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OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

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The 54th Session of CCFA

Overview



The 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) will convene as an in-person physical meeting taking place from 22 April – 26 April, 2024, in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China at W Chengdu. The Session will also be broadcast on Zoom in listening mode in English, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

On Friday, 19 April from 09:00-18:00 (GMT+8:00), and Saturday, 20 April, 2024 from 09:00 to 12:30 (GMT+8:00), there will be a Physical Working Group (PWG) on the General Standard for Food Additives.

And on Saturday, 20 April, 2024 from 14:30-18:00 (GMT+8:00), there will be another PWG on the Endorsement/Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA.

Specific details may be found in the timeline further down in this handbook.

The CCFA54 plenary session will run from Monday, 22 April, 2024, until Wednesday, 24 April, 2024. Report Adoption for CCFA54 is scheduled on 26 April, 2024 starting from 09:00 AM GMT+8:00.

Agenda

Physical Working Groups and registration before the plenary (19-21 April, 2024)



	Hours (GMT+8:00)	Arrangement
Friday 19 April 2024	08:00-16:00	Registration
	09:00-10:30	Working Group (WG) on the General Standard for Food Additives
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	WG on the General Standard for Food Additives
	12:30-14:30	Lunch
	14:30-16:00	WG on the General Standard for Food Additives
	16:00-16:30	Coffee break
Saturday 20 April 2024	16:30-18:00	WG on the General Standard for Food Additives
	08:00-16:00	Registration
	09:00-10:30	Working Group (WG) on the General Standard for Food Additives
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	WG on the General Standard for Food Additives
	12:30-14:30	Lunch
	14:30-16:00	WG of the endorsement/alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provision of the General Standard for Food Additives
16:00-16:30	Coffee break	
Sunday 21 April 2024	16:30-18:00	WG of the endorsement/alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provision of the General Standard for Food Additives
	09:00-16:00	Registration

Agenda

Plenary Session of CCFA54 (22-26 April 2024)

Day	Hours (GMT+8:00)	Arrangement
Monday 22 April 2024	08:00-16:00	Registration
	09:30-10:00	Opening ceremony
	10:00-12:30	Plenary Session
	12:30-14:30	Lunch*
	14:30-16:00	Plenary Session
	16:00-16:30	Coffee break
	16:30-18:00	Plenary Session
	18:30	Welcome cocktail reception for all delegates
Tuesday 23 April 2024	09:00-10:30	Opening ceremony
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary Session
	12:30-14:30	Lunch*
	14:30-16:00	Plenary Session
	16:00-16:30	Coffee break
Wednesday 24 April 2024	09:00-10:30	Opening ceremony
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary Session
	12:30-14:30	Lunch*
	14:30-16:00	Plenary Session
	16:00-16:30	Coffee break
Thursday 25 April 2024	16:30-18:00	Plenary Session
		Report Drafting
Friday 26 April 2024	07:00	Draft report made available to delegates
	09:00	Adoption of the report (no coffee break)

* In-session Working Group meeting and side events may be scheduled during the lunch period.

Registration & Webcasting



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Online registration

The CCFA Secretariat is using **the Codex Online Registration System (ORS)** to register delegates for the CCFA meeting. Please ensure that your Codex Contact Point (for member countries and observer organisations) registers all members of your delegation for the upcoming session, via the following link: **www.codexalimentarius.org/login**.

Please note that the invitation to CCFA53 issued by FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by **22 March, 2024**.

We would encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFA54 in person to register well in advance to ensure that relevant visas, clearances and appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting.

*Please note that the CCFA meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel reservations for sleeping accommodations (please see the section **CCFA54 Venue** on P.6 and P.7)*

On-site registration

On-site registration (to collect badges and other materials) will be available on **Friday, 19 April and Saturday, 20 April, 2024 from 08:00-16:00 (GMT+8:00), Sunday, 21 April, 2024 from 09:00-16:00 (GMT+8:00), and on Monday, 22 April, 2024 from 08:00-16:00 (GMT+8:00)**.

Webcasting

For those who are planning to watch the Zoom webcasting, a link for the webcasting will be provided on the CCFA54 website.



VISA REQUIREMENTS



Delegates should check with their local Chinese Embassy or Consulate as to whether a visa is needed to enter China. For those delegates who require a visa, the application forms are available on:

<http://english.www.gov.cn/services/visitchina/>

Delegates from countries which haven't established diplomatic relationship with China, could acquire the visa from the adjacent country which has diplomatic relationship with China.

If assistance is needed to facilitate the issuance of a visa, a personal invitation letter can be provided to support visa application. Please send the details to CCFA Secretariat via ccfa@cfsa.net.cn before Friday 5 April, 2024.

CCFA54 VENUE W CHENGDU

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The CCFA54 meeting will be hosted at W Chengdu, Located in the heart of the Gaoxin business center, stands as a new landmark representing Chengdu's vitality and fashion. As a part of the vibrant Gaoxin district, the hotel is surrounded by the iconic "Tianfu Twin Towers" and the innovative "Jiaozi Loop," showcasing Chengdu's modernity and energy.

W Chengdu will ensure a seamless experience for the guests. Located a mere 50 minutes away from Chengdu Tianfu International Airport and just a quick 20-minute drive from Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, the central position facilitates easy access for both domestic and international travelers.

To Central: 30 mins drive or public transportation

To Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding: 50 mins drive

To Tianfu Twin Towers: 15 mins by walk

A special group rate, namely Wonderful Room at CNY 1480 with daily breakfast per night or Spectacular Room at CNY 1690 with daily breakfast per night, will be offered to delegates, until Wednesday 10 April, 2024.

To reserve your room, please click the booking link below:

Address: No 300 Jiaozi Avenue, Gaoxin District, Wuhou, Chengdu

Website: <https://www.marriott.com.cn/hotels/ctuwh-w-chengdu/overview/>

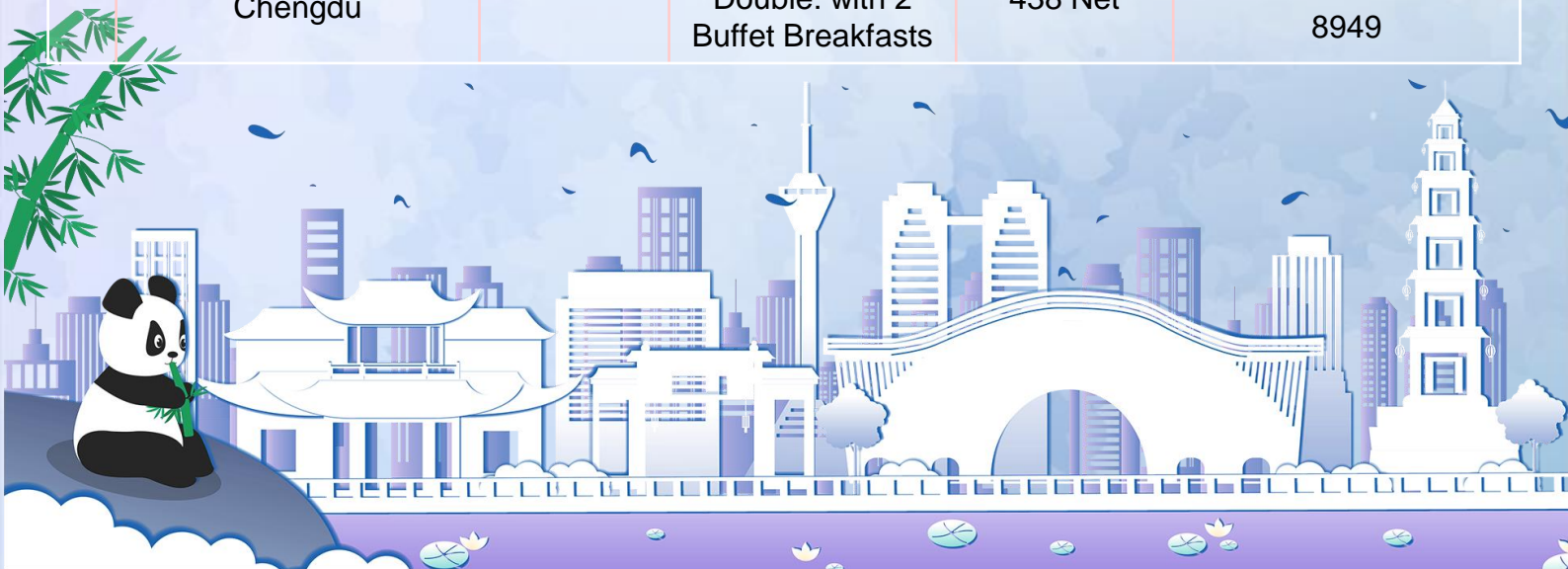


RESERVATION FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

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Delegates are also recommended to choose the following hotels according to the budgets and rates. These alternative hotels are within walking distance.

	Hotel	Star Rating	Room Type	Daily Room Rates (CNY)	Reservation
1	W Chengdu No. 300 Jiaozi Avenue, High-tech District, Chengdu	5 Stars	Wonderful Room: with 1 Daily Buffet Breakfast	1,480 Net	Please click https://www.marriott.com.cn/hotels/ctuwh-w-chengdu/overview/
			Spectacular Room: with 1 Daily Buffet Breakfast	1,680 Net	
			Fantastic Suite: with 1 Daily buffet Breakfast	2,980 Net	
2	Primcasa Suites Hotel Chengdu & Primcasa International Serviced Apartment Chengdu Primcasa, M2 300 Jiaozi Avenue High- tech District, Chengdu	Apartment & Suites Hotel	Deluxe King Suite Room: with 1 Buffet Breakfast	680 Net	Rooms can be booked by email to: Arzoo.Zhang@kwggroupholdings.com Tel: +86 183 2862 8124
			Deluxe 2- bedroom Suite Room: with 2 Buffet Breakfasts	850 Net	
3	Mustel Hotel Chengdu No. 500 Jiaozi Avenue, High-tech District, Chengdu	4 Stars	Superior Room- Single: with 1 Buffet Breakfast	438 Net	Rooms can be booked by email to: Seven.hu@kwggroupholdings.com Tel: +86 181 0810 8949
			Superior Room- Double: with 2 Buffet Breakfasts	438 Net	



ABOUT CHENGDU



Situated in the heart of mainland China, Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, captivates with its diverse geography. Encompassing the bustling Gaoxin business center, the historical charm of Jinli Street, and the scenic beauty of Qingcheng Mountain, Chengdu is a city that seamlessly blends modernity with tradition. The metropolis covers a vast area, including the central districts, the serene outskirts, and the iconic Tianfu Twin Towers and Jiaozi Loop, symbolizing Chengdu's vitality and contemporary flair.

Chengdu's economic landscape mirrors its dynamic spirit. Fostering a climate of innovation and growth, Chengdu boasts a robust economy characterized by free trade, low taxation, and strategic government interventions. As one of China's major gateways, Chengdu plays a pivotal role in international trade, with a strong focus on collaboration with mainland China. The city's strategic location and economic policies position it as a key player in the Asia Pacific region, contributing significantly to its status as a major service economy.

Chengdu's climate adds another dimension to its allure. With a subtropical climate, the city experiences diverse weather patterns throughout the year. Cloudy and cold spells mark January and February, while March and April bring milder temperatures and humidity. From May to August, Chengdu is characterized by hot and humid conditions, occasionally punctuated by heavy rain and thunderstorms.

Embracing a rich cultural heritage, Chengdu's population of approximately 21 million thrives in a city where English, Mandarin (Putonghua), and the local dialect (SiChuan accent) contribute to a vibrant linguistic tapestry. Chengdu's trilingual professionals play a crucial role in facilitating seamless communication for enterprises engaged in trade with mainland China and beyond.

HELPFUL INFORMATION



Weather

Weather averages: **13° C-22° C.**

Temperature and humidity are rising in April. Evenings can be cool.

What to pack: Bring long-sleeved shirts or a light jacket.

Electrical current

The standard electrical voltage in Chengdu is **220 volts AC, 50Hz.**

Currency

The legal tender in China is the **China Yuan (CYN)**, which is pegged to the US dollar at a rate of about 7.18 CNY to 1 USD, although exchange rates may fluctuate slightly.

Currency can be exchanged at the airport, in hotel and in banks. Major credit cards are accepted at hotels and most shopping centers.

Exchange rate fluctuate daily depending on currency markets.





Getting to and from the Airport

Chengdu is a city with two international airports, Shuangliu International Airport and Tianfu International Airport.

SHUANGLIU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Express:

Take Line 10 from Shuangliu International Airport Station to Huaxing Station, then switch to Line 9 and get off at Jingcheng Avenue Station and walk to hotel.

Taxi:

Taxi are readily available from the taxi pick-up area in front of the airport's Arrivals Hall. It will take you 30 minutes from the airport to the hotel.

TIANFU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Express:

Take Line 19 from Tianfu International Airport Station to Yixin Lake Station, then switch to Line 5 and get off at Jiaozi Avenue Station and walk to hotel.

Taxi:

Taxi are readily available from the taxi pick-up area in front of the airport's Arrivals Hall. It will take you 60 minutes from the airport to the hotel.

Hotel pick-up service:

w.ctuwh.Concierge@whotels.com



SAVOR CHENGDU'S ESSENCE

Nestled in the heart of Chengdu lies a treasure that defines the city's charm—the giant pandas. Residing in the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, these black-and-white bears are not merely a symbol but a living emblem of Chengdu's identity.

Chengdu's commitment to panda conservation has propelled it into a global center for preserving these iconic creatures. The base serves as the beating heart of the city, a testament to Chengdu's dedication to nature and sustainability. The pandas, with their captivating black-and-white allure, contribute to a unique urban landscape, making Chengdu a city worthy of exploration from every angle.

Visitors to CCFA54 can immerse themselves in the captivating world of Chengdu's giant pandas at the Information Desk, where they can uncover the rich history and conservation efforts surrounding these cherished inhabitants. For those seeking more details on Chengdu's attractions, cultural experiences, and wildlife wonders, a visit to the Chengdu Tourism website is a must: <https://www.discoverchina.com/chengdu>

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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	Attractions	Website
1	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding	http://m.panda.org.cn/en/
2	Kuanzhai Alley	http://www.kzxz.com.cn
3	Temple of Marquis	http://jp.wuhouci.net.cn/culture-relic3.html
4	Du Fu Cottage	https://www.cddfct.com
5	Sichuan Museum	https://www.scmuseum.cn
6	Sino-Ocean Taikoo Li Chengdu	http://www.slotklcd.com/zh-CN/
7	Jinsha Site	https://www.jinshasitemuseum.com
8	Chengdu Tianfu Art Park	http://www.cdcaa.net
9	Luhu Water Science Spot	https://www.cdlakecity.com





For any further assistance, please contact:

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Look forward to seeing you in Chengdu!