CODEX TRUST FUND

INVESTING TOGETHER TO RAISE GLOBAL FOOD STANDARDS

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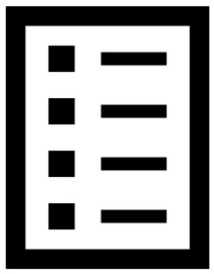
Agenda



Welcome and introduction		
Objectives of side event		
Topic 1	The FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund: an introduction	**Q&A**
Topic 2	Scope and types of support	**Q&A**
Topic 3	Application channels	**Q&A**
Topic 4	Partnership opportunities	**Q&A**
Closing remarks		

The objectives of this side event are to:

1. Familiarize participants with the rationale, goals and activities of the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund (CTF);
2. Present the scope of support provided by the Codex Trust Fund;
3. Explain how countries can apply for different kinds of support;
4. Discuss different types of partnerships that can help countries advance their national Codex systems.

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The Codex Trust Fund (CTF) in 2023

- **First phase of the CTF (CTF1: 2004-2015):**
  - FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
  - Travel support to representatives of developing and transition economy countries to participate in Codex meetings which contributed to enhanced participation in Codex

- **Second phase of the CTF (CTF2: 2016-2027):**
  - **Joint FAO/WHO Programme providing support to developing and transition economy countries to build strong, solid and sustainable national capacity to engage in Codex**
  - Goal of the CTF2: development and transition economy countries are sustainably engaged in Codex.

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The Codex Trust Fund (CTF) in 2023

- **Types of support provided:**
  - Multi-annual capacity strengthening support to successfully applying countries or groups of countries
  - Tailored capacity development activities carried out by FAO and WHO at regional, sub-regional and global level
- **Support structure:**
  - Support is provided through FAO and WHO regional and country offices, with the secretariat being based at WHO HQ in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Ongoing and approved projects

The CTF2 has been providing support to 50 countries through 42 projects (38 individual projects and 4 group projects). 9 approved projects *(in italics)* are awaiting implementation

Codex Region	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
CCAFRICA	Ghana, Madagascar, Senegal	Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Guinea, Mali, Rwanda	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda-Kenya-Tanzania-South Sudan-Burundi	Mauritius	Ethiopia, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia	Comoros, Niger, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe	*Botswana, Lesotho*
CCASIA	-	Bhutan-India-Nepal	-	Lao PDR-Cambodia	Maldives, Timor-Leste	Pakistan	
CCEURO	Kyrgyzstan	North Macedonia	Turkmenistan	Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan	-	Uzbekistan	*Tajikistan*
CCLAC	-	Honduras	Bolivia, Cuba	El Salvador-Guatemala, Guyana	-	-	
CCNASWP	-	-	-	Samoa, Tonga	*Fiji*		*Cook Islands, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu*
CCNE	-	-	-	-	-	*Syrian Arab Rep.*	

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Enhancing participation in the Codex Alimentarius supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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CTF2 donor support

The CTF is a donor-driven program and has been able to operate and support the implementation of capacity strengthening projects thanks to the support of 16 government donors:

- Canada
- European Commission
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- India
- Ireland
- Japan
- Korea (Rep.)
- Malaysia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States

Taking stock: the CTF2 mid-term evaluation

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- An evaluation was conducted half-way through the mandate of the CTF2 to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of its operations.

- The evaluation was timely as it fell into the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted the implementation of CTF2 projects and introduced new ways of working.

- The results of the mid-term evaluation inform the remaining years of the second phase of the Codex Trust Fund, which ends in 2027, and point out how to better serve Codex Member States eligible for support.

Taking stock: the CTF2 mid-term evaluation

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Relevance

CTF2 remains highly relevant and aligned to Codex needs of members and the objectives of Codex in light of the SDGs.

Effective-ness

CTF2 is achieving its planned objectives and outcomes. Capacity to engage in Codex has increased significantly in several countries.

Sustain-ability

CTF2 can be a catalyst for achieving sustainability by demonstrating country results through improved functioning of national codex structures, increased technical capacity and increasing awareness of decision makers.

CTF2 projects are well aligned with other relevant initiatives at regional and country levels, including those from WHO and FAO.

Coherence

The CTF2 has been able to deliver support in a timely manner, adapted to new situations and tried novel approaches to maximize results.

Efficiency

At the time of the evaluation, none of the CTF country projects had yet reached a stage that allows for a comprehensive impact analysis beyond the effects of direct implementation.

Impact

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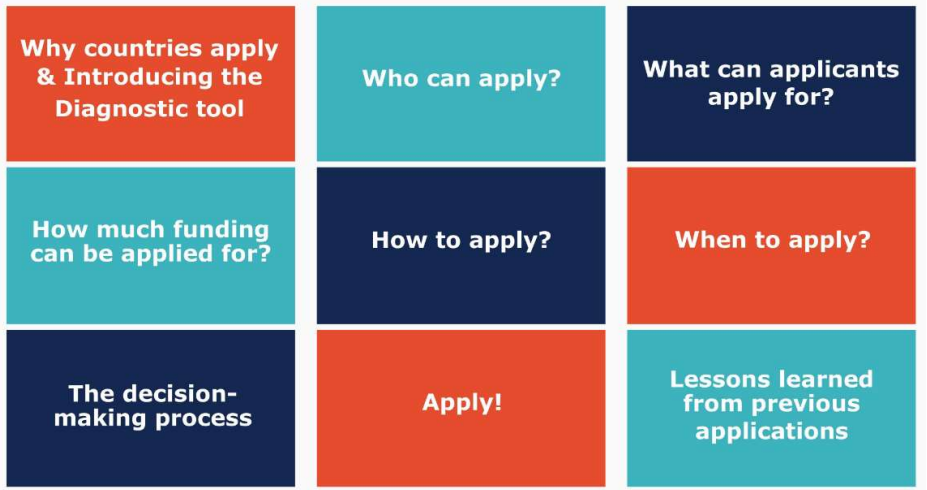
The FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund

Latest updates:

- Document repository going live in 2023
- New channels of support under development
- CTF application round 8 opened on 1 September

More information on our website:

https://www.who.int/initiatives/codex-trust-fund



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Complementarity with STDF

- **CTF: supports enhanced capacity in the development of standards**

- **STDF: focuses on support for the implementation of standards**

(STDF projects help public and private sector stakeholders in developing countries improve food safety, animal and plant health to facilitate safe trade)

www.standardsfacility.org

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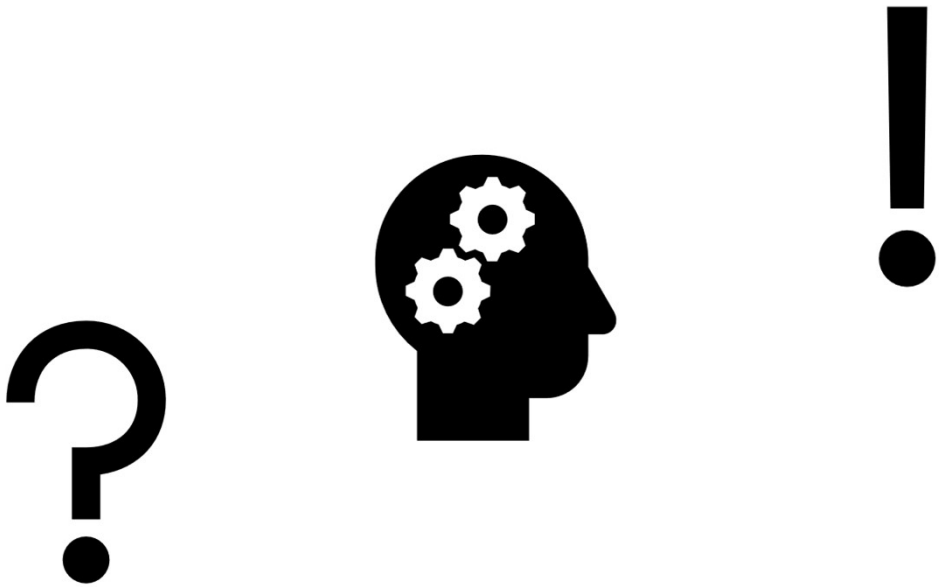

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CTF2 eligibility criteria

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- Eligibility for CTF2 support is determined by criteria related to income, development and geography and was set up to focus on countries that are most in need for CTF2 support.

- Countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI are eligible to apply for CTF support. Eligibility is updated annually (see CTF website: https://www.who.int/initiatives/codex-trust-fund/support/who-can-apply):

- For **CTF Round 8**, a total of 41 countries are eligible for support, three from the Codex Near East region

41 eligible countries, by Codex region					
Africa (16)	**Asia** (6)	**Europe** (2)	**Latin American & Caribbean** (12)	**Near East** (3)	**North America South-West Pacific** (2)
***Angola,** Cameroon, ***⁺Central African Republic,** ***⁺Chad,** Congo, ***⁺DR Congo,** ***Djibouti,** Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, ***Mauritania,** Morocco, ***⁺Mozambique,** Namibia, ***Sao Tome and Principe,** ***⁺Somalia,** ***⁺Togo**	***⁺Afghanistan,** ***Bangladesh,** ⁺**DPR Korea,** Mongolia, ***Myanmar,** Philippines	Armenia, Moldova	Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, ***Haiti,** Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Iraq, ***⁺Sudan,** ***⁺Yemen** Rep.	Micronesia (FS of), Papua New Guinea,

Activities supported by CTF

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For more details:
https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/food-safety/codex-trust-fund/ctf-scope-of-activities.pdf?sfvrsn=9823fb7c_5

Main focus is on capacity strengthening

- Training for staff working directly on Codex
- Building capacity on how to participate effectively in Codex work
- Codex “coaching”. Working with a “coach” (with recognized expertise in a specific Codex area) before, during and after session of a specific Codex committee to help build understanding of and improve capacity to participate effectively in both the committee in question, as well as in any future standard setting process.
- Training on specific scientific/technical areas
- Training on priority Codex texts and guidance on how to harmonize and include these texts in national regulation/standards
- Information exchange/learning from advanced countries through “twinning”, mentoring (also consider regional neighbors who are more advanced in Codex)

Activities supported by CTF (cont.)

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Additional activities supported by CTF

- Diagnosis of national Codex structures and development of a national plan of action to strengthen Codex engagement
- Development of documents and working procedures for Codex work
- Advocacy for policy/decision makers on role and value of Codex
- Collection and use of national data for Codex work
- Communication activities that target key stakeholder groups - e.g. national authorities and policy makers to build support for strengthening national Codex structures and capacity for Codex engagement
- (…)

Activities not supported by CTF

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- Building capacities of laboratories – this might be pursued through other avenues via FAO and WHO
- Training on good agricultural or good hygiene practice
- Rapid alert system / food safety emergency response
- Data generation that is not directly linked to Codex standard-setting work of priority interest
- Physical participation/delegations to Codex meetings that are not aligned with other planned CTF activities or that do not target committees related to national priority sectors
- Budget support that cannot be sustained after CTF, e.g. office space for CCP or hiring of staff
- General communication activities that do not target key stakeholders who have the ability to influence food safety at a national level, e.g. communication activities aimed at schools or the general public is not supported by CTF
- (…)

Direct country support

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CTF support through annual application process:

- Individual countries or groups of countries can apply through the "**Call for Applications**" that is issued on an annual basis
- Maximum of 3 years support
- Maximum budget for **individual country applications**: US$ 150,000
- Maximum budget for **group applications** follows a logarithmic discounting table. For example: total funding for three years of support to a group application
  - $US 272,894 (application with two countries)
  - $US 352,309 (application with three countries)
  - $US 411,095 (application with four countries)

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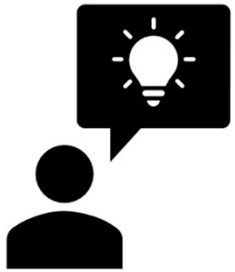
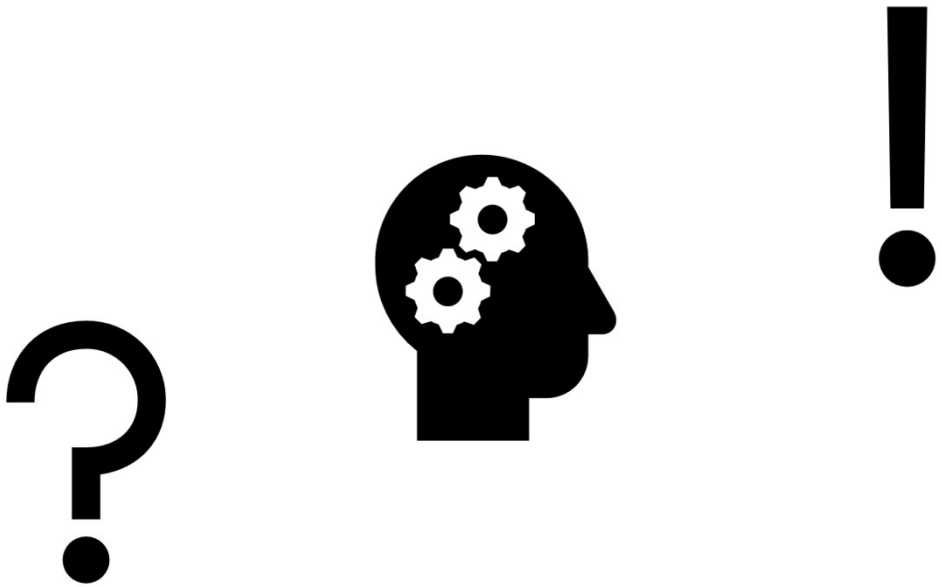
Individual or group application?



- Countries cannot have support from both
- Which is best suited to your needs?
- Group application could be based on:
  - Common results from FAO/WHO Diagnostic Tool
  - Discussions or other ongoing work at Codex sessions that are of common interest to a group of countries
- Only eligible countries can be part of a group application

Do you have any questions?



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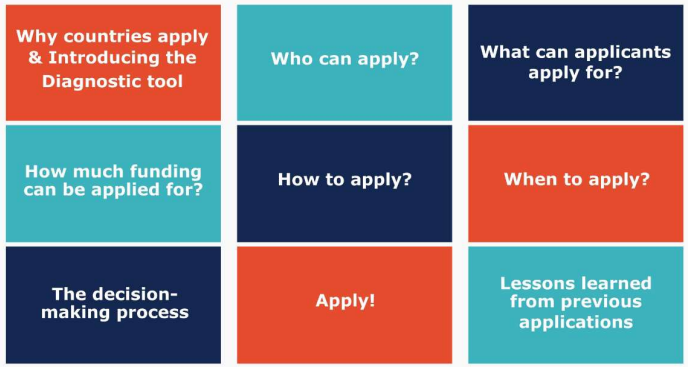
Application for direct country support

- Since 2016, countries eligible for CTF2 support can submit their applications for project support following an annual call for applications.



- A tiered application model that is adapted to the specific challenges of some of the countries eligible for CTF2 support is under consideration.

Tier 1 (new channel): All countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI that are considered fragile, or conflict affected.

Tier 2 (established model): All countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI, including those that are considered fragile, but not conflict affected.

Tier 3 (application for 2nd project): All countries that have completed their first CTF2 project, provided they apply jointly with one eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 country, either as lead country of a group project or as a twinning partner.

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The CTF website provides all relevant information and resources on the CTF2 application process in all relevant UN languages:

https://www.who.int/initiatives/codex-trust-fund/support

Access the Round 8 application forms by clicking the tile “Apply!”

There are a number of steps to the application process, which relies on thorough preparation and a considered and collective approach.

Successful applicants make good use of the resources available on these webpages, and they follow a fully consultative pathway before submitting their final application.

Please take the time to read through these pages for information on the application procedures.

Take advantage of the advice provided by past successful applicants and in the 'Lessons Learned' section.

If, having done this, you still have questions, please contact the CTF Secretariat at: codextrustfund@who.int

About the Codex Trust Fund

Projects and impact

Background information

The application process

Why countries apply & Introducing the Diagnostic tool	Who can apply?	What can applicants apply for?
How much funding can be applied for?	How to apply?	When to apply?
The decision-making process	Apply!	Lessons learned from previous applications

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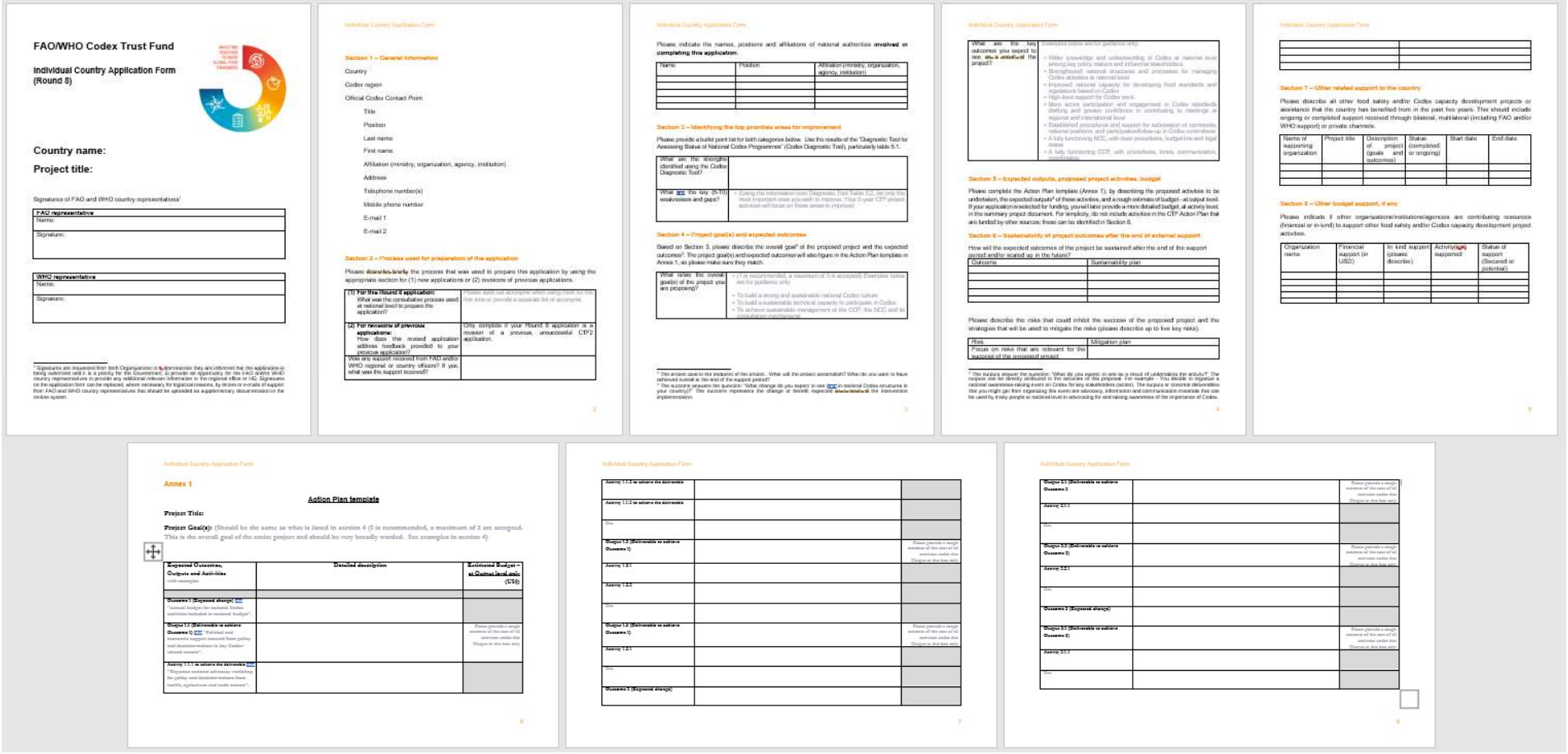
The CTF2 application form



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Individual Country Application Form (Round 8)

Country name:

Project title:

Signatures of FAO and WHO country representatives[1]

FAO representative
Name:
Signature:

WHO representative
Name:
Signature:

[1] Signatures are requested from both Organizations to demonstrate they are informed that this application is being submitted and it is a priority for the Government; to provide an opportunity for the FAO and/or WHO country representative to provide any additional relevant information to the registered office or HQ. Signatures on the application form can be replaced, where necessary for logistical reasons, by letters or e-mails of support from FAO and WHO country representatives that should be uploaded as supplementary documentation in the review system.

Individual Country Application Form

Section 1 – General Information

Country

Codex region

Official Codex Contact Point:

Title

Position

Last name

First name

Affiliation (ministry, organization, agency, institution)

Address

Telephone number(s)

Mobile phone number

E-mail 1

E-mail 2

Section 2 – Process used for preparation of the application

Please describe briefly the process that was used to prepare this application by using the appropriate section for (1) new applications or (2) revisions of previous applications.

(1) For the Round 8 application: What was the consultative process used at national level to prepare the application?	Please spell out acronyms when using them for the first time or provide a separate list of acronyms.
(2) For revisions of previous applications: How does the revised application address feedback provided to your previous application?	Only complete if your Round 8 application is a revision of a previous, unsuccessful CTF2 application.
Was any support received from FAO and/or WHO regional or country officers? If yes, what was this support received?	

Individual Country Application Form

Please indicate the names, positions and affiliations of national authorities involved in completing this application.

Name	Position	Affiliation (ministry, organization, agency, institution)

Section 3 – Identifying the top priorities areas for improvement

Please provide a bullet point list for both categories below. Use the results of the "Diagnostic Tool for Assessing Status of National Codex Programmes" (Codex Diagnostic Tool), particularly table 5.1.

What are the strengths identified using the Codex Diagnostic Tool?	
What are the key (5-10) weaknesses and gaps?	• (Using the information from Diagnostic Tool Table 5.2, list only the most important ones you wish to improve. Your 3-year CTF project activities will focus on these areas to improve)

Section 4 – Project goal(s) and expected outcomes

Based on Section 3, please describe the overall goal[2] of the proposed project and the expected outcomes[3]. The project goal(s) and expected outcomes will also figure in the Action Plan template in Annex 1, so please make sure they match.

What is/are the overall goal(s) of the project you are proposing?	• (1 is recommended, a maximum of 3 is accepted) Examples below are for guidance only • To build a strong and sustainable national Codex culture • To build a sustainable technical capacity to participate in Codex • To achieve sustainable management of the CCP, the NCC and its core (if any) committees

[2] The project goal is the endpoint of the project. What will the project accomplish? What do you want to have achieved overall at the end of the support period?

[3] The outcome answers the question: What change do you expect in new [illegible] in national Codex structures in your country)? The outcome represents the change or benefit expected [illegible] the intervention implementation.

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What are the key outcomes you expect to see [illegible] of the project?	Examples below are for guidance only • Wider knowledge and understanding of Codex at national level among key policy makers and influential stakeholders • Strengthened national structures and processes for managing Codex activities at national level • Improved national capacity for developing food standards and regulations based on Codex • High-level support for Codex work • More active participation and engagement in Codex standards drafting and greater confidence in contributing to meetings at regional and international level • Established procedures and support for submission of comments, national positions, and participation/follow-up in Codex committees • A fully functioning NCC, with clear procedures, budget line and legal status • A fully functioning CCP, with procedures, timely communication, coordination

Section 5 – Expected outputs, proposed project activities, budget

Please complete the Action Plan template (Annex 1), by describing the proposed activities to be undertaken, the expected outputs[4] of these activities, and a rough estimate of budget - at output level. If your application is selected for funding, you will later provide a more detailed budget, at activity level, in the summary project document. For simplicity, do not include activities in the CTF Action Plan that are funded by other sources; these can be identified in Section 8.

Section 6 – Sustainability of project outcomes after the end of external support

How will the expected outcomes of the project be sustained after the end of the support period and/or scaled up in the future?

Outcome	Sustainability plan

Please describe the risks that could inhibit the success of the proposed project and the strategies that will be used to mitigate the risks (please describe up to five key risks).

Risk	Mitigation plan
Focus on risks that are relevant for the success of the proposed project	

[4] The outputs answer the question: "What do you expect in one as a result of undertaking the activity?" The outputs can be directly attributed to the activities of this proposal. For example – You decide to organize a national awareness-raising event on Codex for key stakeholders (action). The outputs or concrete deliverables that you might get from organizing this event are advocacy, information and communication materials that can be used by many people at national level in advocating for and raising awareness of the importance of Codex.

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Section 7 – Other related support to the country

Please describe all other food safety and/or Codex capacity development projects or assistance that the country has benefited from in the past five years. This should include ongoing or completed support received through bilateral, multilateral (including FAO and/or WHO support) or private channels.

Name of supporting organization	Project title	Description of project (goals and outcomes)	Status (completed or ongoing)	Start date	End date

Section 8 – Other budget support, if any

Please indicate if other organisations/institutions/agencies are contributing resources (financial or in-kind) to support other food safety and/or Codex capacity development project activities.

Organization name	Financial support (in USD)	In kind support (please describe)	Activity supported	Status of support (Secured or potential)

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Annex 1

Action Plan template

Project Title:

Project Goal(s): (Should be the same as what is listed in section 4 (5 is recommended, a maximum of 5 are accepted. This is the overall goal of the entire project and should be very broadly worded. See examples in section 4)

Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Activities (with examples)	Detailed description	Estimated Budget – at Output level only (US$)
Outcome 1 (Expected change): [illegible] "Annual budget for national Codex activities included in national budget".		
Output 1.1 (Deliverable or achieve Outcome 1): [illegible] "Policies and instruments support issued from policy and decision-makers in key Codex-related sectors".		Please provide a rough estimate of the sum of all services under this Output in the box only
Activity 1.1.1 to achieve the deliverable [illegible] "Organize national advocacy workshop for policy and decision-makers from health, agriculture and trade sectors".		

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Activity 1.1.2 to achieve the deliverable		
Activity 1.1.3 to achieve the deliverable		
Etc.		
Output 1.2 (Deliverable or achieve Outcome 1)		Please provide a rough estimate of the sum of all services under this Output in the box only
Activity 1.2.1		
Activity 1.2.2		
Etc.		
Output 1.3 (Deliverable or achieve Outcome 1)		Please provide a rough estimate of the sum of all services under this Output in the box only
Activity 1.3.1		
Etc.		
Outcome 2 (Expected change):		

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Output 2.1 (Deliverable or achieve Outcome 2		Please provide a rough estimate of the sum of all services under this Output in the box only
Activity 2.1.1		
Etc.		
Output 2.2 (Deliverable or achieve Outcome 2)		Please provide a rough estimate of the sum of all services under this Output in the box only
Activity 2.2.1		
Etc.		
Outcome 3 (Expected change):		
Output 3.1 (Deliverable or achieve Outcome 2)		Please provide a rough estimate of the sum of all services under this Output in the box only
Activity 3.1.1		
Etc.		

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Information requested in application form

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Signatures of FAO and WHO country representatives[1]

FAO representative
Name:
Signature:

WHO representative
Name:
Signature:

Annex 1

Action Plan template

Project Title:

Project Goal(s): (Should be the same as what is listed in section 4 (1 is ok, maximum 2-3. This is the overall goal of the entire project and should be very broadly worded. See examples in section 4)

Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Activities with examples		**Estimated Budget – at Output level only (US$)**
Outcome 1 (Expected change) e.g. "Annual budget for national Codex activities included in national budget".		
Output 1.1 (Deliverable to achieve Outcome 1) e.g. "Political and economic support secured from policy and decision-makers in key Codex-related sectors".		Please provide a rough estimate of the cost of all activities under this Output in this box only
Activity 1.1.1 to achieve the deliverable e.g. "Organize national advocacy workshop for policy and decision-makers from health, agriculture and trade sectors".		

- General Information
- Process used for preparation of the application
- Identifying the top priorities areas for improvement
- Project goal(s) and expected outcomes
- Expected outputs, proposed project activities, budget (outlined in action plan)
- Sustainability of project outcomes after the end of external support
- Other related support to the country
- Other third-party budget support, if any

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How are applications assessed?

The CTF Technical Review Group assesses applications against **standard criteria**:

- Comprehensive and inclusive process used for preparation of the application, including intersectoral collaboration
- Project is based on the results from the FAO/WHO Diagnostic Tool
- Information presented is coherent
- Project outlines:
  - Clear project goal(s)
  - Clear outcomes
  - Clear, measurable & relevant project outputs
  - Clear, specific, achievable & relevant project activities
- Information on how sustainability of project outcomes will be ensured

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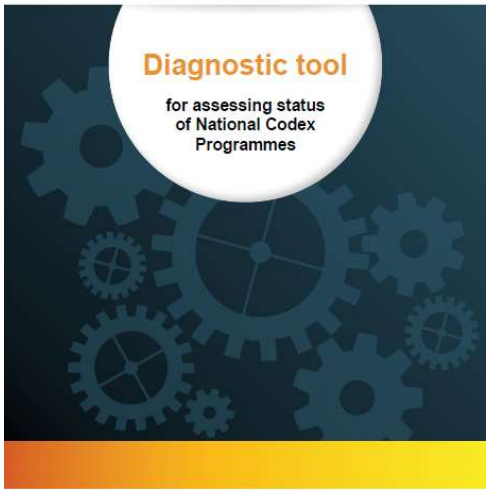
Timeline for application round 8

01 Sep 2023:	"Call for Applications" opened
20 Dec 2023:	Deadline for submissions in the online system
21 Dec 2023 – Jan 2024:	CTF Secretariat pre-screens applications
Feb – Mar 2024:	Assessment of applications by Technical Review Group and decision by Steering Committee
Early May 2024:	Decisions on Round 8 communicated

Self diagnosis of national Codex systems through the Codex Diagnostic Tool

- Helps understand what constitutes ***a robust national Codex programme*** (elements and capacities)
- Allows countries to undertake a ***self-assessment*** to examine strengths and weaknesses, ***benchmark*** the programme and chart a way forward to address any weaknesses.
- The results assist in the identification of areas in need of **strengthening and capacity development.**

Application of the Tool is an essential pre-requisite for applications to the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund.



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Elements to be assessed – Quick Overview

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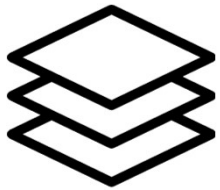
ELEMENT 1

Mechanism and process for consultation, communication & management of Codex work

- CCP Structure + processes
- Consultation Mechanism + processes
- Management of Codex work



ELEMENT 2

Knowledge and understanding of Codex work

- Knowledge base + awareness
- Scientific and technical capacity

ELEMENT 3

Policy framework and maximising use of Codex work at the national level

- National Policy Objectives and Priorities
- Harmonisation and use of international Codex texts at the national level

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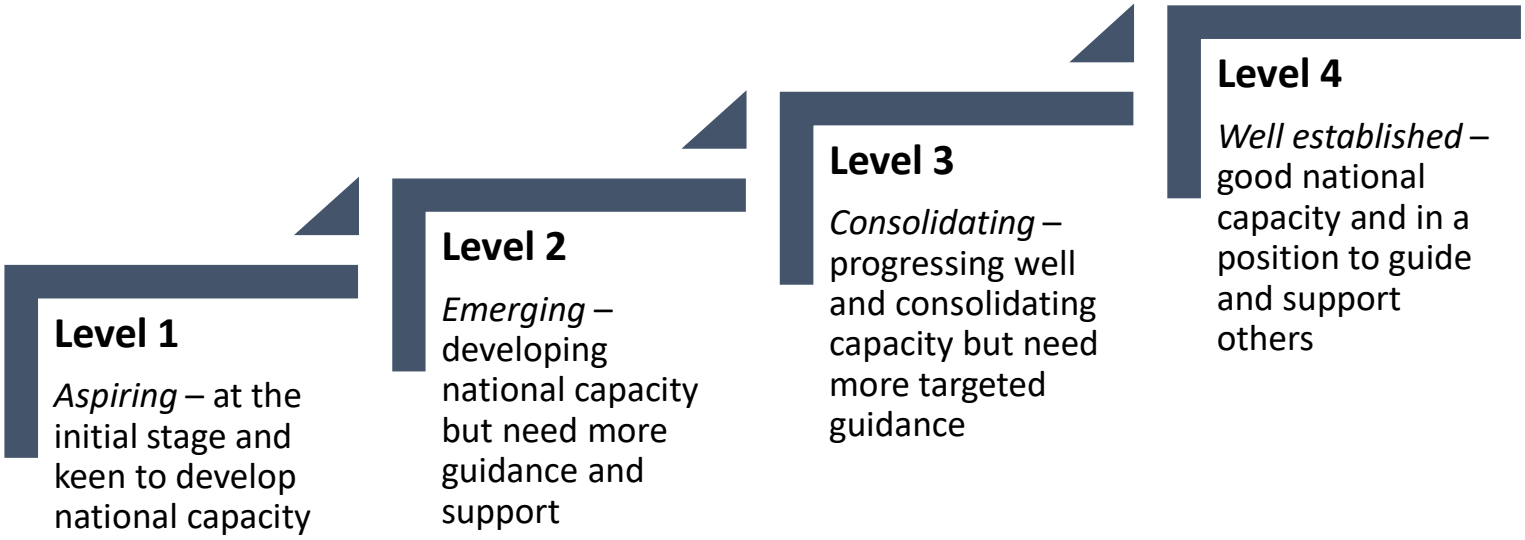
Self-scoring - current level of capacity



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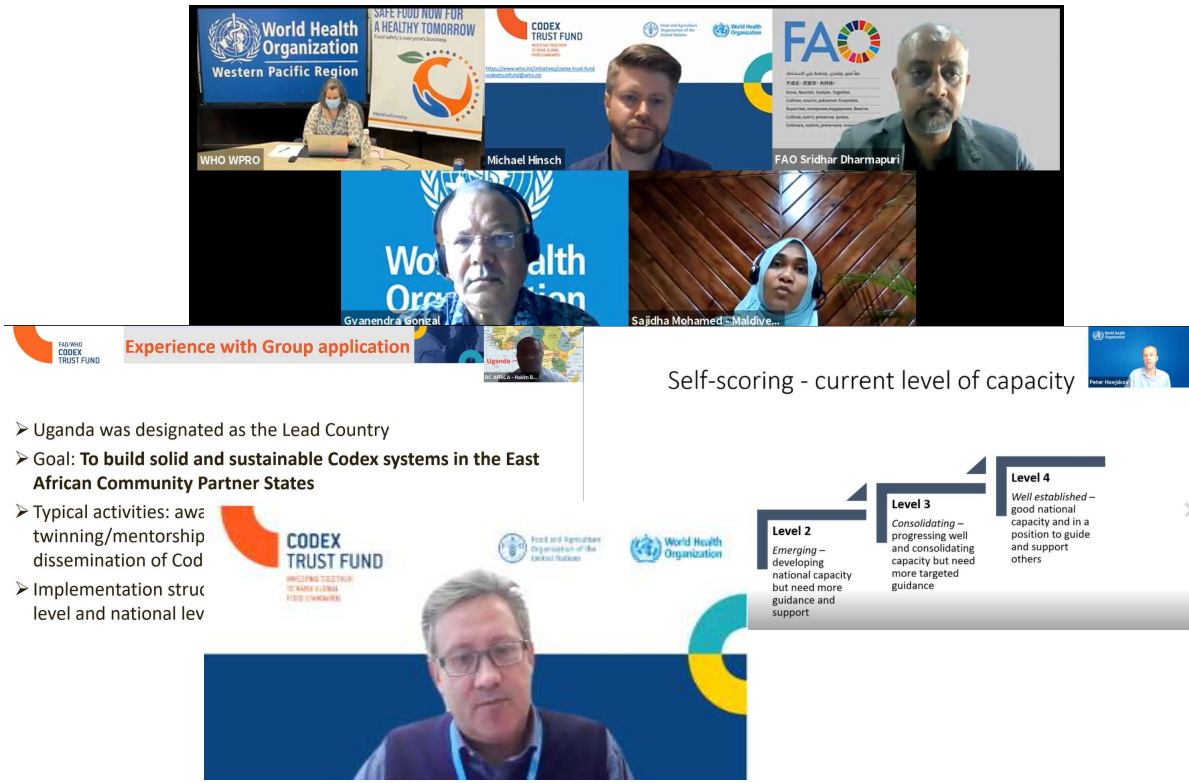
The self assessment is conducted by rating aspects of each element and sub-category

Codex Contact Point, Structure and Processes (Good Practices)	Level 1 Aspiring	Level 2 Emerging	Level 3 Consolidating	Level 4 Well-established
Designated CCP in place				☑
CCP responsibilities for managing Codex and related work are clearly defined			☑	
Working procedures for management of the Codex Contact Point functions		☑		
CCP has sound knowledge and awareness of Codex and food standards matters			☑	
CCP provided with sufficient resources (both human and financial) to carry out core functions and responsibilities		☑		

Virtual trainings on application process

The CTF Secretariat can arrange for virtual trainings on the CTF2 application process and the FAO/WHO Codex Diagnostic Tool



Timelines for CTF Round 8

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01 Sep 2023:	"Call for Applications" opened
20 Dec 2023:	Deadline for submissions in the online system
21 Dec 2023 – Jan 2024:	CTF Secretariat pre-screens applications
Feb – Mar 2024:	Assessment of applications by Technical Review Group and decision by Steering Committee
Early May 2024:	Decisions on Round 8 communicated

Under consideration: tiered application model

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A new model under consideration expands on the established CTF2 application process.

Tier 1 (new channel): All countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI that are considered fragile, or conflict affected.

Tier 2 (established model): All countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI, including those that are considered fragile, but not conflict affected.

Tier 3 (application for 2nd project): All countries that have completed their first CTF2 project, provided they apply jointly with one eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 country, either as lead country of a group project or as a twinning partner.

Eligibility criteria for each tier are based on information provided by UN organizations and specialized agencies and updated annually. They provide the basis of eligibility to apply for funding for the relevant application round.

Countries eligible for CTF2 support under proposed tiered application model (as of 31 July 2023)

Eligibility criteria outlined below are based on information provided by UN organizations and specialized agencies and updated annually. They provide the basis of eligibility to apply for funding for the relevant application round.

Tier 1: All countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI that are considered fragile, or conflict affected.
Tier 2: All countries with low & medium HDI, other low or middle-income SIDS and LLDCs with high HDI, including those that are considered fragile, but not conflict affected.
Tier 3: All countries that have completed their first CTF2 project, provided they apply jointly with one eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 country, either as lead country of a group project or as a twinning partner.
Countries considered conflict-affected are indicated in **bold fond**; countries considered fragile are indicated in *italics*.

Tier	Eligibility	Eligible countries	Countries with approved, ongoing, or completed CTF2 projects	Application process	Scope and type of support
Tier 1	Countries eligible for first time CTF2 support that are considered fragile or conflict-affected following World Bank criteria	**Countries eligible for first time CTF2 support** **CCAFRICA**: **Cameroon, *+Central African Republic**, *+*Chad*, *Congo*, *+**DR Congo**, *+**Mozambique**, *+**Somalia** **CCASIA**: *+**Afghanistan, *Myanmar** **CCLAC**: **Haiti, Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)* **CCNE**: **Iraq**, *+*Sudan*, *+**Yemen Rep.**	n.a.	Submission of concept note outlining country background, key challenges, and a maximum of two priorities to address through CTF2 support	1. Facilitated Diagnostic Tool analysis 2. To be decided on a case-by-case basis by the CTF Steering Committee, involving FAO/WHO regional advisors and the TRG
Tier 2	Countries eligible for first time CTF2 support, including those that are considered fragile, but not conflict-affected	**Countries eligible for first time CTF2 support** **CCAFRICA**: *Angola, **Chad*, *Congo*, *Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, *Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, *Sao Tome and Principe, *+Togo **CCASIA**: *Bangladesh, +DPR Korea, Mongolia, Philippines **CCEURO**: Armenia, Moldova **CCLAC**: Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, *+*Haiti*, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, *Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)* **CCNASWP**: *Micronesia (FS of), Papua New Guinea* **CCNE**: *+*Sudan*	**CCAFRICA**: *Benin, Botswana, *+**Burkina Faso**, *+*Burundi*, Cabo Verde, **Comoros*, Côte d'Ivoire, *+*Eritrea*, *+**Ethiopia**, *+The Gambia, Ghana, *Guinea, *+*Guinea-Bissau*, Kenya, *Lesotho, *+Liberia, *+Madagascar, *+Malawi, *+**Mali**, Mauritius, *+**Niger**, **Nigeria**, *+Rwanda, *Senegal, *+Sierra Leone, *+**South Sudan**, *+Uganda, *United Rep. of Tanzania, *Zambia, *Zimbabwe* **CCASIA**: *Bhutan, *Cambodia, India, *Lao PDR, Maldives, *Nepal, Pakistan, **Timor-Leste* **CCEURO**: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan **CCLAC**: Bolivia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras **CCNASWP**: Cook Islands, Fiji, *Kiribati, Samoa, **Solomon Islands*, Tonga, Vanuatu **CCNE**: +**Syrian Arab Rep.**	Competitive application process: 1. Self-assessment using the Codex Diagnostic Tool 2. Completion and submission of CTF2 application	Full scope of CTF2 support.
Tier 3	Countries that have completed their first CTF2 project and post-implementation evaluation and that apply jointly with one eligible Tier 1 or Tier 2 country, either as lead country of a group project or as a twinning partner	**Countries eligible for a second national project** **CCAFRICA**: Ghana, Madagascar, Senegal **CCEURO**: Kyrgyzstan **CCLAC**: Honduras	n.a.	Competitive application process: 1. Self-assessment using the Codex Diagnostic Tool 2. Completion and submission of CTF2 application, outlining in what way Tier 1 or 2 partners will benefit from the applicant's support	Full scope of CTF2 support. Joint applications between Tier 1 and Tier 3 countries will be decided on a case-by-case basis

Abbreviations:

FCS – Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations
HDI – Human Development Index
*LDC – Least Developed Country
+LIC – Low Income Country
LLDC – Landlocked Developing Country
SIDS – Small Island Development State

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Trainings at regional and global level

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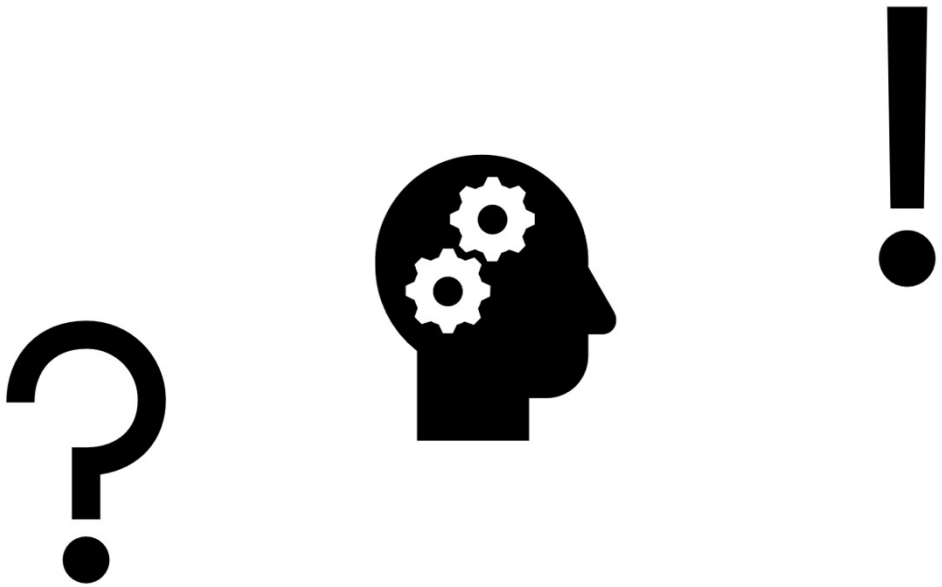
In 2022, the CTF2, in collaboration with the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea, provided its first training for countries from different Codex regions.

The training focused on good Codex practices and the experience of the Republic of Korea in building their national Codex system. Similar trainings are planned for the coming years.

Additional forms of support to enhance the capacity of eligible countries to engage in Codex are under development and consideration.

Do you have any questions?



Topic 1	The FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund: an introduction	**Q&A**
Topic 2	Scope and types of support	**Q&A**
Topic 3	Application channels	**Q&A**
Topic 4	Partnership opportunities	**Q&A**

Support by advanced Codex Member States (1)

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- **Twinning**

Countries with well functioning national Codex structures partner with less experienced countries to share their experience and help strengthen Codex structures and build more effective engagement in Codex.

Examples:

Ghana & the Netherlands

Technical capacity strengthening on the use of data in standard development.

Azerbaijan & Türkiye

Study visits and training on various aspects of Türkiye's Codex system.

North Macedonia & Norway/ Sweden

Study tour to exchange expertise and learn from the different aspects of Codex experience of the advanced country.

Support by advanced Codex Member States (2)

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- **Mentoring**

  Countries well experienced in Codex guide a country through the process leading towards a Codex committee meeting, provide advice during sessions and provide support in following up the work.

  Example:
  Türkiye's support to Azerbaijan in the preparation for CCCF16 and CAC45, in addition to several committees held online.

Support by advanced Codex Member States (3)

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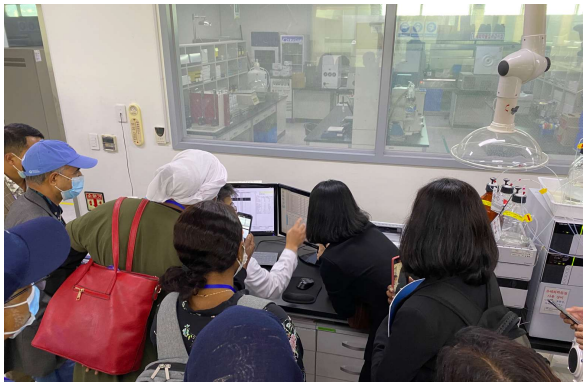
- **Sharing of experience and good practices to multiple countries**

  A CCNE country with a well-established Codex system shares its experience in developing their system over time and provides good practice examples on the various aspects of their Codex work and national Codex system that are relevant to other countries in the region.

  Example:
  Republic of Korea (MFDS) sharing their experience with interested countries across the globe.



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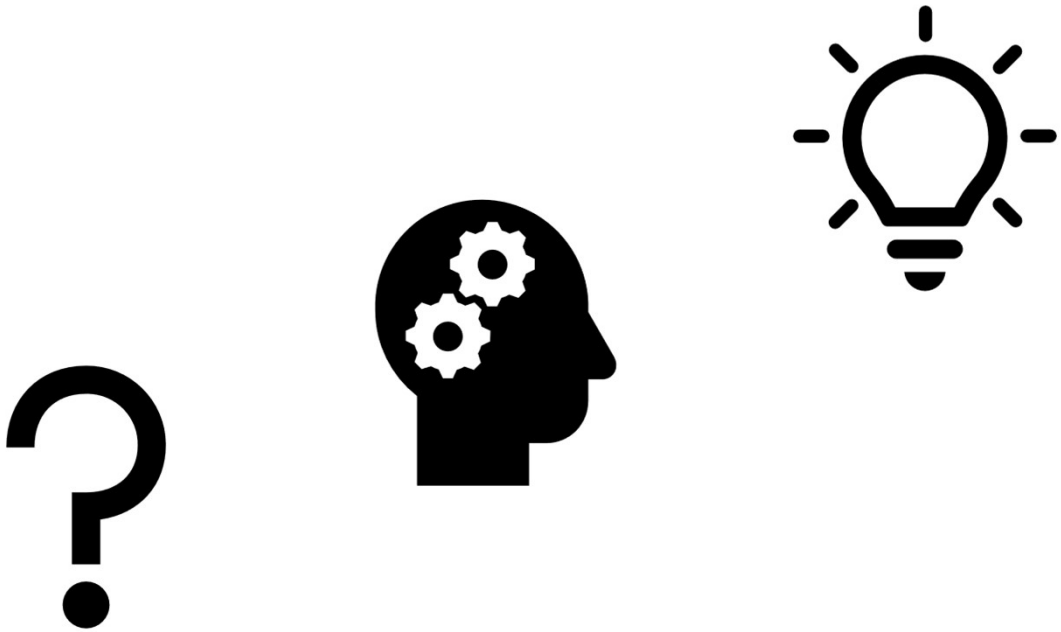

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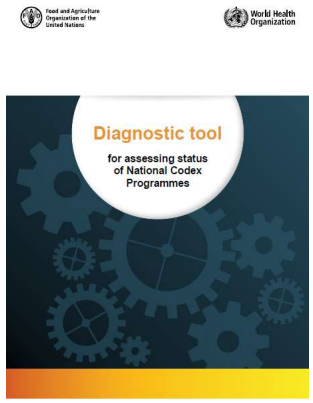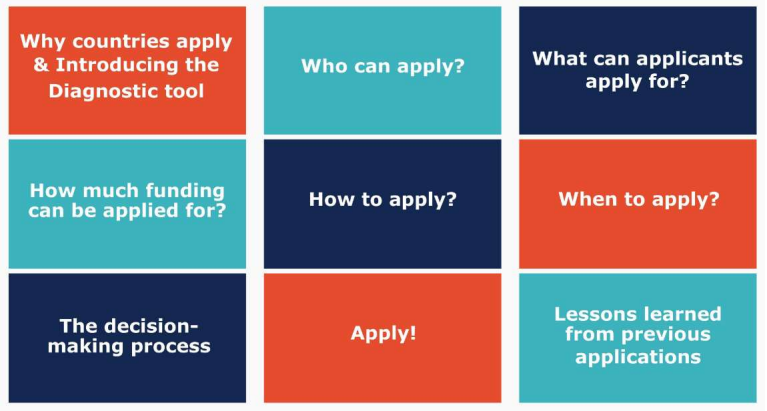
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