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ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS, MEMBERS ELECTED ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS AND APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATORS

1. ELECTIONS

1.1. Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

1.2 For the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, the Rules of procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) as contained in the Procedural manual¹ apply (see specifically Rule III) as well as the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic texts (2017 edition).² The following are explanatory notes to these rules in light of the present situation.

1.3 In accordance with Rule III.1 of the Rules of procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the 47th Session of the Commission (CAC47) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC47 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (CAC48 [2025]).

Chairperson

1.4 The present Chairperson, Mr Steve Wearne (United Kingdom) is **not eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC44 and thus having already served for three regular terms (2021-2024).

Vice-Chairpersons

1.5 The present Vice-Chairpersons, Mr Allan Azegele (Kenya), Mr Raj Rajasekar (New Zealand), and Mr Diego Varela (Chile), are **not eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC44 and thus having already served for three regular terms (2021-2024). The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, **eligible** for election to the position of Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2. Members elected on a geographical basis to the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2.1 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of CAC are, respectively, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Executive Committee has, in addition to the foregoing Officers and the Coordinators appointed on the basis of Rule IV of the Rules of procedure, seven further Members elected by CAC from among Members of CAC, one each coming from the following geographic locations: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and South-West Pacific. The term of office of these Members is equal to two regular sessions of CAC and they are eligible for re-election only if they have not served for more than two years in their current term. However, after having served two consecutive terms, they shall be ineligible for the next succeeding term.

¹ Available at <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/publications/en/>

² Available at http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2

2.2 CAC46 (2023) elected/re-elected by general consent the following Members of the Executive Committee on a geographic basis for the period from the end of CAC46 to the end of the second succeeding regular session of the Commission (CAC48):

- Africa: Morocco (Kingdom of) (elected);
- Asia: India (elected);
- Europe: Finland (re-elected);
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Costa Rica (elected);
- Near East: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (re-elected);
- North America: Canada (re-elected);
- South-West Pacific: Vanuatu (re-elected)

2.3 Therefore, no elections are currently scheduled for these positions at CAC47. Members elected on a geographical basis are, nevertheless, **eligible** for election to the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

2.4 Rule V.1 of the Rules of procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission prescribes that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee. In accordance with Rule VI.1, should a delegate from one of the countries listed in paragraph 2.2 above be elected as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the Members of the Commission that constitute the region or group of countries concerned will be invited to propose a new nomination.

3. Nomination periods and order of elections

3.1 The nomination periods for the election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Member elected on a geographical basis are only open at the Commission session in accordance with Table 1 below. The table also gives the times for elections by secret ballot should there be more than one candidate per elective position.

Table 1. Nomination periods

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Chairperson	Monday, 25 November 15.00 CET	Tuesday, 26 November 10.00 CET	Tuesday, 26 November 15.00 CET
Vice-Chairpersons	Tuesday, 26 November 18.00 CET	Wednesday, 27 November 13.00 CET	Wednesday, 27 November 15.00 CET

3.2 In line with paragraph 2.4 above, should a nomination for the position of Member elected on a geographical basis be necessary, the nomination period is contained in Table 2 below.

Table 2

Position	Nomination period opens	Nomination period closes	Election by secret ballot (if needed)
Member of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis	Wednesday, 27 November 2024 18.00h	Thursday, 28 November 2024 13.00h	Thursday, 28 November 2024 15.00h

3.3 The sequence of elections outlined above is established in order to ensure consistency with Rule V.1 of the Codex Rules of procedure.

3.4 Note on procedure and voting

3.5 The complete list of Codex Rules on procedure and voting can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website under “Elections and appointments”.³

4. Officers of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Members of the Executive Committee

4.1 The complete list of the officers of CAC and Members of the Executive Committee from 1963 to the present can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website.⁴

5. Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

5.1 The complete list of the Members of CAC as of August 2024 can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website.⁵

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE COORDINATORS

6.1 The appointment of the Coordinators is regulated by the Rules of procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as contained in the Procedural manual (see specifically Rules IV and V), as well as the GRO as contained in Volume I of the FAO Basic texts (2017 edition).

6.2 Rule IV.2 of the Codex Rules of procedure states that “[i]n principle, [Coordinators] shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee (...) and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission”.

6.3 By the time of CAC47, only two Coordinating Committees met, namely, the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO) (May 2024) and the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC) (July 2024).

6.4 The next sessions of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa (CCAFRICA), the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA), the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and South-West Pacific (CCNASWP) and the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Near East (CCNE) are scheduled to take place in 2025.

6.5 In accordance with Rule IV.2 of the Codex Rules of procedure, and on the basis of the nominations made by the relevant Coordinating Committees, CAC45 (2023) appointed Germany (Europe) and re-appointed Ecuador (Latin America and the Caribbean) as Coordinators for their respective regions, to hold office from the end of CAC45 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee.⁶

7. Proposed action by the Commission for the appointment/re-appointment of the Coordinators for Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean

7.1 The CCEURO has nominated the current Coordinator, Germany for re-appointment (REP24/EURO, paragraph 76). Germany, having served only one term, is **eligible** for re-appointment.

7.2 The current Coordinator for CCLAC, Ecuador, has already served two consecutive mandates and therefore is **not eligible** for nomination. CCLAC23 has nominated Uruguay as the next Coordinator for CCLAC. Uruguay has agreed to the nomination (REP24/LAC, paragraph 103).

7.3 Accordingly, the Commission is invited to re-appoint Germany as Coordinator for Europe, and appoint Uruguay as Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean.

7.4 The terms of the appointed/re-appointed Coordinators will begin at the end of CAC47 and run until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant Coordinating Committee.

7.5 In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Codex Rules of procedure, should the election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons or the Members of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis result in a member of the Executive Committee being from a country that is also nominated or appointed as a Coordinator, the Members of the Commission that constitute the region or group of countries concerned will be invited to propose a new nomination .

³ <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/executive-committee/ccexec-elections/en/>

⁴ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/executive-committee/history-exec/en/>

⁵ <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/about-codex/members/en/>

⁶ REP22/CAC, paras 215-216.