enabling trade in agricultural products that benefits both producers and consumers.

The side-event on "The role of standards to facilitate trade of agricultural commodities for food security and nutrition" will cover the importance of trade and of international standards, as well as the need to continuously improve procedures to avoid constraints on the trade of agricultural commodities while guaranteeing safety for consumers.

Agenda

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| 12:45-12:55 | Welcome remarks by the Chair, H.E Anil Wadhwa, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Italy and the UN Rome-Based Agencies |
| 12:55-13:05 | Context: The role of Codex Alimentarius and MRLs, challenges with Codex' process by June Arnold, Head of Policy, Grain and Feed Trade Association (GAFTA) – IRELAND |
| 13:05-13:15 | Example: African female farmer's perspective by Clara Kathurima, Deputy CEO, Rural Women in Agriculture – KENYA |
| 13:15-13:25 | Example: Perspectives from the Tea sector by Katie Donnelly, Head of Scientific Affairs, Tata Global Beverages, on behalf of the FAO/IGG Working Group on MRLs for Tea, INDIA/UK |
| 13:25- 13:35 | Example: Perspectives from the Pulse sector and Presentation of the Coalition on Codex MRLs, by Huseyin Arslan, President, Global Pulse Confederation (GPC), TURKEY |
| 13:35-14:10 | Questions and Answers moderated by Eric Robinson, Counsellor for Agriculture, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN Rome-Based Agencies. |
| 14:10-14:15 | Closing remarks by the Chair |

Lunch will be provided.

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