

FAO/WHO Side Event at the
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for Near East (CCNE)

Making best use of the FAO/WHO Codex Diagnostic Tool

In 2015 FAO and WHO collaborated on the development of the “Diagnostic Tool for Assessing Status of National Codex Programmes” (Codex Diagnostic Tool). The purpose of the Tool is to provide a framework for countries to carry out a self-assessment of the current status of the national Codex programme. The Tool can assist countries in identifying strengths that can be consolidated, as well as weaknesses and gaps that might form the basis of actions by countries to further strengthen their national Codex programmes.

The purpose of the side event is to help countries understand the Codex Diagnostic Tool and how they can make best use of it in their country.

This side event will :

- Give a high level overview of the approach and scope of the Tool;
- Provide tips and insights on how to effectively complete the self-assessment, scoring system;
- Guide through the steps of analysing the results and determining a pathway to addressing weaknesses identified;
- Discuss optimal conditions at national level on use of the Tool.

As a result of the side event, it is expected that there will be a renewed confidence and interest in applying the Codex Diagnostic Tool and ensuring the results are optimally used.