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WORK PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC-PLAN 2020-2025 - UPDATE

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 42nd Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC42) adopted the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 as proposed by the 77th Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC77). CAC42 noted that CCEXEC77 had established a sub-committee to co-ordinate the development of a work plan for implementation of the Strategic Plan and expressed general agreement with its terms of reference. CAC42 encouraged all members to participate in the development of the work plan and requested CCEXEC to present a proposal to CAC43.

1.2 In the course of discussion at CAC42, delegations noted that the process of elaborating the Strategic Plan had been exemplary in terms of its transparency and inclusiveness, and that work to develop the work plan required a strong dialogue with all Codex actors and also provided opportunities for new and constructive ways of working.

2. APPROACH UP TO AND INCLUDING CCEXEC78

2.1 The first phase of the development of a work plan focused on supporting discussions at each of the six FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee meetings during the 2019 round of sessions.

2.2 A physical meeting of the sub-committee was held on 9 February 2020, just before CCEXEC78, and considered the available regional work plans and proposals made by the Codex Secretariat on activities to be undertaken to support delivery of strategic goals 3 and 5. The sub-committee provided advice to CCEXEC78 on further work needed to complete development of a two-year work plan for implementation of the Strategic Plan.

2.3 CCEXEC78 reviewed the work of the sub-committee and noted that key follow-up activities for the sub-committee in collaboration with the Codex Secretariat included: finalisation of regional work plans, collation of inputs from other Codex actors, and development of a monitoring and evaluation framework. The expectation was that the work would be completed, and a report agreed and forwarded to the Codex Secretariat for presentation to CAC43.

3. APPROACH FOLLOWING CCEXEC78

3.1 In the event, and as noted by CAC43, the work of the CCEXEC sub-committee on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for the Codex Secretariat and CCEXEC members to prioritize efforts to ensure continuity of Codex standard setting work.

Finalisation of regional work plans and collation of inputs from other Codex actors

3.2 The Codex Secretariat, together with the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson of the sub-committee, has reviewed each regional work plan with outgoing and incoming Regional Co-ordinators in each of the six Codex regions. This engagement has allowed to identify and log progress achieved in relation to the activities identified in the original plans, and to revise activities if and as needed in the light of our current operating environment. These bilateral reviews are planned to continue on a six-monthly basis.

3.3 The Chairperson of the sub-committee has initiated discussions with FAO, WHO and the Codex Trust Fund Secretariat with the aim of ensuring that relevant activities can be cross-referenced to the appropriate strategic goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan.

Development of a monitoring and evaluation framework

3.4 The Codex Secretariat and Chairperson of the sub-committee have initiated work to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Strategic Plan. This will take into consideration the indicators identified in the Strategic Plan, the review of the regional work plans and lessons learned from the monitoring of the Strategic Plan 2014-2019, and will be presented to CCEXEC81 and CAC44.

4. PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

4.1 In order to complete the development of a work plan for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the sub-committee should be reconvened for a further period and tasked with collating inputs from Codex actors and providing input to the development of a monitoring and evaluation framework, as set out in the report of CCEXEC78. Appendix I sets out terms of reference for the sub-committee, for discussion.

4.2 The outcome of this work, in the form of a complete implementation work plan, should be scheduled for discussion at CAC44. This will be two years from the adoption of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 by CAC42 and so in line with the provision in the Procedural Manual that “the strategic plan shall cover a six-year period and shall be renewed every two years on a rolling basis”. To this end, the sub-committee should present a final draft implementation plan to CCEXEC at its meeting preceding CAC44 for discussion and agreement.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 CCEXEC80 is asked to:

- (i) review the approach taken following CCEXEC78 (paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4);
- (ii) agree the steps to be taken to finalise an implementation work plan for discussion at CAC44 (paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2); and, to that end
- (iii) reconvene the strategic planning sub-committee with terms of reference as set out in Appendix I.

APPENDIX I**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FOURTH STRATEGIC PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE OF CCEXEC****Scope of work:**

To complete the development of an implementation work plan for the Strategic Plan 2020-2025, which will include:

- activities in 2020-2021 by Regional Coordinating Committees, other subsidiary bodies, the Codex Secretariat, Members and Observers;
- relevant linkages to the work programmes of FAO and WHO, including the Codex Trust Fund;
- development of a monitoring and evaluation framework.

Timetable and deliverables:

The sub-committee will start work on 25 January 2021. It will consolidate the elements set out into the scope of work into a single document/work plan, to be circulated to members of CCEXEC at least one month in advance of its meeting prior to CAC44.

Membership and ways of working:

The sub-committee will be chaired by one of the vice-chairpersons of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and co-chaired by the other two.

The sub-committee will primarily work electronically using the online platform.

All members of CCEXEC will be able to register and participate. Virtual meetings may be convened if necessary.

The sub-committee will work in English.