

APPENDIX X**MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2031**

Strategic goal	Outcome	Indicator (Indicators carried over from the current M & E Framework are marked with *)	Means of verification	Baseline¹
1: Respond to Members' needs for protecting the health of consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade in an evolving global landscape by developing science-based standards and related texts	1.1 Foresight and horizon-scanning activities are used to support the identification of issues likely to impact food safety, quality and trade.	Indicator 1.1.1 Proportion of sessions in which Codex committees have used foresight and horizon scanning to inform work planning and prioritization.	References on the use of foresight and horizon-scanning reports in Codex committee (general subject and commodity) reports and related working documents including project documents, discussion papers, and written submissions to the committee. Foresight and horizon-scanning is considered to include future trends and emerging issues.	n/a
	1.2 Scientific advice that addresses the needs identified by CAC and subsidiary bodies is primarily provided by FAO and WHO and their joint scientific advisory bodies, informed by globally representative data and appropriate international expertise and methodology.	Narrative report	The Codex Secretariat will work in collaboration with FAO and WHO on a Mechanism to track requests for scientific advice (reported upon after the first biennium). The narrative report will include how scientific advice was provided and issues hindering the timeliness of provision of scientific advice and include inputs from Codex Committee chairpersons on availability of scientific advice.	n/a
	1.3 Scientific advice is used by CAC and subsidiary bodies in line with Codex risk analysis principles.	Indicator 1.3.1 Number of quantitative standards adopted or revoked by CAC.	CAC reports/Scorecard - Total number of quantitative standards being adopted or revoked every year.	n/a ²

¹ Baseline data, where available, are provided for 2023, the last year for which data have been collated.

² While this was not included in the monitoring of the Codex strategic Plan 2020-2025, data on adoptions and revocations are available in the annual reports of CAC.

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	1.4 Codex standards and related texts are developed, reviewed and adopted in a timely, transparent and inclusive manner.	*Indicator 1.4.1 Time taken for approved new work to result in revised or new Codex texts.	CAC reports - Percentage of non-numerical new and revised Codex texts adopted within 5 years.	2023: 70%
2: Enhance Codex work management systems and practices that support the effective and efficient development of standards and related texts		Indicator 2.1.1 Percentage of standards published in English within one month following adoption by CAC.	Online repository of Codex documents	n/a ³
	2.1 Work management systems and practices are refined and enhanced, leveraging digital and other new technologies.	Indicator 2.1.2 Percentage of standards published in all working languages within one year following adoption by CAC. *Indicator 2.1.3 Proportion of working documents (WDs), including reports of joint FAO/WHO expert bodies, distributed at least two months before the meeting, consistent with the <i>Codex Procedural Manual</i>	Online repository of Codex documents Online repository of Codex documents - Percentage of WDs that were circulated at least two months prior to the start of the respective committee session in English, French and Spanish	n/a ⁴ 2023: 36% ENG; 20% FRE; 21% SPA.
	2.2 Mechanisms to prioritize proposals to develop new or revise existing standards and related texts are in place.	Narrative report	Narrative report on Codex committees (general subject and commodity) establishment and use of prioritization mechanisms in their reports, working documents, or information documents on prioritization process.	n/a

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		Indicator 2.3.1 Number of people trained by the Codex Secretariat every year in support of engagement in Codex work.	Track engagement in Codex work through records of attendance to webinars, OCS trainings and EWG trainings organized by or in collaboration with the Codex secretariat and disaggregated where possible.	n/a
	2.3 Chairpersons, coordinators, host secretariats, Codex Contact Points (CCPs) and delegates are supported in their respective roles and their capabilities are developed and enhanced.	Indicator 2.3.2 Number of people who undertook the Codex e-learning course	FAO Academy records disaggregated where possible.	n/a
		*Indicator 2.3.3 Satisfaction ratings on meeting efficiency, role of chairs and host and Codex secretariats.	Satisfaction surveys following Codex committee meetings	2023: For the majority of questions, over 85 percent of respondents indicated “agree/strongly agree” or “satisfied/very satisfied” with the organization and implementation of the meetings
	2.4 Codex Members are enabled to participate actively and sustainably throughout the standard-setting process.	Indicator 2.4.1 Number of Members contributing to Codex work through: (a) replies to CLs, (b) participation in EWGs, (c) participation in Codex meetings.	OCS/CRDs (a Member will be counted if they replied to at least two CLs during the biennium) EWG records - participation is defined as registration to at least one EWG during the biennium, detailing the participation by Codex region. List of participants in Codex meeting reports, disaggregated by committee and income classification	) CLs 2023: 70 (37%)) EWGs 2023: 86 (46%)) Participation: Average 2020-2023: CAC 154; General subject committees 71
		Indicator 2.4.2 Number of different Members who chaired or co-chaired EWGs during the biennium	EWG records - The Codex Secretariat will report on the number of Members who chaired or co-chaired at least one EWG during the biennium, disaggregated by region.	n/a

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3: Strengthen relationships with relevant international organizations, promoting a coordinated approach to address global challenges	3.1 The mutual understanding of the roles of CAC and relevant international organizations in relation to global challenges is improved and is supported by ongoing consultation between the parties.	Indicator 3.1.1 Number of international organizations formally engaged by the Codex Secretariat through bilateral meetings, workshops, etc. during the biennium	Codex Secretariat records - A list of international organizations with whom the Codex Secretariat engaged and the nature of such engagement during the biennium (e.g. Participation in WTO SPS committee, and related meetings, meetings of other standard setting bodies e.g. ISO, UNECE etc.)	n/a
	3.2 Gaps in approaches to addressing global challenges that Codex could contribute to are identified through targeted engagement with relevant international organizations.	Indicator 3.2.1 Number of international organizations that have presented their work or provided inputs to codex committees, including through targeted consultations (which may include identification of gaps in approaches that Codex could contribute to)	Codex Committee (general subject and commodity) reports, working documents, and written submissions	n/a
	3.3 The contribution of CAC to the transition towards sustainable and resilient food systems, is identified and considered.	Narrative report	Such a report would be based on discussions captured in Codex Committee (general subject and commodity) reports, working documents and new work proposals referencing sustainable and resilient food systems considerations - Noting the volume of work involved the Codex secretariat is proposing to pilot the use of AI to generate the narrative, and propose the indicator be further considered following the first round of reporting based on the pilot.	n/a

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	3.4 Contributions from relevant international organizations throughout the development of Codex texts are encouraged.	Indicator 3.4.1 Number of relevant international organizations contributing to Codex work through: (a) replies to CLs, (b) participation in EWGs, (c) participation in Codex meetings.	OCS/CRDs (an Observer will be counted if they replied to at least two CLs during the biennium) EWG records - participation is defined as registration to at least one EWG during the biennium, detailing the participation by Codex region. List of participants in Codex meeting reports.	n/a
		Indicator 3.4.2 Number of Codex standards elaborated in cooperation with another international intergovernmental body or organization (as described in PM section 7.1, <i>Guidelines on cooperation between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and international intergovernmental organizations in the elaboration of standards and related texts</i>).	CAC and Codex Committees reports	n/a
4: Maximize the impact of Codex by increasing the visibility and use of standards	4.1 The profile and recognition of Codex as the international food standards setting body for protecting consumer health and ensuring fair practices in food trade is enhanced.	*Indicator 4.1.1 Extent that Codex Members recognize Codex texts as meeting Members' priority food safety and quality needs.	Annual survey on the use and impact of Codex texts.	2023: 86% of Members considered Codex texts extremely or mostly useful in meeting their priority food safety and quality needs.
		Indicator 4.1.2 Codex' online presence.	Web analytics, including: visits to the Codex website, social media presence (likes, shares, followers, comments), AI generated reports on Codex online presence.	n/a

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	4.2 The use of Codex texts in the context of integrative approaches such as One Health is promoted.	Indicator 4.2.1 Number of references to the Codex Alimentarius in international policy instruments.	Due to the potential boundless scope of this indicator the Codex Secretariat proposes to pilot a monitoring approach which focuses on references to Codex in the annual high-level reports of the following international entities: FAO, WHO, WTO, WOA, UNIDO, Quadripartite.	n/a
		Narrative report	A narrative report on references to and promotion of the Codex Alimentarius in international policy instruments, and Codex Secretariat participation in international entities' meetings, as a means of promoting use of Codex texts in integrative approaches.	
	4.3 Harmonization through the increased use of Codex texts in establishing national food control systems and regulations is advocated for.	*Indicator 4.3.1 Degree that Codex texts are used by Members.	Annual survey on the use and impact of Codex texts; and a narrative report on the use of notifications and/or STCs to better understand the relevance of Codex standards in international trade.	2023: 92% of Members used Codex texts as a baseline to inform Member's newly developed food legislation, policies and/or regulations