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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE

#### Forty-eighth Session

Los Angeles, California, United States of America, 7 - 11 November 2016

#### OUTLINE FOR THE SIDE EVENT ON ELECTRONIC PLATFORM FOR EWGs ONE YEAR ON

**Date: Wednesday 9 November at (tbc)**

#### **Background**

CCFH47 established an eWG, chaired by France and co-chaired by Chile, Ghana, India and the United States of America, working in English, Spanish and French to prepare the proposed draft revision of the General Principles for Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969) and its HACCP annex for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at the next session of the Committee.

The Codex Secretariat proposed to trial the use of an online, open source bulletin board forum to manage this EWG<sup>1</sup>. One year on from the start of this pilot there are currently nearly 600 participants registered on the platform and 8 EWGs (also including EWGs created by CCRVDF, CCCPL, CCCF and CCFICS).

The side event will seek to understand the effectiveness and efficiency of this online tool and explore the best way to improve both participation and the quality of work carried out this way.

#### **Who should attend?**

Delegates with or without experience of EWGs. Those who may be involved in enrolling participants or contributing to EWGs in the future. Those who took part in any of the CCRVDF EWGs and would like to share their experiences.

#### **What will you see?**

#### **Programme**

- A brief presentation of the Codex electronic platform to highlight the main features;
- A fact finding and lessons learned discussion;
- A Q&A session with the platform administrator, EWG host country representatives and all those present.

*The side event will include interpretation if the plenary sessions do not require additional time beyond the current proposed schedule.*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net>