



## SIDE EVENT

### FAO/WHO Diagnostic Tool for National Codex Programmes

14 November 2019, 14:00-17:00

Rome, Italy

#### VENUE

King Faisal Room, Building D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
FAO Headquarters

#### OBJECTIVE

- Assist countries from the Near East region in understanding and effectively using the “Diagnostic Tool for Assessing Status of National Codex Programmes” (Codex Diagnostic Tool, CDT)
- Assist with identifying the areas to be strengthened through capacity development for an effective and efficient National Codex programme

#### FACILITATORS

- Dirk Schulz, Food Safety Assessment Officer (FAO-AGFF);
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- Jozimo Santos Rocha, Agro-Industry officer (FAORNE),
- Philippe Verger, Advisor Food Safety (WHO/EMRO/CEHA)

#### RESOURCES

- FAO/WHO Diagnostic Tool for Assessing the Status of National Codex Programmes: [https://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas\\_work/food-standard/DiagnosticTool-En.pdf?ua=1](https://www.who.int/foodsafety/areas_work/food-standard/DiagnosticTool-En.pdf?ua=1)
- Online Information Session on WHO/FAO Codex Trust Fund: <https://youtu.be/AC5iQWXwvWc>
- Webinar “Making best use of the FAO/WHO Codex Diagnostic Tool”: <https://youtu.be/WMAolqrDo2Q>

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Time	Session	Presenter
<b>14h00–14h05</b> (5 min)	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	FAO, WHO
<b>14h05–14h45</b> (40 min)	<b>The “Diagnostic Tool for Assessing the Status of National Codex Programmes” (The Codex Diagnostic Tool)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What it is, who can use it, how to use it</li> <li>- Elements and sub-elements to be assessed</li> <li>- National consultative process, who must be involved?</li> </ul>	FAO
<b>14h45-15h00</b> (15 min)	<b>Questions &amp; Answers (Q&amp;A)</b>	All participants
<b>15h00-15h20</b> (20 min)	<b>Country experiences in using the Codex Diagnostic Tool</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback from countries on CDT use &amp; challenges faced</li> </ul>	2 countries
<b>15h20-16h20</b> (60 min)	<b>Setting an effective national consultative process (Group work)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mechanisms and Processes for consultation, communication &amp; management of Codex work</li> <li>- Knowledge and understanding of Codex work</li> <li>- Policy framework and maximizing use of Codex work at the national level</li> </ul>	All participants
<b>16h20-16h50</b> (30 min)	<b>Feedback from groups, Q&amp;A, discussion</b>	All participants
<b>16h50-17h00</b> (10 min)	<b>Wrap up and closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final points</li> <li>- Feedback from participants on possible follow-up</li> </ul>	FAO, WHO, All participants