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**SUSTAINABILITY OF FOOD SYSTEMS AND THE ROLE OF CODEX**

*Comments of Norway*

- Norway as a participant of the first-ever UN Food Systems Summit in 2021 strongly support the outcome confirming that sustainable food systems are critical for delivering on all the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Furthermore, we are fully committed to delivering on the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in promoting the global transition to sustainable food systems in international standardisation bodies and relevant multilateral fora, including to promote safe food, reduced carbon and environmental footprints, animal welfare and the fight against antimicrobial resistance
- We also encourage the ongoing update of the FAO and WHO food safety strategies, which both duly acknowledge the link between food safety and the SDGs as well as the importance of applying a One Health approach throughout the risk analysis process
- A One-Health approach, recognizing the strong interconnection between human health, the health of animals and plants, and the environment, is identified as vital for resilient economies. Several elements of the One-Health triad fall under the Codex mandate and the global transition towards sustainable food system.
- Codex with its dual mandate has a unique and critical role in the global transition towards sustainable food systems, among other through promoting new food sources and production systems, and we support these ongoing discussions in Codex.
- We would also support discussions on possible actions related to food standards being potent contributors to sustainable food systems as Codex could play an even more important role in supporting sustainability objectives in food systems.
- We would suggest shaping a work programme addressing how Codex could become even more relevant to the global transition towards sustainable food systems.
- We also underline the need for more cooperation between different authorities when engaging in development of sustainable and resilient food control systems.