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## FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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### DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATION OF CCAFRICA

Governments and interested international organizations wishing to submit comments on the above matter should do so in writing before **8 December 2006**. Comments should be directed:

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## BACKGROUND

1. The 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa considered a draft Strategic Plan for the coordination of CCAFRICA as presented by the Delegation of Morocco with the understanding that the adoption of the Strategic Plan would strengthen the role and enhance the participation of CCAFRICA within the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the Region<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Committee noted that the draft Strategic Plan required further elaboration and refinement and agreed to append the Strategic Plan to the Report of the 16<sup>th</sup> Session and to request comments by means of a Circular Letter (CL2005/4-AFRICA). The Committee further requested an open-ended Working Group led by Morocco, in cooperation with FAO and WHO, to revise the draft Strategic Plan in light of the comments received in response to the CL and the guidance provided during the 16<sup>th</sup> Session, with the understanding that the revised version of the draft Plan be prepared for approval by the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

3. Governments and interested international organizations are invited to comment on the revised draft Strategic Plan for the Coordination of CCAFRICA (see Annex I). The draft Strategic Plan along with the comments submitted will be considered by the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa.

<sup>1</sup> ALINORM 05/28/28 (paras 139 – 147)

## ANNEX I

## DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE COORDINATION OF CCAFRICA

**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   | TIMEFRAME |
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| 1 To foster effective and dynamic communication between the CCAFRICA members and other regions, other Codex members, the Codex Secretariat and relevant organizations. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To maximize the use of electronic communication systems in countries of the region, and to encourage the development of a web page for each contact point;</li> <li>2. To encourage countries to continuously provide updated contact details of National Codex Contact Points to the Codex Secretariat;</li> <li>3. To organize a virtual chat room with the primary objective of exchanging information prior to Codex meetings among CCAFRICA members as well as other regional committees or Codex members;</li> <li>4. To establish a mechanism whereby the Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees in the CCAFRICA region can share their expertise with each other.</li> </ol> | <p>Member countries of the region</p> <p>Member countries of the region</p> <p>Regional coordinator</p> <p>FAO/WHO and Member countries of the region</p> |           |
| 2 To achieve active and effective participation of all countries in the Region in the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies; particularly CCAFRICA.  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To search for financial assistance from possible sources to support Codex activities (Trust Fund, WHO, FAO, UNDP, International organizations);</li> <li>2. To ask for collaboration in the translation of relevant information into English, French and Arabic;</li> <li>3. To establish working groups responsible for examining strategic aspects of Codex activities.</li> <li>4. To involve all countries in the region in the activities CCAFRICA;</li> <li>5. To hold in conjunction with sessions of CCAFRICA,</li> </ol>  | <p>Member countries of the region</p> <p>Coordinator</p> <p>Coordinator/</p>  |           |

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|   | <p>seminars/workshops on food safety and related matters of concern to the region;</p> <p>6. To encourage countries that have a common interest to coordinate their position and present it as a uniform position at Codex committee meetings;</p> <p>7. To give support to countries of the Region in organizing Codex events.</p>   | <p>FAO/WHO</p> <p>Member countries of the region</p> <p>FAO/WHO</p> |  |
| <p>3. To promote the development and to strengthen National Codex Committees and/or Codex Contact Points in CCAFRICA Member Countries.</p>                            | <p>1. To identify needs for capacity building with other organizations and look for possible financing resources;</p> <p>2. To encourage and support CCAFRICA member countries in establishing National Codex Committees.</p>   | <p>Member countries of the region / FAO/WHO</p> <p>FAO/WHO</p>      |  |
| <p>4. To take advantage of available technical and scientific expertise and experiences of the member countries of CCAFRICA.</p>                                      | <p>1. To identify and establish a list of specialists and institutions available in the region based on the information provided by each country that could provide support and specialized advice to the CCAFRICA.</p> <p>2. To establish a regional evaluation body that will coordinate communication of expert data with other Codex evaluation bodies;</p> <p>3. To identify and prioritize issues that require specialized expertise;</p> <p>4. To organize working groups, that will formulate and oversee projects to research resources and to ensure their follow-up.</p> | <p>Member countries of the region / Coordinator</p>                 |  |
| <p>5. To ensure the continuity and sustainability of the CCAFRICA activities.</p>   | <p>1. To design a biennial plan of action, to be implemented between the CCAFRICA meetings;</p> <p>2. To conduct periodic evaluations and follow up on the actions contemplated in the Strategic Plan;</p> <p>3. To establish mechanisms for the transfer of information during the transition of the coordination;</p> <p>4. To present a final report on the achievements in the key result areas contemplated in the Strategic Plan at the next meeting of CCAFRICA.</p>   | <p>Coordinator</p>  |  |
| <p>6. To obtain technical cooperation and a funding mechanism that would enable CCAFRICA to develop and sustain its activities in accordance with its objectives.</p> | <p>1. To elaborate a list of organizations that could provide technical and financial cooperation;</p> <p>2. To organize working groups that would formulate and oversee research projects;</p>   |   |  |

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|   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. To develop and analyze proposals for the creation of trust funds and other means of financing within the Codex domain, keeping in mind the region's interests.</li> </ol>  |                                       |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Identify and prioritize regional needs in matters of food safety and other domains with a view to finding solutions to meet these needs.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify the issues of economic interest that have consensus within the region for the elaboration of Codex standards;</li> <li>2. Elaborate Standards, Guidelines and Regulations and other recommendations that have been identified as being of interest to the region;</li> <li>3. Encourage contacts with other interested parties, regularly attending CCAFRICA meetings.</li> </ol> | <p>Member countries of the region</p> |  |