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CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2019: FINAL REPORT - UPDATE

1. The third Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019 was adopted by the 36th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC36) in 2013. The Plan re-stated the core values of Codex (collaboration, inclusiveness, consensus building and transparency) and had four strategic goals supported by objectives, activities and indicators to facilitate implementation of the plan. The implementation of this Strategic Plan has been monitored on a yearly basis as part of work management of Codex led by the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC).
2. During this six-year period, the strategic vision “to be the preeminent international food standards-setting body to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade” has guided the Commission leading to remarkable achievements. A final implementation report covering the period 2014-2019 has been developed by the Codex Secretariat, albeit with some delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be published on the Codex website early January 2021. One of the highlights for the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019 was the establishment of an annual World Food Safety Day (7 June) by the United Nations in 2018. Digitalization of Codex has proceeded on different levels improving participation in Codex as well as awareness-raising and communication about Codex work. It has also allowed Codex to be more resilient to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic maintaining a high level of activity with a successful holding of CCEXEC79 and CAC43 virtually.
3. The new Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 was adopted by CAC42 in 2019 succeeding the 2014-2019 plan and building on the experiences gained and lessons learned during its implementation.
4. CCEXEC80 is invited to
 - (i) Note the development and publishing of the “Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019: Implementation Report”.
 - (ii) Acknowledge the achievements by the Codex community during the period 2014-2019.
 - (iii) Note the importance of the Codex Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and its implementation in paving the path for the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025.