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Agenda Item 7

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**FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**  
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**REPORT OF THE IN SESSION WORKING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE CODEX STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2031.**

CCAFRICA25 established an in session working group to review the new Strategic plan and identify those goals and outcomes which they consider to be priorities for the region, in line with their needs and on which their activities would focus up to CCAFRICA26.

The WG was chaired by Zambia and following an initial discussion on ways of working agreed to divide into smaller groups to discuss the goals and outcomes. Three groups chaired by Kenya, Senegal and Ghana each discussed 2 of the goals to determine if they were considered a priority for the region and if so which of the related outcomes resonated with the needs of the region.

Each group then reported back to the session and based on the feedback and with the agreement of all members present agreed that all four goals were relevant for the region and that intended outcomes were also very important. However in the case of some outcomes it was not considered within the power of the region to take action. In this context the WG agrees the following priority outcomes under each of the outcomes (see Table 1). While activities associated with each of the outcomes were not explicitly discussed, some of those mentioned by each of the groups in reporting in their discussions are included in the table. In addition, following the session, the Codex Secretariat made a preliminary mapping of the activities already agreed by CCAFRICA25 to each of the outcomes.

| Goal                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Priority outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Proposed activities from the in-session groups)                                                                                                                            | Activities agreed by CCAFRICA25 (mapped by Secretariat from conclusions of items to the SP outcomes)<br><br>Or may be covered by part of the regular agenda of CCAFRICA-Proposed                                                                                                                                             |
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| 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.                                                                                                               | Establish a stakeholder and expert panel to identify new and emerging issues in the region<br><br>Use existing monitoring and analysis to identify new issues and problems | Report from FAO and WHO on food safety and quality issues in the region including emerging issues (Item 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1.2 Scientific advice that addresses the needs identified by CAC and subsidiary bodies is primarily provided by FAO, WHO and their joint scientific bodies, informed by globally representative data and appropriate international expertise and methodology. | Identify the technical knowledge resources in the region<br><br>Consider a possible joint scientific advisory group in the region                                          | Encouraged members to work proactively together to address the critical need for data and to support standard setting relevant to the region (Item 4)                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1.4 Codex standards and related texts are developed, reviewed and adopted in a timely, transparent and inclusive manner.                                                                                                                                      | Promote data collection to facilitate standards development in a timely manner                                                                                             | Agreed on a Framework to undertake an initial analysis or review of the Guidelines for the design of control measures for street vended foods to ensure consistency with recently revised and adopted texts, and identify any gaps therein that would serve as the basis for a potential revision of the guidelines (Item 2) |
| 2. Enhance Codex work management systems and practices that support the effective and efficient development of standards and related texts                                                                | 2.3 Chairpersons, coordinators, host secretariats, Codex Contact Points and delegates are supported in their respective roles and their capabilities are developed and enhanced.                                                                              | Undertake capacity development activities for CCPs                                                                                                                         | Encouraged members to co-host and participate in EWGs as well as to submit new joint work proposals as appropriate (Item 5) (learning by doing)                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2.4 Codex Members are enabled to participate actively and sustainably throughout the standard-setting process.                                                                                                                                                | Engage in high level advocacy to promote the sustainability or Codex structures at the national level                                                                      | Agreed to advocate for the work of Codex and food safety as well as more resources for the CTF (Item 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 3. Strengthen relationships with relevant international organizations,                                                                                                                                    | 3.2 Gaps in approaches to addressing global challenges that Codex could contribute to are                                                                                                                                                                     | Undertake a survey in the region to identify the wider challenges that are impacting food safety and quality                                                               | Encouraged countries to strengthen multisectoral and multidisciplinary work on food standards through the                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| promoting a coordinated approach to address global challenges                     | identified through targeted engagement with relevant international organizations.                                                                                               |                                                                                                 | establishment of active coordination mechanisms between the food safety community and other stakeholders at large (Item 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                   | 3.3 The contribution of CAC to the transition towards sustainable and resilient food systems, is identified and considered.                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                   | 3.4 Contributions from relevant international organizations throughout the development of Codex texts are encouraged.                                                           |                                                                                                 | Called for stronger collaboration between Codex and ARSO in terms of harmonization of standardization work for priority food products in the region so as to adapt existing standards or new work to regional priorities ( Item 2)<br><br>Agreed to amend its agenda to include an item on matters of interest to Africa arising from regional and international organizations (item 4) |
| 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. | Use the annual opportunity of World Food Safety Day to raise the profile of Codex in the region |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                   | 4.2 The use of Codex texts in the context of integrative approaches such as One Health is promoted.                                                                             |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                   | 4.3 Harmonization through the increased use of Codex texts in establishing national food control systems and regulations is advocated for.                                      | Increase collaboration with other organizations to promote harmonization                        | Encourage countries to establish national frameworks that would ensure harmonization and advocacy for food safety standards as well as strengthening the work of Codex (Item 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                         |