



## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEx ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

#### Forty-ninth Session

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### ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

#### 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 *Codex Procedural Manual*<sup>1</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup> 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 49th Session of the Commission (CAC49) will elect a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons to hold office from the end of CAC49 to the end of the next regular session of the Commission (CAC50 [2027]).

##### Chairperson

1.4 The present Chairperson, Mr Allan Azegale (Kenya) is **eligible** for re-election as Chairperson of the Commission, having been elected at CAC47 (2024) and re-elected at CAC48 (2025) and having served for two terms which have not exceeded two years.

##### Vice-Chairpersons

1.5 The present Vice-Chairpersons, Dr. Jing Tian (China), Mr. Khalid Al Zahrani (Saudi Arabia) and Ms. Betül Vazgeçer (Türkiye), are **eligible** for re-election as Vice-Chairpersons, all having been elected at CAC47 and re-elected at CAC48 (2025) and having served for two terms which have not exceeded two years. The Vice-Chairpersons are, nevertheless, also **eligible** for 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.

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

<sup>2</sup> Available at [http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6\\_2](http://www.fao.org/3/a-mp046e.pdf#P6_2)

2.2 CAC48 (2025) elected or re-elected by general consent the following Members of CCEXEC on a geographic basis for the period from the end of its present session to the end of the second succeeding regular session of the Commission, CAC50 (2027):

- **Africa:** Morocco (re-elected)
- **Asia:** India (re-elected)
- **Europe:** Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (elected)
- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** Costa Rica (re-elected)
- **Near East:** United Arab Emirates (elected)
- **North America:** United States of America (elected)
- **South-West Pacific:** Australia (re-elected)

2.3 Therefore, no elections are currently scheduled for these positions at CAC49. Members elected on a geographical basis are, nevertheless, **eligible** for election to the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of CAC.

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**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination period opens</b>	<b>Nomination period closes</b>	<b>Election by secret ballot (if needed)</b>
Chairperson	Monday, 6 July 11.00 CEST	Monday, 6 July 15.00 CEST	Tuesday, 7 July 10.00 CEST
Vice-Chairpersons	Tuesday, 7 July 13.00 CEST (or 10.00 CEST if no election by secret ballot for Chairperson is required)	Tuesday, 7 July 15.00 CEST	Wednesday, 8 July 10.00 CEST

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**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination period opens</b>	<b>Nomination period closes</b>	<b>Election by secret ballot (if needed)</b>
Member of the Executive Committee elected on a geographical basis	Wednesday, 8 July 13.00 CEST (or 10.00 CEST if no election by secret ballot for Chairperson is required)	Wednesday, 8 July 15.00 CEST	Wednesday, 8 July 18.00 CEST

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”.<sup>3</sup>

### 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.<sup>4</sup>

### 5. Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

5.1 The complete list of the Members of CAC as of May 2026 can be found on the Codex Alimentarius website.<sup>5</sup>

### 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 *Codex 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 CAC47 (2024) agreed that the following Coordinators were appointed/re-appointed “to hold office from the end of CAC47 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant coordinating committee”:

- **CCASIA:** Japan (appointed)
- **CCEURO:** Germany (re-appointed)
- **CCLAC:** Uruguay (appointed)
- **CCNE:** Oman (appointed)

6.4 CAC48 (2025) agreed that the following Coordinators were appointed/re-appointed “to hold office from the end of CAC48 until the end of the first regular session of the Commission following the next session of the relevant coordinating committee”:

- **CCAFRICA:** The Gambia (appointed)
- **CCNASWP:** Cook Islands (appointed)
- **CCASIA:** Japan (re-appointed)
- **CCNE:** Oman (re-appointed)

6.5 Therefore, noting that no coordinating committee met in the period comprised between CAC48 and CAC49, no appointments are currently scheduled for these positions at CAC49. Coordinators are, nevertheless, **eligible** for election to the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

6.6 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 paragraphs 6.3 and 6.4 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 for appointment.

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

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

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