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**CODEX
ALIMENTARIUS**
INTERNATIONAL FOOD STANDARDS

الهيئة العامة للغذاء والدواء
Saudi Food & Drug Authority



An informal virtual meeting of the Coordinating Committee for the Near East

Wednesday, 7 April 2021

3:00 PM (Rome and Cairo)

3:00 PM (Beirut and Riyadh)

4:30 PM (Tehran)

1:00 PM (Tunisia)



Simultaneous interpretation is available
in **English, French and Arabic**



2 - 3 hours



via "Zoom"

Purpose

To bring members of the region together to review ongoing work and strengthen communication and collaboration in the region.

Programme

1	Introduction by Regional Coordinator	3-5 mins.
2	Speech by CEO of Saudi Food & Drug Authority - the host	5 mins.
3	Matters related to Codex - Update	3-5 mins.
4	Agenda and Expectations for the region	15 mins.
5	CCNE workplan - Update and discussion	30 mins.
6	Communication plan between countries in the region and discussion	20 mins.
7	Briefing on the status of the Electronic Working Groups (EWGs) on Mammoul and food additives established by CCNE10	30 mins.
8	FAO and WHO Food Safety Strategies - Update	20 mins.
9	World Food Safety Day 2021	10 mins.
10	Final Discussion and Moving Forward	10 mins.



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Meeting Objectives

- Develop and strengthen Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees.
- Strengthen communication and coordination amongst CCNE members, with other regions and the Codex Secretariat.
- Strengthen the exchange of scientific and technical expertise amongst experienced and less experienced countries in the region.
- Promote use of Codex standards as a basis for national legislation and regulations.
- Develop and/or review Codex standards taking into account regional interests.
- Create awareness on the updated regional work plan to support implementation of the Codex Strategic Plan, Including FAO and WHO led initiatives.
- Update Member Countries on FAO and WHO Food Safety Strategies.
- Collect all the relevant opinions and overviews from the region members.



REGISTERING AND JOINING MEETING

To ensure your ability to join this meeting, it is important to **register yourself in advance for the meeting via Zoom** at the following link:

<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwodOiorDgiG9AN5VyboJfjvsK1N0hWbDLK>

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please include your name, e-mail, organization or country. After you register, you will receive an email with details on how to join the meeting on April 7th. Please keep this message as it is for each participant. Everyone who wants to join the meeting must register in order to participate. The meeting will be open 15 minutes before its official time to help the participants if needed.

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Ensure that you have downloaded the latest version of zoom. For more information visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>
- Mute your microphone when not speaking.
- Raise your hand when you attempt to speak, so the chairman can ensure the right of everyone to speak (this function is available in the panel at the bottom of the page by clicking on the Reactions button and then choosing the hand-shaped icon).
- Click the “Chat” button for proposing & ask questions.
- Refer to the attached instructions to help you participating in the meeting, especially regarding the use of interpretation channels.

For more information on preparing for and joining Codex Virtual Meetings click [here](#) for the Quick Start Guide and [here](#) for Guidance for Participants to Virtual Meetings of Codex Subsidiary Bodies.

The **Zoom help center page** for using zoom is available at the following link:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

Note: The discussions will be recorded to facilitate the preparation of the virtual meeting minutes in English only.