



**JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME
CODEx COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

Thirty-third Session

Bordeaux, France

2-6 October 2023

Prepared by CCLAC Coordinator, Argentina, Brazil and Costa Rica.

Supported by Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay and Trinidad and Tobago

The Codex Secretariat and the Chair of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) are thanked for their hard work in preparing the documents and for all the steps taken to hold the 33rd Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP). CCGP Meeting.

We recognize that eventualities and unforeseen circumstances have arisen that have made it difficult to prepare and translate the documents on time, in compliance with the twenty-seventh edition of the Procedural Manual, section 3 of which states the following:

"The Chairman of the Committee in question shall send the documents for a meeting at least two months before the meeting begins..."

Nevertheless, the countries that adhere to this conference room paper wish to reaffirm the importance of having the documents on time and in Spanish, taking into account the additional challenges faced by the LAC countries and the efforts they make to prepare their participation in an effective manner.

They also wish to express their concern about the repeated failure to comply with the Procedural Manual on the availability of documents in time and in Spanish in the various Codex committees, making it difficult to obtain conclusive and fruitful results in the technical discussions in the Codex subsidiary or decision-making bodies.

Finally, the following is the timetable for making information available for information and reflection:

1. July 5, 2023: The Codex Secretariat sends through official channels the invitation to the Thirty-third Session of the Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP) to be held in person from October 2 to 6, 2023 in Bordeaux, France.

2. On September 12, 2023, the Codex Secretariat completes the publication of the English version of the documents available to Members on the official Codex platform (item 5: September 8, 2023, item 6: August 31, 2023, item 7: September 12, 2023).