

# CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION



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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

### Forty-third Session

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE COORDINATORS

##### Background

1. The following notes on this subject are an explanatory guide, and reference should be made to the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and the General Rules of FAO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic Texts (2017 edition)<sup>1</sup>. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission can be found in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

##### Appointment of Regional Coordinators

2. At its 42nd Session (CAC42), the Commission noted<sup>2</sup> that as the sessions of the six FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees had been postponed by one year to the second half of 2019, the Coordinators would remain in office until the end of CAC43 (2020). The rules of procedure state that in principle, coordinators shall be nominated at each session of the relevant coordinating committee and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. All Coordinating Committees have met since CAC42<sup>3</sup>.

3. The Coordinator for the Coordinating Committees for Asia (CCASIA); Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC); Near East (CCNE); and North America and the South-West Pacific (CCNASWP) have already served two consecutive mandates and are therefore not eligible for nomination<sup>3</sup>.

4. CCEURO<sup>3</sup> has nominated the present coordinator Kazakhstan for re-appointment as the coordinator has only served one term and is eligible for re-appointment.

5. CCAFRICA<sup>3</sup> was not in a position to nominate a new coordinator to succeed the present coordinator (Kenya) who was not eligible for re-appointment, having served two consecutive terms. At the time of preparing this document, no nomination for a new coordinator has been received by the Secretariat from the majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region of Africa, as discussions have been delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

##### Proposed actions by the Commission

6. In this context, the Commission is invited to: (1) Appoint China, Fiji, Saudi Arabia and Ecuador as Coordinators for Asia, North America and South-West Pacific, Near East and Latin America and the Caribbean regions respectively; and (2) Re-appoint Kazakhstan as coordinator for Europe. These appointments will begin at the end of CAC43 and run until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant coordinating committee.

7. With regards to CCAFRICA, the Commission is invited to note Rule IV.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, which states that "*The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators*"<sup>4</sup>.

8. The Secretariat has confirmed that the present coordinator for Africa (Kenya) would be available on an exceptional basis to ensure the continuity of the coordination in Africa for a further year, in order to allow the region to hold further consultations and nominate a successor. Accordingly, CAC43 may wish to extend, on the basis of Rule IV.2, the mandate of Kenya as coordinator for Africa for one additional year until the end of CAC44 and urge CCAFRICA to make all efforts to nominate a new coordinator who could be appointed at CAC44.

<sup>1</sup> Available at [http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6\\_2](http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2)

<sup>2</sup> REP19/CAC, para. 147

<sup>3</sup> The reports of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees, including the outcome of their discussions on the topic of the Coordinator, are available as follows: [REP20/AFRICA](#); [REP20/ASIA](#); [REP20/EURO](#); [REP20/LAC](#); [REP20/NE](#); [REP20/NASWP](#).

<sup>4</sup> [Procedural Manual, Rule 4, Coordinators, para2, page 10.](#)

**Note on appointments and Rule V.1**

9. The Commission is invited to note that when making appointments, Rule V.1 that “*Not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee*” has to be taken into account.