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# CODEX INITIATIVE INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

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# Introduction of the Initiative





- Initiative implemented by the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS) and Land O'Lakes Venture37.
- Partners with Food Science Organizations and National Codex Committees across Asia.
- Funded by the U.S. Codex Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- The U.S. Codex Office (USCO) is housed in the Office of the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at USDA and manages the planning, policy development, support and coordination for U.S. involvement in Codex.
- The USCO's mission is to engage stakeholders in the development and advancement of science-based food standards to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade worldwide.
- The USCO conducts international outreach and provides education to promote and support the development of a sustainable global agricultural system and improved international nutrition efforts.

<https://www.usda.gov/codex>

- A not-for-profit organization incorporated according to the laws of the province of Québec and the Canadian Confederation.
- GFORSS aims to promote capacity building initiatives in food regulatory sciences i.e., scientific disciplines that underpin food regulatory decisions and food control systems
- Hosted by the Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Excellence Platform (PARERA) of the Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods of the Université Laval, Quebec Canada
- Board of Directors and Senior Experts comprised of current and former food regulators from across the globe.

# LAND O'LAKES VENTURE37

- Venture37 is a non-profit organization with a mission to help global communities thrive through agriculture.
- For more than 40 years, Venture37 has partnered with governments and donors to strengthen agriculture trade and improve food systems.
- Provided technical support in more than 80 countries across Europe, Asia and Africa.

[www.landolakesventure37.org](http://www.landolakesventure37.org)

# Initiative Objectives





1

## **Promote Effective Participation in Codex**

Collaborate with CCASIA members to enhance countries' effective contribution to international food standard setting, ensuring standards are relevant to the region and its members and upholding Codex values of inclusiveness, transparency and collaboration.

2

## **Enhance Coordination Efforts at the Regional and Sub-Regional Level**

Support coordination efforts by the Coordinator for Asia (CCASIA) and strengthen sub-regional collaboration and coordination structures.

3

## **Enhance Codex Technical Capabilities at the Regional and Country Level**

Partner with CCASIA members and stakeholders to strengthen the technical capacity of Codex Contact points at the country level and to develop and sustain national Codex coordination structures.



# Areas of Support



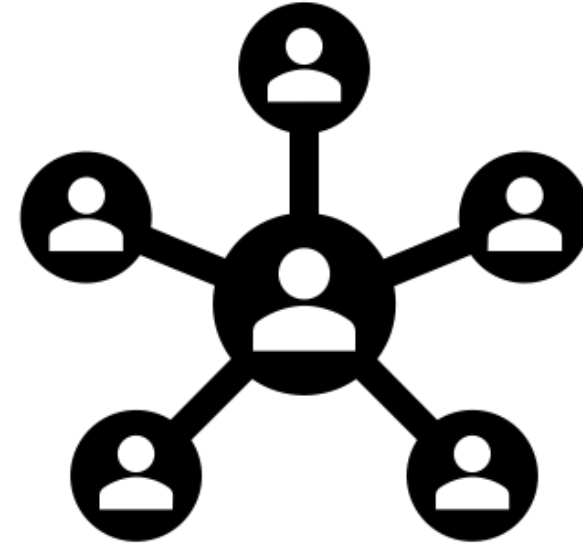
## **AWARENESS RAISING**

Development of training material and delivery of incremental capacity development.



## **SUPPORT SUB-REGIONAL COORDINATION**

Support for sub-regional coordination and regional coordination efforts (led by CCASIA Chair) and regional standards development.



## **DEVELOP “POOL OF EXPERTS”**

Experts from the region who can be drawn upon to support Codex Delegations in development of positions for Codex meetings.



## **INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL CAPACITIES**

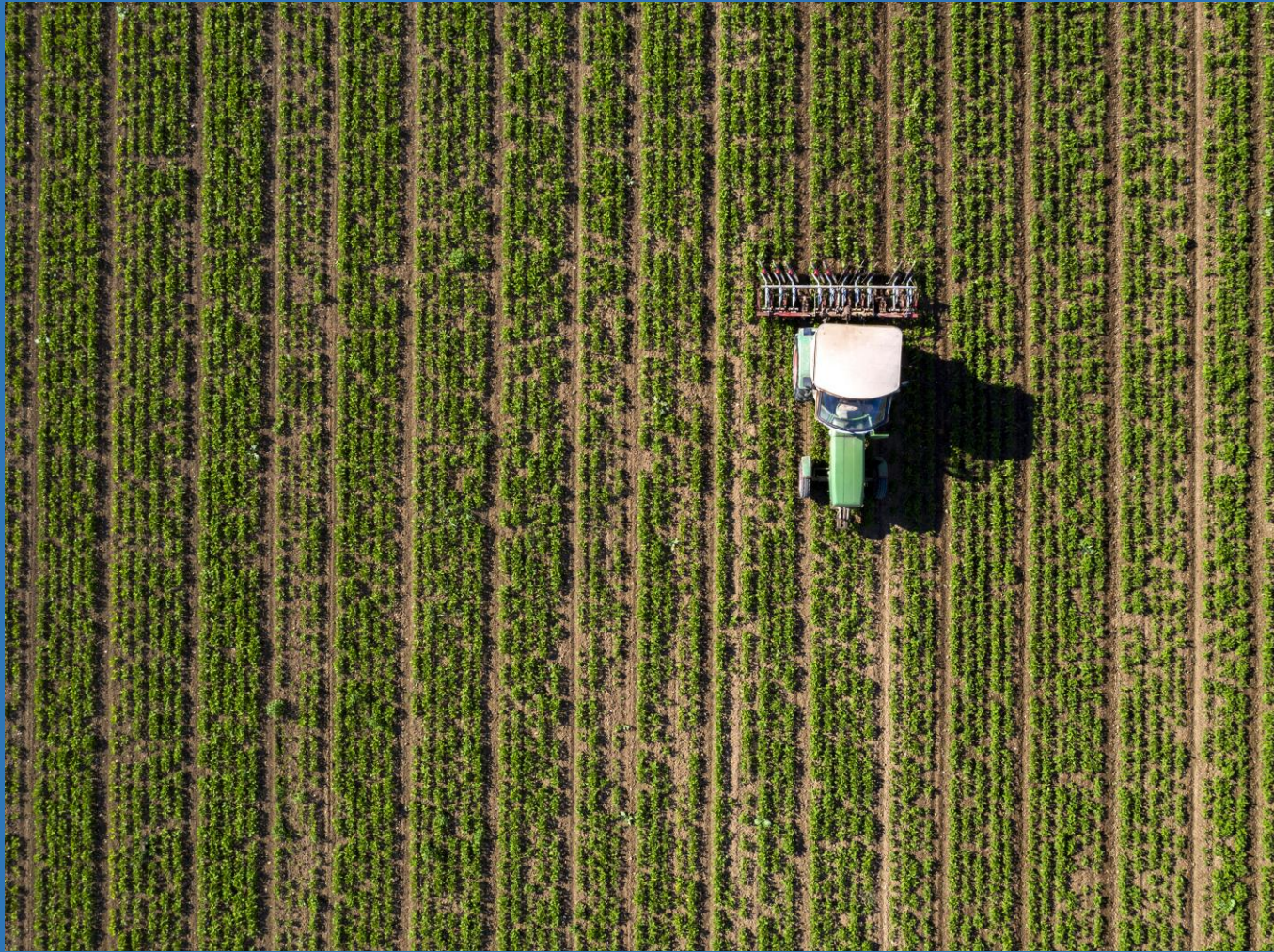
Strengthening of national Codex Contact Points and National Codex Committees.

# Early Opportunities for Collaborating

1. Preparation sessions ahead of upcoming Codex Committees.
2. Organization of virtual and in-person awareness-raising and training sessions on Codex principles and proceedings.
3. Targeted technical assistance for National Codex Committee.







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