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### ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS ELECTED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS AND APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATORS

#### 1. ELECTIONS

##### 1.1. Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

1.2 For the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) as contained in the Procedural Manual<sup>1</sup> apply (see specifically Rule III) as well as the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2017 edition)<sup>2</sup>. The following are explanatory notes to these rules in light of the present situation.

1.3 In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the 46th Session of the Commission (CAC46) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC46 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (CAC47 (2024)).

##### Chairperson

1.4 The present Chairperson, Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom) is **eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC44 and having served for two terms which have not exceeded two years.

##### Vice-Chairpersons

1.5 The present Vice-Chairpersons, Mr Allan Azegele (Kenya), Mr Raj Rajasekar (New Zealand), and Mr Diego Varela (Chile), are **eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC44 and having served for two terms which have not exceeded two years. The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, also eligible for the position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

#### 2. Members Elected on a Geographical Basis of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2.1 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of CAC are, respectively, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Executive Committee has, in addition to the foregoing Officers and the Coordinators appointed on the basis of Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure, seven further Members elected by CAC from among Members of CAC, one each coming from the following geographic locations: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America, and South-West Pacific. The term of office of these Members is equal to two regular sessions of CAC and they are eligible for re-election only if they have not served for more than two years in their current term. However, after having served two consecutive terms, they shall be ineligible for the next succeeding term.

<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/en/>

<sup>2</sup> Available at [http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6\\_2](http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2)

2.2 CAC44 re-elected the United Republic of Tanzania, Japan, Germany and Uruguay and elected Iran, Canada, Vanuatu<sup>3</sup>, and therefore:

- Iran, Canada and Vanuatu are eligible for re-election having served one term which has not exceeded two years;
- The United Republic of Tanzania, Japan and Uruguay are no longer eligible having served two consecutive terms.

2.3 At CAC45, the Commission elected Finland to the position of Member for Europe to complete the term of Germany, which at the same CAC was appointed as Coordinator for Europe. As a result, Finland's current term as Member for Europe is from the end of CAC45 to the end of CAC46.

- Finland is eligible for re-election.

### 3. Nomination Periods and Order of Elections

3.1 The nomination periods for the election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Members elected on a geographical basis are only open at the Commission session in accordance with Table 1 below. The table also gives the times for elections by secret ballot should there be more than one candidate per elective position.

**Table 1 . Nomination periods**

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Chairperson	Monday 27 November 15.00	Tuesday 28 November 10.00	Tuesday 28 November 15.00
Vice-Chairpersons	Tuesday 28 November 2023 18.00h	Wednesday 29 November 2023 13.00h	Wednesday 29 November 2023 15.00h
Member of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis	Wednesday 29 November 2023 18.00h	Thursday 30 November 2023, 13:00h	Thursday 30 November 2023, 15:00h

3.2 Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The sequence of elections outlined above is established in order to give effect to Rule V.1.

### 3.3 Note on procedure and voting

3.4 The complete list of Codex Rules on procedure and voting can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website under Elections and Appointments<sup>4</sup>.

### 4. Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Members of the Executive Committee

4.1 The complete list of the officers of CAC and Members of the Executive Committee from 1963 to the present can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website<sup>5</sup>.

### 5. Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

5.1 The complete list of the Members of CAC as of October 2023 can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website<sup>6</sup>.

### 6. APPOINTMENT OF THE COORDINATORS

6.1 The appointment of the Coordinators is regulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as contained in the Procedural Manual (see specifically Rules IV and V), as well as the GRO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2017 edition).

<sup>3</sup> REP21/CAC

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/executive-committee/ccexec-elections/en/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/executive-committee/history-exec/en/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/en/>

## **6.2 Regional Coordinators appointed/reappointed at CAC45**

6.3 Rule IV.2 of the Codex Rules of Procedure states that “[i]n principle, [Coordinators] shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee (...) and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission”.

6.4 CAC43 agreed that the Coordinators were appointed/re-appointed “to hold office from the end of CAC43 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee (...)”.

6.5 By the time of CAC45, four Coordinating Committees had met, namely, the Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO) (May 2022), the Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA) (September 2022), the Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA) (October 2022) and the Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC) (October 2022).

6.6 The Coordinating Committees for North America and South-West Pacific (CCNASWP) and the Near East (CCNE) met in January 2023 and September 2023, respectively.

6.7 In accordance with Rule IV.2 of the Codex Rules of Procedure, and on the basis of the nominations made by the relevant Coordinating Committees, CAC45 (2023) appointed/re-appointed Uganda (Africa), China (Asia), Germany (Europe) and Ecuador (Latin America and the Caribbean) as Coordinators for their respective regions, to hold office from the end of CAC45 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant coordinating committee (in accordance with current plans this would be until the end of CAC47 (2024))<sup>7</sup>.

## **7. Proposed action by the Commission for the reappointment of coordinators for Near East and North America and South-West Pacific**

7.1 The Coordinating Committees for Near East (CCNE) and North America and South-West Pacific (CCNASWP) have nominated the current Coordinators, namely Saudi Arabia and Fiji respectively for re-appointment. Saudi Arabia and Fiji, each having served only one term, are eligible for re-appointment.

7.2 Accordingly, the Commission is invited to re-appoint Saudi Arabia and Fiji as Coordinators for the Near East and the North America and South-West Pacific regions, respectively.

7.3 The terms of the re-appointed Coordinators will begin at the end of CAC46 and run until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant coordinating committee. At that time, these Coordinators will not be eligible for re-appointment as they will have served for two terms.

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<sup>7</sup> REP22/CAC, paras 215-216