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## REVITALISATION OF FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEES

Excerpt of discussion and decision taken by the CCNE8<sup>1</sup>**I. RCCs as improved food safety and quality for a: aligning RCCs**

(a) Food safety and quality situations in the countries of the region; (b) Key note address and discussion on regional issue of priority and common challenge; (c) Monitoring the Codex Strategic Plan; (d) Food standards in the region.

The Committee agreed to the proposal to align the agenda of all RCCs with a view to have key standing items on: Food safety and quality situations in countries in the region; key note address; monitoring the Codex Strategic Plan; and food standards in the region.

**II. Platform for information sharing on food control systems and roles and responsibilities in food safety**

(a) Online platform to collect and distribute country relevant data

The Committee supported the proposal to replace the current CL with an online system to collect the data, but noted that such a system should take into account the organisational structure in and needs of Member countries especially the challenges related to: collection and in putting data and information into the system at national and regional level and coordination of multiple stakeholders to ensure validity and quality of data. It was further agreed that there would be a need to identify the type of data to be collected. The Committee also called upon FAO/WHO to assist in this regard.

**III. Identification of needs and priorities in regions (persistent and emerging food safety/quality issues)**

The Committee agreed with the proposal for establishing better mechanisms for identification of needs for the region for improved participation in the CAC work and that such mechanisms should be adapted to the region and would require the cooperation of all members. The Committee further noted that the mechanisms/avenues for identification of needs would include: national/regional capacity building workshops; and FAO/WHO national/regional projects.

**IV. Regional strategic planning**

The Committee noted that the CCNEA Strategic Plan (2016 – 2019) was intended to bring together the efforts of Member countries of the region to improve the coordination between these countries and to enhance their participation in Codex activities. The Committee noted that this was within the framework of the implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan and therefore effectively addressed the principle of complementarity between the regional strategic plan and the Codex Strategic Plan.

**General Conclusion**

The Committee endorsed the proposals set out under 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 (*I, II, III and IV above*) and agreed to continue developing a regional strategic plan that would complement the Codex Strategic Plan.

<sup>1</sup> REP15/NEA paras 23-32.