



## CCCF17

Dear CCCF Delegates,

Are you looking forward to meeting up for the next CCCF in Panama? I certainly am. I can also say that everybody is working really hard to get everything up and running. I am really proud of what has been achieved so far!

Our electronic working groups have been preparing working documents with guidance from the Codex Secretariat. With your feedback, insights and directions, I hope that we can once again push forward the important work our Codex Committee is committed to. Working documents and other relevant information about the meeting can be found on the CCCF17 page on the Codex website.

I strongly encourage delegates to actively participate in the virtual pre-meetings on 9 and 10 April and to arrive in Panama City in time to participate in the in-person pre-meeting, scheduled on Sunday 14 April. These meetings are aimed at facilitating discussion and decision-making in the plenary meeting, and the participation of Codex members is of the utmost importance. For those who cannot join CCCF in person, it will be possible to listen in online through the links on the website. Please do not register if you will not be attending in person in Panama.

With regard to the events and pre-meetings, we have arranged the following tentative programme.

- On Tuesday 9 April and Wednesday 10 April from 14:00-17:00, there will be working groups on:
  - Review of Codex Standards for Contaminants (Canada, agenda item 18).
  - Follow-up Work to JECFA Evaluations (EU, agenda item 19).
  - Priority List of Contaminants for Evaluation (USA, agenda item 20).
  - Maximum Levels of Lead in Certain Food Categories (Brazil, agenda item 5).
  - Sampling Plan for Methylmercury (New Zealand agenda item 6).
  - Data management and GEMS Food (EU, agenda item 17).
- A in-person pre-meeting, with interpretation in English, French and Spanish, will be held on Sunday 14 April from 14:30-17:00. During this meeting, we will have discussions on current agenda items and other subjects relevant to the CCCF. The programme of this meeting will be published on the CCCF17 website once it has been finalised.
- There will be an introduction to CCCF meetings for first-time delegates on Sunday 14 April at 17:30. Please register by sending an email to [info@codexalimentarius.nl](mailto:info@codexalimentarius.nl).
- Everyone is invited to a welcome reception at the Sheraton Grand Panama Hotel, Monday evening at 19:00.
- Delegation heads will be invited to a reception on Wednesday 17 April.

When planning your travel, it is important to note that the adoption of the report on Friday 19 April will start at 13:00, and is expected to end before 16:00. The report will be available on the website at 11:00 of the same day at the latest.

I would like to highlight the information document for participants. It contains all kinds of information about hotels, travelling and Panama. Please contact your nearest Panamanian embassy or consulate to ensure that you have a valid visa for travelling to Panama.

Together with our colleagues in Panama, I would like to wish you the best in preparing for our agenda and I hope to see you safe and sound in Panama City at CCCF17.

Yours faithfully,



**Dr Sally Hoffer**  
*CCCF Chairperson*

