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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CCNASWP 2008 – 2013**

**GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION STATUS**

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committee for North America and the South-West Pacific (CCNASWP), agreed to adopt the Strategic Plan<sup>1</sup> for the CCNASWP 2008-2013.
2. The Coordinating Committee also agreed that the Coordinator (Tonga) monitor and report the status of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the CCNASWP 2008-2013, at the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of CCNASWP.
3. The updates of the progress on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the CCNASWP 2008-2013, are included in Annex 1 of the document (column on “Status 2009/2010” and “Notes”).
4. Governments and international organizations in Observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission are invited to consider the document and make recommendations for its review and follow up actions during the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the CCNASWP at Fa’onelua Convention Centre, Nuku’alofa (Tonga).

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<sup>1</sup> ALINORM 09/32/32 Appendix II

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CCNASWP 2008 - 2013

<b>Objective 1: To improve the coordination and communication of the region's activities in Codex</b>					
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Responsible parties</b>	<b>Time frame</b>	<b>Output/measurable indicators</b>	<b>Status 2009/2010</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.1 Hold pre-session meetings with all NASWP Members	Quad countries in consultation with other members of the region	Immediate and ongoing	All CCNASWP countries at given meetings invited to participate	Ongoing	New Zealand and Quad countries are leading the implementation
1.2 Continue to promote the sharing of written comments on Circular letters and other working documents	All members of the region	ongoing	Comments shared on a routine basis among members	Ongoing via the coordinator and also direct email	Quad countries & Solomon Islands are active on the implementations
1.3 Prepare a checklist of responsibilities/actions to support seamless transition between Regional Coordinators.	Regional Coordinator assisted by Secretariat	ongoing	Contact established and information/experience shared between current and previous coordinators	Provided	Checklist prepared for Regional Coordinator
1.4 Encourage information exchange among member countries through the use of electronic information systems	All members of the region	ongoing	Increased contact among members and establishment of regional website to disseminate information and promote communication within the region.	Ongoing	New Zealand & Quads active. Regional website established.
1.5 Focus CCNASWP agenda on Codex issues of particular interest to region	Regional Coordinator in consultation with FAO/WHO and members	ongoing	Agenda for CCNASWP meeting strengthened	On going	See CX/NASWP 10/11/8 and the CRD for Nonu
1.6 Develop a regional strategy on issues of mutual interest arising from regional discussions.  (NOTE split out activity from 1.5)	Regional Coordinator in consultation with FAO/WHO and members	ongoing	A regional strategy agreed (linked to 1.5)	On going	Coordinator in consultation with PICs

<b>Objective 2: to promote maximum participation of all member countries in Codex activities</b>					
2.1 PIC members to continue to avail of funding assistance under the FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhancing participation of developing countries in the work of Codex	All eligible PIC members	ongoing	PICs increased attendance at Codex	Ongoing	See CX/NASWP 10/11/3 Part 1. Activities of FAO/WHO Complementary to work of CAC...also participation in electronic working groups
2.2 Promote coordinated approach for assistance from the Trust Fund to maximize coverage of subject areas of interest to the region	All PICs member of the region	Ongoing	Key subject areas covered	Ongoing	PICs attended CCEXEC, CAC, CCFFCS, CCFL, CCFH, CCFA, CCFFV, CCGP, CCMAS, with proposal of sharing meeting reports
2.3 Encourage all members of region to submit written comments on subjects of national and regional interest	All members of the region	Immediate and ongoing	PICs submit written comments on issues of interest to them. <i>(link to Objective 3: mentoring)</i> <i>(link to 1.2)</i>	Ongoing	Quad countries & Solomon Islands active and PICs. New Zealand hosting QUADs and PICs telephone conference prior to CCEXEC and CACs.
2.4 Ensure that the country comments from Members of the region (not present at meetings) are considered by the Committee.	All members of the region	Ongoing	Unattended members convey comments via Coordinator	Ongoing	Exchange of comments via Coordinator
<b>Objective 3: To promote the development and enhancement of the capacities of national Codex Contact Points and their supporting infrastructures of the PIC members to carry out their core functions</b>					
3.2 Identify the capacity building needs of the Codex contact points to facilitate and strengthen the implementation and participation in Codex work	FAO/WHO and members of the region	ongoing	Regional/national level training programmes implemented	Ongoing	See CX/NASWP 10/11/3 Part 1
3.3 Conduct national and regional workshops on Codex for Codex Contact points and national codex committee members	FAO/WHO and Quad member countries	On going	Regional/national workshops conducted to strengthen national capacities	Ongoing	See CX/NASWP 10/11/3 Part 1 and Pre-session workshop to CCASIA, and CCNASWP sessions, IICA/USDA WTO SPS workshop

3.4 Promote regional networking among Codex contact points to improve communication and share experiences on Codex and related issues	Members of the region	On going	Improved networking of CCPs in the region	Ongoing network exchange of emails	Relayed Codex documents via Coordinator to PICs
3.5 On the job training for PIC CCPs to Quad CCPS on management of Codex work	Quad members of the region	On going	On the job training provided to PIC members	Under consideration.	
3.6 Develop a mentoring programme between the developed and developing countries of the region	Quad members	On going	Guidance provided on Codex related matters on an ongoing basis	Ongoing	New Zealand and Quads countries leading the activity
<b>Objective 4: to strengthen the exchange of scientific and technical expertise amongst the developed and developing members of the region</b>					
4.1 Identify and prioritize regional issues where there is a need for scientific research/analysis	All members of the region	On going	Technical expertise and guidance provided by Quad countries to PIC members on critical areas of interest	Ongoing	Initiated in areas such as the revision of the Codex standard for Cassava & proposal for Nonu standards
4.2 Develop a list of specialists and institutions available in the region which can provide the required scientific/technical expertise	FAO/WHO	As soon as possible	List established and updated on a regular basis and linked to regional website	Ongoing	
4.3 Foster the establishment of communication links amongst the technical experts in the countries of the region	Codex Contact Points and Members of region	On going	Codex Contact Points to provide or facilitate access to technical expertise	Ongoing	
4.4 Conduct workshops/training courses as appropriate to facilitate the development of the technical capacity of the members of the region to address the identified issues	FAO/WHO and Quad members of the region	On going	Workshops conducted on specific areas of interest	Ongoing	See CX/NASWP 10/11/3 part 1

<b>Objective 5: to promote procedures to review Codex codes, standards, guidelines and recommendations to facilitate their use as the basis for national standards</b>					
5.1 Support practical training on the importance of international harmonization and the development of national standards and regulations based on Codex	FAO/WHO and Quad members	On going	Workshops conducted	Ongoing	Pre-session workshops to the 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Session of CCNASWP
5.2 Compile a list of Codex standards of particular interest and relevance to members of the region.	All members of the region	On going	List compiled	Ongoing	
<b>Objective 6: to promote the development of standards for food products produced in the Pacific island countries</b>					
6.1 Establish national mechanisms for standards development process in the PICS	All PICS	Ongoing	National mechanisms established	Implemented in some PICS	PICs with established Food Control systems
6.2 Provide a mechanism for identifying standards development issues in Codex of interest to the PICs and establish sub-regional Working Group, as appropriate for PICs to address these issues.	Regional coordinator	Ongoing	Electronic working group established for Kava and Noni juice	Implemented partially	Email exchange via Coordinator
6.3 Submit all proposals for new standards for products of interest to the PICs to CCNASWP for consideration prior to submission to the Commission or other Committees and Task Forces.	PICs	On going	New work proposals for standards identified	Ongoing	See: CX/NASWP 10/19/8 and CRD for Noni proposals
6.4 On the job training at appropriate institutions/ministries/departments in the developed member countries of CCNASWP	CCNASWP Members	On going	Appropriate training provided	Under Consideration	