**Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)**

This message is sent on behalf of **Ecuador**.

**Title**
- Establishment of maximum levels in remaining categories of chocolates and cocoa-derived products

**Committee**
- Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

**Session**
- 13th

**Chair of EWG**
- Ecuador

**Co-Chair**
- Ghana

**Working Languages**
- English and Spanish

**Description of work**
The EWG should propose MLs for the remaining categories of chocolates and cocoa-derived products for comments and consideration at CCCF14 (2020)

**Note:** The JECFA Secretariat has issued a call for data for cadmium in the remaining categories of chocolates and cocoa-derived products which is be available at:

Member countries are encouraged to submit data to GEMS/Foods to assist in the development of proposals for MLs for the identified food categories for consideration at CCCF14.

**Timetable for work**
The MLs for certain categories of chocolates and cocoa-derived products should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCCF14 by not later than **10 February 2020**

**Email for registration**
codexalimentarius@normalizacion.gob.ec and cccf.ewg.ecuador@agrocalidad.gob.ec

**Registration deadline**
- 31 August 2019

**EWG online platform**
- Yes

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this EWG. When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate **one** as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Point (CCP) of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participant’s name
- official title or position
- organization or country
- email address

**The EWG platform**


User-Group name: **CCCF14: MLs Cd**

The platform will require members to login.

New participants to the platform should first register (**online guide**, **video tutorial**)

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the user-group directly.

The EWG Chair will give participants access to the group online once they have verified their credentials so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the chair through your CCP even if you are already registered on the platform.

**Program and timeline**
The work program and timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

**EWG Chair and Co-chair (Ecuador, Ghana)**
Codex Contact Points of Ecuador and Ghana