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REPORT OF THE SECOND PHYSICAL MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

(Prepared by the Chairperson of the sub-committee)

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. The second strategic planning sub-committee of CCEXEC held its second physical meeting at Domaine de Penthes, Geneva, on 30 June 2019. The discussions focussed on three areas in line with the meeting agenda (Appendix I). The list of participants is provided in Appendix II.

1.2. In the interests of transparency, this document provides a short summary of the discussions namely:

- the assessment by the sub-committee of the work it had done against the terms of reference set by CCEXEC76, with reference to the inclusive and consultative process used;
- a summary of the discussion of possible objectives for the discussion of the draft Strategic Plan 2020-2025 at CCEXEC; and
- the reflections on the positive aspects of the process for development of the draft strategic plan, and aspects we might learn from it for the future

and should be read in conjunction with the report of the second strategic planning sub-committee (CX/EXEC 19/77/3).

2. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

2.1. The invitation to the sub-committee meeting recalled its establishment by CCEXEC76 and that much progress has been made on the draft Strategic Plan 2020-2025 in the interim. In opening the meeting Guilherme da Costa, Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, thanked all participants for their inputs to date and their focus on improving the draft plan. Steve Wearne, Chairperson of the sub-committee, added his thanks to members of the sub-committee and particularly to Mariam Eid who has acted as alternative Chairperson of the sub-committee.

2.2. The sub-committee assessed its work and achievements against its terms of reference (Appendix III of REP19/EXEC1) and CCEXEC's statement on inclusiveness and timeliness in development of the draft Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (Appendix II of REP19/EXEC1). Participants agreed that the sub-committee had fulfilled its terms of reference and, as directed by CAC, had taken the Strategic Plan 2014-2019 as its starting point. Participants noted the comments that had emerged in consultation which focused on the lack of evaluation of the current plan, and highlighted that the Secretariat provided an annual assessment to CCEXEC of progress in delivery of the strategic plan which had identified the difficulties associated with measurement of the indicators in the current strategic plan. It was noted that enhanced communication on the monitoring of the implementation of the current strategic plan to Codex Members outside of CCEXEC may be useful. Participants agreed that the work of the sub-committee had been transparent and inclusive and had achieved a high level of engagement by Member countries and Observers. In deciding to focus on strategic goals and objectives rather than specific activities, participants noted that the sub-committee had developed a draft strategic plan which allowed flexibility in its implementation.

2.3. Participants discussed how we might most effectively use the time available for discussion of the draft strategic plan at CCEXEC77, informed by feedback from Member countries and the emerging co-ordinated positions of regions. In summary, participants agreed that CCEXEC should look to resolve as many as possible of the issues in square brackets in the draft strategic plan, through providing clear recommendations to CAC42.

Participants agreed that, in undertaking this work, CCEXEC should have the aim of keeping the text simple wherever possible.

2.4. The following were identified as particular areas of the draft strategic plan that CCEXEC77 might focus on:

- core values and drivers of change;
- mission, vision, and the titles of the strategic goals.

2.5. Participants reflected on the positive aspects of the process for development of the draft strategic plan, and aspects we might learn from. Participants agreed the value of the December 2019 sub-committee workshop in fostering shared ownership of the draft strategic plan, facilitating understanding among participants from different geographical regions and for the delivery of a high quality product.

2.6. Participants agreed that Regional Co-ordinators had played a key role in the success of regional physical meetings and also in advocating for Member countries to respond to Circular Letters. There was agreement that the regional meetings organised as side events at the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) in March 2019 achieved the objective of broad-based regional consultation on the draft strategic plan, and had informed comments received from Member countries on the draft and the adoption of regional positions. Meetings in the margins of technical subsidiary bodies, together with consultation of national experts in the process of developing national positions, as well as chairs of Codex subsidiary bodies, achieved the objective of engaging people involved in the day-to-day work of standards development.

2.7. In thinking about how the process could be further improved, participants identified the benefits of cross-regional discussions in facilitated groups.

2.8. Participants also noted the feedback from Nigeria, which indicated that the process of development of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 had already developed benefits through the engagement of regional and national FAO and WHO representatives, who had brought their expertise and knowledge to bear on the development of sustainable national Codex infrastructure.

3. MOVING FORWARD

3.1. In closing comments, it was agreed that CCEXEC77 should:

- clarify the process through which evaluation of the Strategic Plan 2014-2019 would be completed;
- clarify processes for construction of the supporting work plan, should the draft Strategic Plan 2020-2025 be adopted by CAC42, noting that facilitation of discussions at the forthcoming Regional Co-ordinating Committee meetings would be key, and
- consider establishing a sub-committee to guide and oversee the development of the workplan for the implementation of the strategic plan 2020-2025.

**PHYSICAL MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE OF
THE CODEX EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

30 June 2019, 15.00 – 18.00

Room “Le Grenier”

**Domaine de Penthes, 18, chemin de l’Impératrice, CH – 1292 Pregny-Chambésy
Geneva, Switzerland**

DRAFT AGENDA

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| 15.00-15.15 | Opening and Introduction |
| 15.15-15.30 | Assessment of the work of the sub-committee against its terms of reference (Appendix III of REP19/EXEC1) and CCEXEC’s statement on inclusiveness and timeliness in the development of the strategic plan (Appendix II of REP19/EXEC1) |
| 15.30-17.00 | Feedback from sub-committee members on the draft of the strategic plan that is to be considered by CAC; Share any intelligence on the general views of Codex member or regions on the draft strategic plan, and on positions that Codex members may take in the CAC discussion; Identify any significant issues that could hinder adoption at CAC and discuss how we might engage with Codex members to mitigate these risks in advance of CAC; Reflect on our shared ambition of the sub-committee that the draft strategic plan be endorsed by CAC42. |
| 17.00-17.30 | Effective use the time available for discussion of the strategic plan at CCEXEC77 |
| 17.30-17.50 | Reflect on the positive aspects of the process we evolved and adopted for development of the draft strategic plan, and on any aspects we should learn from |
| 17.50 | Form and content of formal feedback to CCEXEC77 (Chairpersons summary, CRD) |
| 18.00 | Close of meeting and dinner |

Appendix II – List of Participants**CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Ms Mariam Eid, Head of Agro-Industries Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon

MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

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Mr Sunil Bakshi, Advisor (Codex / Regulations), Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, India

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