



Webinar

Monday, 20
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12:00-14:00 CEST

Languages: English, French and Spanish

Observers in Codex – roles, rules and resources

Background

Governmental and non-governmental, public and private organizations alike play a vital role in ensuring Codex texts are of the highest quality and based on sound science. The Codex Alimentarius has been described as unique in the way it works in a spirit of openness, collaboration and transparency with Observer organizations who directly contribute to the standard-setting process.

Objective

The main objective of this live event is to stress the importance of active participation of Observers in Codex work, and explore how they are adapting to the virtual setting. In addition to clarifying the rules that regulate the membership of Codex Observers, the webinar will also address issues related to their role in Codex meetings. The round table discussion will ask Observers what they have learnt from a year of virtual meetings and how we could build on those lessons for the benefit of all those in Codex. The Codex Secretariat will also provide participants with more information on the forthcoming review of Codex Observers and answer questions from the floor.

PROGRAMME

- 1 **Welcome and objectives**
Sarah Cahill, Senior Food Standards Officer, Codex Secretariat

- 2 **Codex and Observers: history, rules and related activities**
Tom Heilandt, Codex Secretariat

- 3 **How can Codex Observers contribute to the aims of the Commission?**
Provisional list of round table participants
Alison Fleet, UNICEF
Jean Christophe Kremer, International Special Dietary Foods Industries
Emilio Esteban, Chairperson of CCFH
Jane Badham, Hellen Keller International
Scott Tips, National Health Federation
Maia Jack, International Council of Beverages Associations
Simon Pettman, International Alliance of Dietary/Food Supplement Associations

- 4 **Q & A session**

- 5 **Closing remarks**

Moderator
David Massey, Codex Secretariat

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