FAO/WHO Side Event on the Codex Trust Fund
14th Session of the FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

The new FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund

Information session on the new Codex Trust Fund (CTF2)

Tuesday, 20 September 2016,
2 hour session (evening)

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. Since then, information has been disseminated on CTF2 through the CTF Secretariat and FAO and WHO channels, and during the 39th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). This included information on the focus and scope of the CTF, the type of support available, eligible countries, governance and management of the CTF. An important milestone has been the completion of the first application round (in June 2016) for support from the new Codex Trust Fund. Demand from eligible countries was very high. A total of 38 applications made it through to the review stage by the Technical Review Group. Of these, four applications were successful in receiving support in 2016, as they met the assessment criteria.

The 39th Session of the CAC provided an important opportunity to deepen everyone's understanding of the Codex Trust Fund, and gain feedback from Codex members. Many eligible countries need more information on the scope and focus of CTF2 and additional guidance on how to prepare and submit robust applications. Side events are being organized at all FAO/WHO Regional Coordinating Committees in 2016 and 2017 to continue information dissemination efforts and dialogue on CTF.

Please note, this side event during the session of CCNASWP, will be complemented by a more hands-on workshop on preparing robust applications, on the 23 September 2016. Participants are requested to attend this Tuesday evening CTF2 side-event as a pre-requisite session to attendance on Friday.

Objectives of the side event

- Provide information on the scope, focus, governance and activities of CTF2.

- Provide information on accessing information, documentation and guidance on CTF2.

- Provide information on and discuss the application

5 minutes	**Introduction and welcome to the Side Event**	FAO/WHO (Ann/Peter)
15 minutes	**The purpose and functioning of the Codex Trust Fund** - Scope, focus - Support available - When and how to apply - Approvals and sign-off - Management and governance - Criteria for eligibility	FAO (Mary)
10 minutes	**Q&A**	All
40 minutes	**Process of preparing an application** - The "Diagnostic Tool for Assessing Status of National Codex Programmes" (The Codex Diagnostic Tool) - Application forms - Where to find the information – show the CTF webpage Individual or group application?	FAO/WHO (Mary/Ann/Peter)
10	**Q&A**	

20 minutes	**Perspectives from the CCNASWP region**
	- relevance of CTF2 to the region
	- experiences from countries
	    o What was the most challenging part of the application process? How did you overcome the challenge?
	    o What made you decide not to submit an application to CTF2?
	- Suggestions on ensuring best use of CTF in the region
		FAO/WHO
		
		Ann or Peter to facilitate discussion

10 Minutes	**The next year of the CTF (what to do, what to expect)** - Next application round - FAO/WHO/CTF Secretariat focus for the next year. - Support in the region from FAO and WHO	FAO/WHO Mary/Peter/Ann
10 Minutes	Wrap up and closing - Any final points - Any follow up needed	FAO/WHO

Web links to CTF documents
All documents relevant to the Codex Trust Fund are accessible through the website:
http://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/food-standard/codextrustfund/en/

This includes the application forms and the Diagnostic Tool for Assessing Status of National Codex Programmes at:
http://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/food-standard/codextrustfund/en/index1.html

Expected outcomes
As a result of the side event, it is expected that countries in the region will:
- Understand the differences in scope and focus between CTF1 and CTF2;
- Understand the process of applying for support from CTF2.
- Provided feedback on their experiences applying for CTF2 support
- Know where to find information and guidance on CTF2.

Organization of the event
The side event will be jointly organized by FAO and WHO. Questions to the event can be addressed to:

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