



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

C O D E X A L I M E N T A R I U S C O M M I S S I O N

34th Session

Geneva, Switzerland, 4-9 July 2011

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Thirty-fourth Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission will be held in the International Conference Centre of Geneva (Room 2), 17 rue de Varembe, Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will commence at 10:00 hrs on Monday 4 July and may continue until the afternoon of Saturday 9 July.
2. The Session is open to Member Nations and Associate Members of FAO and WHO which are members of the Commission, and to observers. Member Nations and Associate Members of both Organizations which are not members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission may attend as observers. The Session is also open to the public subject to the availability of seats, and to the media.
3. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and travel of delegations of the Members of the Commission and of the observers shall be borne by the governments or organizations concerned. Participants are also reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.
4. Members of the Commission attending the Session shall have one representative, who may be accompanied by one or more alternates or advisers. No delegate may represent more than one Member Nation or Associate Member.
5. Immediately upon arrival, delegates are requested to register at the Reception Desk in the main entrance hall. Registration facilities will open at 08:00 on Monday 4 July. Persons intending to participate at the Session may wish to refer to the **Guide for Delegates** for detailed information about facilities and services available in the CICG.
6. The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation facilities will be provided in these languages.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEDIA

7. Members of the media are advised to contact the Media Offices of FAO and WHO for press accreditation:

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MEETING TIMETABLE AND TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS

8. The Commission will normally meet in from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:30 to 17:30 with the exception of the first day when the morning session will commence at 10:00.

9. Because the Commission's Rules of Procedure governing the composition of the Executive Committee require that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee (Rule V.1), the elections will take place in the following sequence:

Order	Election/Appointment	Eligibility
1.	Election of Chairperson	Delegates from all Member Nations.
2.	Election of Vice-Chairpersons	Delegates from all Member Nations except the nation of the Chairperson.
3.	Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographic basis	Delegates from each Region.

10. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE FOR THE COMMISSION

Day	Hours	Note
Monday 4 July 2011	10:00 – 13:00 15:00 – 18:00	Followed by an official reception
Tuesday 5 July 2011	09:30 – 12:30 14:30 – 17:30 17:30 – 18:00	(Election of President)
Wednesday 6 July 2011	09:30 – 12:30 14:30 – 17:30 17:30 – 18:00	(Election of Vice-Presidents)
Thursday 7 July 2011	09:30 – 12:30 14:30 – 17:30 17:30 – 18:00	(Election of Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographic basis)
Friday 8 July 2011		No plenary session
Saturday 9 July 2011	10:00 – 13:00 13:00 – 16:00	Adoption of the Report - 2 sessions