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COMMENTS OF SUDAN

- SUDAN appreciates the opportunity to submit information as requested by the Codex Secretariat on visa issuance problems when encounter to attend Codex meetings. We note that this subject was proposed by Cameroon and flagged under “Other Business (Agenda Item 13)” during CAC38, but it was not discussed due to time constraints. The Commission noted this agenda item and Sudan welcome the fact that this will be discussed at the CAC39.
- Embassies which are not present or acting in Sudan, requires our delegates to communicate with or physically present themselves at the consular offices of the host government in Egypt. This process is costly, time-consuming and may present logistical challenges
- Considerable delays in the issuance of visas from some host countries, even when sometimes visa arrangement starts in suitable time.
- Some host countries require additional information from there related ministries, For example A letter of clearance from the Ministry of home Affairs, Political Clearance for organizing the Second Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) from September 14-18, 2015 delayed our delegates and cancelled their participation to the meeting due to the un received letter from the host country.

Table1: Analysis of countries hosting Codex committees and with Embassies or High Commission in Sudan

CODEX COMMITTEE	HOST COUNTRY	EMBASSY/HIGH COMMISSION IN SUDAN	EMBASSY/HIGH COMMISSION IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES
CCFO Fats and Oils	Malaysia	YES	
CCFFP Fish and Fishery Products	Norway	NO Embassy	IN EGYPT
CCFFV Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Mexico	NO EMBASSY	IN EGYPT
CCMMP Milk and Milk Products	New Zealand	NO EMBASSY	IN EGYPT
CCPFV Processed Fruits and Vegetables	United States of America	YES	
CCS Sugars	Colombia (working by Correspondence since 2011)	NO EMBASSY	IN EGYPT
CCSCH Spices and Culinary Herbs	India	YES	
CCRVDV Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods	United States of America	YES	
CCPR Pesticide Residues	China	YES	

CCNFSDU Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses	Germany	Embassy Not Acting	TO GO THROUGH OTHER SCHENGEN COUNTRIES VISA
CCMAS Methods of Analysis and Sampling	Hungary		
CCGP General Principles	France	YES	
CCFL Food Labelling	Canada		
CCFICS Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems	Australia		
CCFH Food Hygiene	United States of America		
CCFA Food Additives	China		
CCCF Contaminants in Foods	Netherlands	YES	
CAC Codex Alimentarius Commission	Italy, Switzerland		
CCEXEC Executive Committee	Italy, Switzerland	YES	
CCCPC Cocoa Products and Chocolate	Switzerland		
CCCPL Cereals, Pulses and Legumes	United States of America	YES	
CCNMW Natural Mineral Waters	Switzerland	YES	
CCVP Vegetable Proteins	Canada	NO	In Egypt

Conclusion:

Sudan which to support the recommendation requesting that host countries should agree to provide visas upon arrival to delegates registered through the current online registration by the Codex Secretariat