



## CCFFV22

Dear Friends and Codex Family

I hope you are all well. I am pleased to formally invite you to the **22<sup>nd</sup> 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 hold **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](mailto: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

