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## Virtual CAC43 – What, why, when, how?

### Codex seminar

Friday, 11 September 2020, 12.00-14.30 CET

*For the first time ever, a session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission will be conducted virtually. Starting 24th September 2020 at 12:00 (noon) CET, Members and Observers will come together for five sessions, four to discuss the agenda items (on 24, 25, 26 September and 12 October 2020) and one session (19 October 2020) to adopt the meeting report. This is the first opportunity for all Codex Members and Observers to come together in a formal session since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure that the Codex core values of Inclusiveness, Collaboration, Consensus building and Transparency continue to be upheld in a virtual setting, the Codex Secretariat invites all Members and Observers to this online seminar to hear about the guidance for participation, present any concerns or challenges to participation, and test out the system for a virtual Commission.*

Pre-register for the workshop

<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcoce2uqz8uG9J5RXFRRJdIDvUIJmPZi0Mj>

The seminar will also be webcast

<http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/5350/icode>

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This event will have simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

*A Guidance document for participation to the virtual CAC [is available here](#) and will be the basis of discussions during the webinar.*

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## Programme

Moderator: Sarah Cahill, Codex Secretariat

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- 12.00** Housekeeping and programme overview.
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- 12.10** Welcome – Guilherme da Costa, Chairperson of the CAC.
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- 12.20** A Virtual Commission – how we got here and what it will cover – Tom Heilandt, Codex Secretary.
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- 12.30** Guidance to participation in a virtual CAC.  
Short presentation of the [Guidance document](#) (10 minutes).  
Making the most of your 2 minute intervention time – David Massey, Codex Secretariat (10 minutes).  
Let's practice!! – To help familiarise participants with process and identify any challenges the Chairperson will lead participants through a mock session of the Commission with the Guidance document being the focus of discussion (60 minutes).
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- 13.50** CAC43 documentation - where to find it and how to use it to prepare for the session – Hilde Kruse, Codex Secretariat.
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- 14.00** Questions (via Raise Hand and Chat) and Answers.
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- 14.30** Close of meeting – Tom Heilandt

