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Comments of Kenya, and Nigeria

COMMENTS OF KENYA

Agenda Item 3. Food Safety and Quality Situation in the Countries of the Region (On line platform for information sharing on food safety control systems)

Recommendation

Para 15. The Committee is invited to provide comments and feedback on the prototype platform (see Annex) and in particular:

- a. Whether the prototype is fit for purpose;
- b. Whether the questions included in the platform are suitable;
- c. What other questions may be included (i.e. which type of information countries of the region are interested to share);
- d. Suggestions for improvements and future development.

COMMENT

Kenya appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the prototype platform in Annex to this agenda.

We therefore propose the following questions and improvements to the prototype to make it befitting its purpose.

Part D: Risk assessment and scientific data:

Q 7. Kenya would propose an additional question stating "how risk assessors interact with competent authorities (risk managers)?"

Q 8. Suggestion: replace "official" with "accredited"

Agenda item 10. Nomination of the Coordinator

Kenya would like to thank all FAO/WHO CCAFRICA members for Team work and thanks AU/IBAR for the continues financial support to improve the participation of African countries in different international Codex technical meetings to improve the use of Codex Food and Feed standards in the region.

We would also like to thank the EWGs in various Codex project documents including draft products regional standards for the good work done.

Kenya would like FAO/WHOC AFRICA members to continue giving us support even in the next CCAFRICA - 23rd -Coordination so that we can finalize the draft food standards and support the CCAFRICA members as per the Terms of Reference stipulated in the Codex Alimentarius Commission procedural manual.

COMMENTS OF NIGERIA

Agenda Item 3a. Food Safety and Quality Situation in the Countries of the Region (Prepared by FAO and WHO)

Nigeria observed that the approach to the questionnaire was useful.

Rationale:

The questionnaire provided some relevant examples for guidance to respond to the questions.

Nigeria also supports the idea of establishing an On-line platform for information sharing on food safety control systems as a measure to improve collection of relevant food safety insights?

Agenda Item 3a. Food Safety and Quality Situation in the Countries of the Region (On line platform for information sharing on food safety control systems)

Paragraph 15

a. After careful consideration, Nigeria found the prototype to be fit for the purpose.

If there is an emerging issue or question that needs to be included such modification can be forwarded to the team of Staff that manages the platform and other codex members for consideration and possible inclusion.

b. the questions included in the platform were suitable.

d. As regard improvements and future development, Nigeria recommends that the platform should be made flexible for inclusion of new Survey or set of questions as the need arise.

Agenda Item 4. Use of Codex Standards in the Region (Prepared by the Codex Secretariat)

Paragraph 13

a. Nigeria is satisfied with the design of the survey and supports the approach chosen and explained in paragraph 5 and 6 of the Agenda Item.

b. Nigeria considered the results of the survey to be useful and support that it should be embedded or uploaded on the Codex website.

d. Nigeria recommends the scope of the next/future survey should include GMO's.