



CCNFSDU42

Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are all safe and sound. Tough months lie behind us. Therefore, we are all the more pleased to be able to return to a little bit of normality and to welcome you to the **42nd session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)**, which will take place from **19 November to 1 December 2021** (12:00 - 15:00 CET).

This year, the CCNFSDU meeting will be held online. This poses some serious constraints on time and on our ability to get together outside of the plenary.

In the past months, we intensely thought about the agenda, dealt with time schedules, and held in-depth discussions with the chairs of the electronic working groups, the Codex Secretariat, and WHO and FAO. You may have already noticed that we decided to have an abridged agenda focusing on specific items in the step procedure. We are confident that this will enhance our performance and efficiency during the virtual meeting.

Please be sure to check the [Codex Website](#) on a regular basis for more information and documents related to CCNFSDU42.

Whether you will be participating as a Codex member or observer, as the head or as a member of a delegation, this promises to be an interesting – yet very challenging – CCNFSDU meeting. However, we all have the same expectation: we are all looking forward to a successful meeting, and we all strive to achieve this aim.

To date, already more than a year and a half have passed since the last CCNFSDU session. To make sure that everyone is on the same page, we are offering a **“refresher” online session on 23 September 2021**. This informal session will provide an update on the Review of the Follow-up Formula Standard, the draft Guideline for Ready-to-use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF), and the draft General Principles for NRVs-R for persons aged 6 - 36 months. Codex members and observers will have an opportunity to recall or learn about the state of play of the work and the progress made since the Committee last met. Participants will gain insight into the key issues that need to be addressed in order to advance work on these texts at the upcoming plenary session.

You are all cordially invited to attend this informal session. Registration information will soon be available on the Codex website. To those of you for whom this is the first CCNFSDU meeting: welcome! To those who have been with us before: welcome back!

We look forward to seeing you all at CCNFSDU42, this time on screen.

Kind regards,

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