



Asia Codex Initiative: Enhancing Codex Capacities in Asia

Partnering with national governments and regional organizations to strengthen engagement in Codex Alimentarius to ensure food standards are globally relevant, protect consumer health, and promote fair trade practices.

The **Asia Codex Initiative** or **Asia Codex** is a capacity building initiative aiming to enhance Codex capacities in countries of the FAO/WHO Codex Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA).

Asia Codex is implemented by the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS) and Landolakes Venture 37, in partnership with science organizations, partners and stakeholders of the region, such as the International Life Science Institute, Southeast Asia (ILSI SEA), and is funded by the US Codex Office (USCO).

Asia Codex Initiative Objectives

- **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
- **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 such as the ASEAN Codex Taskforce
- **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

Targeted Areas of Interventions 2022-2025:

A- Enhance Knowledge and Awareness of Codex Standard Setting:

Develop and deliver tailored training material and direct engagement with Codex Contact points

B- Develop Regional Expertise to Support Effective Contribution to Codex Proceedings

Develop a “Pool of Experts” to support analysis of agenda items of Codex technical meetings and enable the development and coordination of Codex positions at the national and regional levels.

C- Enhance Codex Sub-Regional Collaboration and Coordination Efforts such as the ASEAN Codex Taskforce

Collaborate with existing Codex coordination structures at the sub-regional level such as the ASEAN Codex Taskforce to enhance regional contribution with data and expertise to Codex proceedings

Support added opportunities of engagement and development of collaborations under the leadership of the Coordinator for Asia (CCASIA) and within existing Codex coordination structures, such as the ASEAN Codex Taskforce.

Develop Information and Communication Tools (ICTs) to promote a Codex Community of Practice in the region

D- Invest in National Competencies and Capacities to Strengthen National Codex Contact Points.

Develop tailored interventions for capacity and capability enhancement of national Codex Contact Points in Asia, at the request of member countries and in collaboration with existing regional Codex coordination structures.

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