



## CCLAC23

Dear friends and colleagues of the Codex family,

On behalf of Ecuador, it is an honor to welcome you to the 23rd Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC), which will be held in virtual format from 22 to 26 July 2024.

The last few years have been filled with great challenges for all Codex Members, and I therefore consider it important to highlight the great work that the Member countries of the region have been doing to adapt to the new working environments, in order to ensure that Codex work continues to be carried out in a timely and effective manner.

Although our region will once again be holding its biennial meeting in virtual format, I am confident that all the delegates of our Member States will be able to overcome the obstacles that this represents, participate actively and discuss in depth the issues of interest, as set out in the agenda, highlighting the need to achieve regional positions and address regional priorities and activities within the framework of the Codex Strategic Plan 2020-2025 and the new period 2026-2031.

I wish to emphasize my deep gratitude for the invaluable support, commitment and impeccable work that each of the delegates of the CCLAC Member Countries has been doing in the various Codex forums, which has enabled our region to consolidate its position in the global arena of the Codex Alimentarius.

In my capacity as President, together with the CCLAC Secretariat team, I wish you every success in our twenty-third regional meeting.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [cclac.ecuador@gmail.com](mailto:cclac.ecuador@gmail.com).

Receive a warm embrace from the Middle of the World.

Sincerely,

**Rommel Betancourt**  
*Presidente CCLAC*

