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DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATION OF CCAFRICA

BACKGROUND

As the Coordinator for CCAFRICA, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco submits the Draft Strategic Plan for the Coordination of CCAFRICA for consideration with the understanding that this would strengthen the role and enhance the participation and effectiveness of CCAFRICA within the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the AFRICA region.

General Objective: To strengthen the role and enhance the participation and effectiveness of CCAFRICA within the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the CCAFRICA region.

OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
1. To foster effective communication between the CCAFRICA members, with other regions and Codex members, the Codex Secretariat and relevant organizations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To improve procedures of information and consultation.2. To maximize the use of electronic communication system in countries of the region, and stimulate the development of a web page for each contact point.3. To maintain an up-to-date directory of the National Codex Contact Points including other addresses as indicated by the CCAFRICA4. To organize a virtual chat room with the primary objective of exchanging information prior to Codex Meeting, with CCAFRICA members as well as with other regional committees or Codex member countries.5. To establish an exchange of experiences	

	between the Codex Contact Points and/or National Codex Committees in the CCAFRICA countries and others.	
2. To achieve the active and effective participation of all countries of the Region in the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies in particular in the CCAFRICA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To search financial assistance from possible sources to support Codex activities (Trust fund, OMS, FAO, PNUD, International organisations). 2. To take advantage of the Codex Trust Fund. 3. To solicit Inter-Agency collaboration to carry out the translation of information of interest to CCAFRICA countries into English, French and Arabic. 4. To establish working groups to examine strategic aspects of the Codex activities. 5. To involve all countries of the region in active participation in the work undertaken by CCAFRICA 6. To combine sessions of CCCA with seminars and information meeting concerning trade and consumer protection. 7. To promote sitting of many meeting of Codex countries of the region (to organize meeting by rotation) to sensibelize them on Codex activities. 8. To identify and to encourage countries that have common interest in coordinating their positions and present them as commune position in meeting Codex. 9. To bring support to countries of the CCAFRICA Region in order to organize Codex events. 	
3. To promote the development and strengthening of the capacities of the National Codex Committees and/or Codex Contact Points in CCAFRICA Member Countries.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify needs for capacity building and to coordinate them with the efforts of other organizations and possible funding resources. 2. To encourage and to support countries of the Region to establish National Codex Committees (the central liaison department with the Codex will have to act as secretary of the National Codex Committee). 3. To harmonize working procedures and Codex National Committee rules in the Region. 4. To keep a record of training activities, exchange of information and experiences between countries, negotiations with 	

	international organizations and other activities defined in the Action Plan.	
4. To take advantage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To elaborate a list of specialists and institutions available in the CCAFRICA region based on the information provided by each country. 2. Identify available support from regional specialists and organisations regarding themes where a specialized opinion is required and promote their participation in the committee of experts. 3. To set up an entity of regional evaluation which will coordinate the communication of expertise data with the entities of evaluation of Codex. 4. To identify and prioritize items that in the working groups needs a specialized opinion. 5. To organize working groups, in order to formulate research projects of resources and to ensure their follow up. 	
5. To ensure the continuity and sustainability of the operations of the CCAFRICA activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To design a biennial operational plan, to be implemented between the CCAFRICA meetings, consistent with this Strategic Plan. 2. To carry out periodical evaluations and follow up of the actions contemplated in the Strategic Plan. 3. To establish mechanisms for the transfer of information during the transition of the coordination. 4. To present a final report of the compliance of the key result areas contemplated in the Strategic Plan, in the framework of the holding of the regional meeting of the CCAFRICA. 	
6. To obtain technical cooperation and funding mechanism to allow CCAFRICA to develop and sustain its activities in accordance with its objectives.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To elaborate a list of organizations offering technical and financial cooperation. 2. To organize working groups to formulate the research projects and to ensure their follow-ups; 3. To create the analysis and the follow-up of proposals concerning the creation of trust funds and other means of financing within the domains of Codex, bearing in mind the region's interests. 	
7. Identify according to priority, the needs of the	1. Identify the best dossier of economical interest within the framework of the	

<p>region in matters of sanitary food security and in other domains in order to satisfy those requirements</p>	<p>elaboration of Codex standards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Elaborate the standards, for the regulations and other recommendations of interest to the region.3. Create studies within the member countries so as to discover the region's needs.4. Encourage contacts with the other interested parties, those regularly represented at the CCAFRICA.5 Apply the principles of risk analysis by studying dossiers.	
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