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TO: All Codex Contact Points (CCP) of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA)

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme

DEADLINE: 31 July 2020

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATOR

REPLY TO

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BACKGROUND

1. The 23rd Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA23), held from 2 to 6 September 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya, was not able to nominate a country as a candidate to be appointed as the next Coordinator for the CCAFRICA region by the 43rd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. CCAFRICA urged Members to continue consultations to ensure that the region is in a position to nominate the next Coordinator for appointment at CAC43 (see REP20/AFRICA, para.114).
2. In the letter dated 25 October 2019, the Codex Secretariat:
 - a) reminded all Codex Contact Points (CCPs) of the region the necessity for nominating a successor to Kenya because after two successful terms as coordinator, their term will be ending at CAC43 and they are not eligible for re-appointment.
 - b) requested all CCPs of the African region to bring this matter to the attention of their relevant ministries in respective Governments to identify which countries could have an interest in being considered for nomination as the next Coordinator.

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

3. Member Governments of the Coordinating Committee for Africa are invited to **urgently** express interest in being considered for nomination as the next Coordinator for CCAFRICA. Names should be submitted to the addresses indicated above by **31 July 2020**.
4. Members are reminded that the nominations by CCAFRICA and Appointment by CAC would be done in accordance with Rule IV (Coordinators) of the Rules of procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (see Annex).

ANNEX**NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR**

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30th 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 V.1 (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 a 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.1(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:

- (a) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
- (b) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
- (c) 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.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by the 28th 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.1 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, 49 countries in the Region of Africa are members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. These countries are:

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

5. The Commission, at its 40th Session (17 - 22 July 2017), appointed Kenya as Coordinator for Africa (REP17/CAC, para. 207) for its second term. Kenya having served for two terms will not be eligible for re-appointment.
6. The Committee **is invited to nominate** a Coordinator for Africa (one of the Member countries on the list above) for appointment by the 43th Session of the Commission (2020).
7. A full list of CCAFRICA Coordinators for Africa since the establishment of CCAFRICA is given in the Table below.

CCAFRICA Coordinators

Coordinator	Country	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration appointment
Dr R. Oteng	Ghana	1974	10 th CAC	From end of 10 th to 11 th CAC
Dr T. N'Doye	Senegal	1978	12 th CAC	From end of 12 th to 13 th CAC
Dr J.K. Misoi	Kenya	1981	13 th CAC	From end of 13 th to 15 th CAC
Dr A. Randolph	Togo	1985	16 th CAC	From end of 16 th to 17 th CAC
Mr T. Zagloul	Egypt	1987	17 th CAC	From end of 17 th to 19 th CAC
Mr E. Essien	Nigeria	1991	19 th CAC	From end of 19 th to 20 th CAC
Mr J. Abalaka	Nigeria	1993	20 th CAC	From end of 20 th to 22 nd CAC
Mr D. Nhari	Zimbabwe	1997	22 nd CAC	From end of 22 nd to 23 rd CAC
Dr E. Kasirye-Alemu	Uganda	1999	23 rd CAC	From end of 23 rd to 24 th CAC
Uganda		2001	24 th CAC	From end of 24 th to 26 th CAC
Morocco		2003	26 th CAC	From end of 26 th to 30 th CAC
Ghana		2007	30 th CAC	From end of 30 th to 34 th CAC
Cameroon		2011	34 th CAC	From end of 34 th to 36 th CAC
Cameroon		2013	36 th CAC	From end of 36 th to 38 th CAC
Kenya		2015	38 th CAC	From end of 38 th to 40 th CAC
Kenya		2017	40 th CAC	From end of 40 th to 43 rd CAC ¹

¹ For a total of three years due to postponement of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee meetings in 2018