



Course 1: Introduction to Codex



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This series of four courses is designed to improve understanding of Codex Alimentarius and develop sustainable national capacities to engage in and benefit from Codex work. This first course explains why Codex exists and why it is important. It provides a brief history of the establishment of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and introduces its mandate and legal basis, as well as the initial steps for becoming involved.



2 hours



Available in English

You will learn about

- The global importance and purpose of Codex.
- What Codex develops and how it can be used.
- The benefits of being involved in Codex and using Codex standards.
- How Codex is organized and how it operates.
- Core functions of Codex Contact Points and criteria for their designation.
- Technical support offered by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to facilitate Members' engagement.

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Who is the course for?

People who need an overview of Codex, with the following profiles will benefit from taking this course:

- Codex Contact Points.
- Government officials.
- Policy-makers.
- Food producers.
- Consumer representatives.
- Codex observer organizations.
- Members of the scientific community.

Key partners

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