FAO/WHO/Codex Trust Fund Side Event at the
22nd Session of the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committee
for Africa (CCAFRICA)

The new FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund
What it is? What it does? How to benefit from it?

Thursday, 19 January 2016, 8h30-10h30

Context of the side event
The new FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund (CTF2) was officially launched on 27 June 2016 at the 39th
Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. In the first round of applications for support from
the new Codex Trust Fund in 2016, demand from eligible countries was very high with 38 applications
making it through to the review stage by the Technical Review Group. Many of these applications
were strong, but not robust enough to be considered for support by the Codex Trust Fund. Only four
countries were successful in this first round as a result of having submitted very strong applications.

Many eligible countries need more information on the scope and focus of CTF2 and additional
guidance on how to prepare and submit robust applications. Many other countries are interested in
learning more about the new Codex Trust Fund and tools for assessing the status of Codex capacity in
countries. Side events are being organized at all FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees in
2016 and 2017 to respond to this interest..

Objectives of the side event
- Provide information on the scope, focus and activities of CTF2
- Assist countries in understanding and using the "Diagnostic Tool for Assessing Status of
  National Codex Programmes" (the Codex Diagnostic Tool)
- Provide guidance to countries on preparing and submitting robust applications.

Provisional annotated programme

	Introduction and welcome
Session 1	**Presentation on the new Codex Trust** - Purpose - Scope & focus - Eligibility - Support available - Where to find information
	Q&A

Session 2	**Presentation on the application process and the Codex Diagnostic Tool**
	- The application process
	- The Codex Diagnostic Tool
	    o What it is
	    o How to use the tool
	    o Using the results for a CTF application
	    o Interest of the tool for all countries

	Q&A

Session3	**Preparing robust applications to the Codex Trust Fund**
	- Preparing for application submission
	- Terminology to understand
	- Preparing results-based applications
	Q&A
Session 4	**Assessment of applications. Individual versus group applications**
	- Criteria for assessing applications
	- Elements of robust applications and common weaknesses seen in applications
	- Individual or group application?
	- Maximum budget allocations
Session 5	**Feedback from countries and CTF in 2017**
	- Feedback to CTF from countries of the region
	- Key information for 2017
	- Wrap up

Expected outcomes

As a result of the side event, it is expected that countries in the CCLAC region will:

- Understand the differences in scope and focus between CTF1 and CTF2;
- Know where to find information and guidance on CTF2;
- Be familiar with the Codex Diagnostic Tool and know how to use it at country level;
- Understand the criteria used to assess applications
- Have increased knowledge on how to prepare and submit robust applications