Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Twentieth Session
Kampala, Uganda
2–6 October 2017

To:

Codex Contact Points
Observer Organizations

Dear CCFFV Delegate,

As Chairperson of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, I have the pleasure to follow up on the formal invitation to the Committee's forthcoming twentieth session (CCFFV20) — to be held from 2 to 6 October 2017 in Kampala, Uganda — with the further information enclosed as we prepare for what I am confident shall be an enriching and fruitful session.

Practical arrangements

The session will be held at the Imperial Royale Hotel Kampala [http://www.imperialhotels.co.ug/ImperialRoyaleHotel.html] with further information available on the CCCFFV20 website [http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings-reports/detail/en/?meeting=CCFFV&session=20].

Registration facilities open at the venue on Sunday, 1 October, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our proceedings will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, 2 October, conducted in English, French and Spanish. As a reminder, you are kindly requested to bring with you all documents distributed in advance electronically: **no printed copies** will be made available at the venue except for a limited number of in-session documents.

Constructive participation

As you know, the Committee has before it a full and engaging agenda dealing with a range of matters important to members, including standards for garlic, kiwifruit, aubergine/eggplant, ware potatoes and fresh dates, as well as proposals for new work. I look forward to working with you in a constructive and expeditious manner so the Committee can conduct its business successfully in the interests of all our stakeholders worldwide. I would expect we could finalize the standards for aubergines, garlic and kiwifruit, and make substantial progress on the standards for ware potatoes and fresh dates so that we can make room to uptake new work proposals to enable CCFFV to remain responsive to Codex members' needs and trade demands.

I would like to take this opportunity underscore the particular value and importance of the Codex practice of co-hosting meetings such as this one, which will be co-hosted by Uganda and Mexico. The joint endeavour of co-hosting meetings fosters ever-closer relations among members of the Codex family and provides greater opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of expertise and experience and are especially relevant for countries who would ordinarily find it more difficult to attend meetings of CCFFV in Mexico.

I would like to draw your attention to the following events:

- a meeting for first-time delegates prior to the opening meeting on Monday morning (further information will be provided upon arrival and registration at the venue); and
- an evening reception following the closure of the first day's proceedings.

Visas

Please recall it is your responsibility to contact your nearest Ugandan embassy or consulate well in advance of travel to ensure you are in possession of a valid visa. The information note on the Codex website provides details on hotels and, if required, personalized invitations.

Questions

If you have any questions，please contact the CCFFV Secretariat at the following addresses: codexmexico@economia.gob.mx; info@unbs.go.ug.

I wish you a safe journey and a pleasant stay in Uganda and look forward to working with you in Kampala.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Alberto Ulises Esteban Marina
Chairperson
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