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NOMINATION OF THE COORDINATOR FOR NORTH AMERICA AND THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. The procedures governing the appointment of a Coordinator, as amended by the 30th Session of the Commission (2007) and approved by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO, are laid down in Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC).
2. The amended Rule IV reads as follows:
 - IV.1 The Commission may appoint a Coordinator from among the Members of the Commission for any of the geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 (hereinafter referred to as “regions”) or for any group of countries specifically enumerated by the Commission (hereinafter referred to as “groups of countries”), whenever it may find, on the basis of a proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group, that work for the Codex Alimentarius in the countries concerned so requires.
 - IV.2 Appointment of Coordinators shall be made exclusively on the proposal of a majority of the Members of the Commission which constitute the region or group of countries concerned. In principle, they shall be nominated at each session of the relevant Coordinating Committee established under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) and appointed at the following regular session of the Commission. They shall hold office from the end of this session. Coordinators may be reappointed for a second term. The Commission shall make such arrangements as may be necessary in order to ensure continuity in the functions of the Coordinators.
 - IV.3 The functions of the Coordinators shall be:
 - (i) to appoint the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee where such committee has been set up under Rule XI.1(b)(ii) for the region or group of countries concerned;
 - (ii) to assist and coordinate the work of the Codex Committees set up under Rules XI.1(b)(i) in their region or group of countries in the preparation of draft standards, guidelines and other recommendations for submission to the Commission.
 - (iii) to assist the Executive Committee and the Commission, as required, by advising them of the views of countries and recognized regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in their respective regions on matters under discussion or of interest.
3. In accordance with Rule V.1 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by CAC28 (2005), the Coordinators serve as members in the Executive Committee, together with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons as well as seven further members elected on a geographic basis. The geographic locations enumerated in Rule V.1 are as follows: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and the South West Pacific. The same Rule provides that no more than one delegate from any country shall be a member of the Executive Committee¹.

¹ This means that the Coordinators, during their appointment, cannot serve as members elected on a geographic basis.

4. At the time of writing, 14 Member countries of the Codex Alimentarius Commission belong to the Region of North America and the South West Pacific:

Australia	New Zealand
Canada	Papua New Guinea
Cook Islands	Samoa
Fiji	Solomon Islands
Kiribati	Tonga
Micronesia, Federated States of	United States of America
Nauru	Vanuatu

5. CAC43 (2020) appointed Fiji as Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific² and CAC46 (2023) re-appointed Fiji as Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific.³

6. Fiji, having served for two terms, is not eligible for re-appointment.

7. The Committee **is invited to nominate** a Coordinator for North America and the South West Pacific (one of the Members on the list above) for appointment by CAC48 (2025).

8. A full list of Coordinators for North America and the South West Pacific since the establishment of CCNASWP is given in the table below.

Coordinators for North America and the South West Pacific

Coordinator	Year of appointment	CAC Session	Duration appointment
USA	1989	18th CAC	From end of 18th to end of 19th CAC
Australia	1991	19th CAC	From end of 19th to end of 20th CAC
Canada	1993	20th CAC	From end of 20th to end of 21st CAC
New Zealand	1995	21st CAC	From end of 21st to end of 22nd CAC
USA	1997	22nd CAC	From end of 22nd to end of 23rd CAC
Australia	1999	23rd CAC	From end of 23rd to end of 24th CAC
Canada	2001	24th CAC	From end of 24th to end of 26th CAC
Samoa	2003	26th CAC	From end of 26th to end of 28th CAC
Samoa	2005	28th CAC	From end of 28th to end of 30th CAC
Tonga	2007	30th CAC	From end of 30th to end of 32nd CAC
Tonga	2009	32nd CAC	From end of 32nd to end of 34th CAC
Papua New Guinea	2011	34th CAC	From end of 34th to end of 36th CAC
Papua New Guinea	2013	36th CAC	From end of 36th to end of 38th CAC
Vanuatu	2015	38th CAC	From end of 38th to end of 40th CAC
Vanuatu	2017	40th CAC	From end of 40th to end of 43rd CAC ⁴
Fiji	2020	43rd CAC	From end of 43rd to end of 46th CAC
Fiji	2023	46 th CAC	From end of 46 th to end of 48th CAC

² REP20/CAC, paragraph 164.

³ REP23/CAC, paragraph 224.

⁴ For a total of three years, due to the postponement of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees Meetings in 2018.