Dear Friends and Codex Family

I hope you are all well. I am pleased to formally invite you to the 22nd Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV22) which will be held virtually from April 25-29, 2022. The adoption of the report will be held on May 4, 2022.

In addition, a pre-session meeting will be held on April 21, 2022 to address some recommendations for first-time delegates and important aspects for effective participation.

This will be the first time that the CCFFV will be held virtually with a three-hour schedule each day. Since the time is limited compared to the face-to-face sessions, the strategy is to hold informal virtual working groups (VWGs), which will be led by the chairs of the electronic working groups (EWGs) and will have the purpose of attending to the comments of the members on the proposed documents, which can be consulted on the Codex Alimentarius web page. Your participation in the VWGs is paramount for us, these will be held on the following dates:

i) Proposed Draft Standard for Berries: March 30, 2022
ii) Proposed Draft Standard for Fresh Dates: March 31, 2022
iii) Proposed draft standard for Onions and Shallots: April 8, 2022

All interested parties are kindly invited to register in the Online Registration System (ORS) through their National Point of Contact or contact the Codex Secretariat at codex@fao.org with any questions.

I am certain that the proposed drafts that we will review within our Committee will successfully and satisfactorily move forward in the process of CODEX steps, which will contribute to and strengthen fair practices in trading, as well as the safety and quality of the food that we consume in every corner of the world.

We look forward to meeting all of you in light of our commitment to international food trade,

Sincerely,

Alfonso Guati-Rojo Sánchez
Chairman of the CCFFV