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### JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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### NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2007) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2. The amended Rule IV reads as follows:

IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule III.I (hereinafter referred to as "regions") or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as "groups of countries"), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.

IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.I (b) (ii), and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.

IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:

- (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.I (b) (ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
- (ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rule XI.I (b) (i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
- (ii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.

3. In accordance with Rule V.I of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.I are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South-West Pacific. The same Rule provides that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

4. At the time of writing, 48 countries in the Region of Africa are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. These countries are:

Angola	Gabon	Nigeria
Benin	Gambia	Rwanda
Botswana	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Lesotho	Somalia
Central African Republic	Liberia	South Africa
Chad	Madagascar	Swaziland
Comoros	Malawi	Togo
Congo	Mali	Uganda
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritius	Zambia
Djibouti	Morocco	Zimbabwe
Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique	
Eritrea	Namibia	
Ethiopia	Niger	

5. The Commission, at its 34<sup>th</sup> Session (4 – 9 July 2011), appointed Cameroon as Coordinator for Africa (REP11/CAC, para. 237). Cameroon, having served one term, two years by July 2013, will be eligible for re-appointment. A full list of Coordinators for Africa since the establishment of the CCAFRICA is given in the table below.

6. The Committee **is invited** to nominate a Coordinator for Africa (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the Thirty-sixth Session of the Commission (Rome, 1 - 6 July 2013).

#### Coordinators for Africa

Coordinator	Country	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration of appointment
Dr R. Oteng	Ghana	1974	10	from 10 <sup>th</sup> to end of 11 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dr T. N'Doye	Senegal	1978	12	from 12 <sup>th</sup> to end of 13 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dr J.K. Misoi	Kenya	1981	13	from end of 13 <sup>th</sup> to end of 15 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Dr A. Randolph	Togo	1985	16	from end of 16 <sup>th</sup> to end of 17 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr T. Zagloul	Egypt	1987	17	from end of 17 <sup>th</sup> to end of 19 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr E. Essien	Nigeria	1991	19	from end of 19 <sup>th</sup> to end of 20 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Mr J. Abalaka	Nigeria	1993	20	from end of 20 <sup>th</sup> to end of 22 <sup>nd</sup> CAC
Mr D. Nhari	Zimbabwe	1997	22	from end of 22 <sup>nd</sup> to end of 23 <sup>rd</sup> CAC
Dr E. Kasirye-Alemu	Uganda	1999	23	from end of 23 <sup>rd</sup> to end of 24 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Uganda		2001	24	from end of 24 <sup>th</sup> to end of 26 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Morocco		2003	26	from end of 26 <sup>th</sup> to end of 30 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Ghana		2007	30	from end of 30 <sup>th</sup> to end of 34 <sup>th</sup> CAC
Cameroon		2011	34	From end of 34 <sup>th</sup> to end of 36 <sup>th</sup> CAC