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

1. 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 (2015 edition)¹. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission can be found in the Procedural Manual of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2. Elections

2.1 Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

2. In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the 40th Session of the Commission (CAC40) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC40 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (normally CAC41 (2018)).

Chairperson

3. The present Chairperson, **Ms Awilo Ochieng-Pernet (Switzerland)** is **not eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC37 and having served for two subsequent terms.

Vice-Chairpersons

4. The present Vice-Chairpersons, Mr Guilherme Antonio da Costa (Brazil), Yayoi Tsujiyama (Japan) and Mahamadou Sako (Mali), are **not eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC37 Session and having served two subsequent terms. The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, eligible for the position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2.2 Members Elected on a Geographical Basis of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

5. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission are, respectively, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, 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 the Commission from among members of the Commission, one each coming from the following geographic locations: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America, South-West Pacific. The term of office of these Members is equal to two (regular) sessions of the Commission and they are eligible for re-election if they have not served for more than two years in their current term, but after having served two consecutive terms shall be ineligible for the next succeeding term.

6. CAC38 elected **Nigeria, Malaysia, Norway, Mexico, Lebanon, Canada and New Zealand. New Zealand and Canada are no longer eligible having served two consecutive terms. Nigeria, Malaysia, Norway, Mexico and Lebanon** are eligible for re-election, having served one term.

¹ Available at http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2

2.3 Nomination Periods and Order of Elections

7. Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission further prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

7bis Please note that the nomination periods for the election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Members elected on a geographical basis are only open at the Commission session in accordance with the following table. The table also gives the times for elections by secret ballot if there is more than one candidate per elective position. The sequence of elections is established in order to give effect to Rule V.1

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Chairperson	17 July 2017, 13h	18 July 2017, 12:30h	18 July 2017, 17:30h
Vice-Chairpersons	19 July 2017; 9:30h	19 July 2017, 17:30h	19 July 2017, 17:30h
Member of the Executive Committee on a geographical basis	20 July 2017; 9:30h	20 July 2017, 17:30h	20 July 2017, 17:30h

3. Appointment of Regional Coordinators

8. At its 40th Session, the Commission will appoint Coordinators on the proposal of a majority of Members of the Commission that constitute the region or group of countries concerned. On this basis, the Commission is invited to appoint Coordinators for Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; Near East; North America and the South-West Pacific, to serve from the end of the 40th Session of the Commission until the end of the regular session of the Commission held in 2019.

9. Coordinators may be reappointed, but having served two consecutive terms are ineligible to hold office for the next succeeding term. CAC39 appointed, as Coordinators, **Kenya, India, Chile, Iran, Vanuatu** and appointed the **Netherlands** for a second term. The Netherlands are no longer eligible, having served two consecutive terms as Coordinator. Kenya, India, Chile, Iran, Vanuatu are eligible for re-election, having served one term as Coordinator.

The Commission will re-appoint/appoint Coordinators at the beginning of the session when discussing the reports of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees. Should a delegate of one of the countries appointed as coordinators be elected in the elections under point 2., the Members of the Commission that constitute the region or group of countries concerned will be invited to make a new proposal in order to avoid that more than one delegate from any one country would be a member of the Executive Committee (Rule V.1).

4. Note on procedure and voting

10. The complete list of Codex Rules on procedure and voting can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website under Procedures and Strategies².

5. Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Members of the Executive Committee

11. The complete list of the officers of the Commission and members of the Executive Committee from 1963 to the present can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website³.

6. Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

12. The complete list of the Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as of 1 March 2017 can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website⁴.

² <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/procedures-strategies/ccexec-elections/en/>

³ <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/committees/committee-detail/en/?committee=CCEXEC>

⁴ <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/members-observers/members/en/>