



## CODEX CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP Towards a National Codex Strategy for Bangladesh

*Agargaon, Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh*

*Dates: 24–25 May 2023*

*9:30 – 15:30*

*Gangchil Hall, National Science and Technology Museum (NMST)*

### An Initiative Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture

#### Introduction

The Codex Capacity Enhancement Workshop – Towards a National Codex Strategy for Bangladesh – aims to gather key opinion leaders from various competent authorities in Bangladesh to:

- Review the importance and impacts of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its Standards in supporting the development of the food control system in Bangladesh.
- Discuss the current contribution of Codex delegates from Bangladesh in the international standard setting process.
- Chart a path forward for a comprehensive Codex strategy for Bangladesh, which will set the direction and steer future investment opportunities to enhance Codex capacities, benefitting Bangladeshi consumers and supporting the food and agriculture sector.

The workshop process will consist of presentations from international experts and moderated discussions and group brainstorming that promote the exchange of ideas and consensus building. Together the participants will work to develop and, if possible, endorse a Codex National Strategy that supports a Codex Capacity Investment Roadmap that could be implemented over 2-3 years.

This initiative is co-implemented by the Food and Agriculture Export Alliance (FAEA) and Bangladesh Trade Facilitation project (BTF), with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Workshop Materials and Collaboration at Food Regulatory Science:

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**Day 1 Agenda**  
**Wednesday 24 May 2023**  
**09:30 – 15:30**

**09:30 – 10:00 Registration and Preparation**

**10:00 – 10:20** Welcome, Setting the Stage, and Introductions  
**Ms. Quamrun Nahar, Senior Technical Advisor SPS, BTF**  
**Opening of Workshop**

Chief Guest Remarks  
**10:20 – 10:35** **Mr. Md. Abdus Sattar, Director General (Grade-1),  
Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI)**

USDA Support for CODEX Strengthening  
**Mr. Michael J Parr, Project Director, BTF**

**10:35 – 10:45** Health and Networking Break

**10:45 – 11:00** Workshop Outline  
**Prof. Samuel Godefroy**

**11:00 – 11:15** National Food Safety Initiative  
**Mr. Muhammad Munir Chowdhury, Director General, NMST**

**11:15 – 12:15**

- Importance of Codex Standard Setting processes and its Impact on the Food Control System
- Review of the Codex Structure, Proceedings and Best Practices for Participation
- Review of the Current Level of Participation of Bangladesh in Codex Proceedings. Q & A Session.

**Prof. Samuel Godefroy**

**12:15 – 13:15**

- Codex Contact Point Activities and Aspiration to Enhance Codex Participation. Q & A Session.
- Current Activities to Utilize Codex in Developing Food Regulatory Decisions in Bangladesh. Q & A Session.
- Review of the outputs of the Capacity Assessment Study Conducted in Bangladesh. Q & A Session.

**Prof. Samuel Godefroy**

**13:15 – 13:30** **Review of Recent Codex Capacity Enhancement Activities**

**Lunch and prayer Opportunity**

**14:00 – 15:00** Areas of Investment in Codex Capacities--Pillars of a National Codex Strategy  
**Facilitated Group Discussions**

**15:00 –** **Honor visit of the NMST as per the invitation of honorable DG, NMST**

**Day 2 Agenda**  
**Thursday, 25 May 2023**  
**09:30 - 15:30**

<b>09.30-10.00</b>	Preparation
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Review of the outputs of Day 1 Activities and Plan of Activities for Day 2 <b>Prof. Samuel Godefroy</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:00</b>	Review of the Outputs of the Breakout / Group discussions of Day 1 and Identification of an Initial Set of Investment Areas under a Codex Strategy for Bangladesh  Each Group Spokesperson from Day 1 introduces the outputs of the discussions recorded and a group discussion will validate areas of investments under the Pillars of a Codex Strategy
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	Health and Networking Break
<b>11.15 – 12:00</b>	Review of Best Practices in the Management of a National Codex Program <b>Prof. Samuel Godefroy</b>
<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	Second Set of Group Discussions: Reviewing Future Directions of a National Codex Program <b>Facilitated Discussions in Groups</b>
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	Review of the outputs of Group Discussions <b>Group Spokespersons</b>

**13.30 – 14:00 Lunch and Networking Opportunity**

<b>14:00 – 14:45</b>	Review a First Draft of the Pillars of a National Codex Strategy for Bangladesh Including Initial activities to be conducted in 2023. <b>Prof. Samuel Godefroy and Group</b>
<b>14:45 – 15:00</b>	<i>Workshop Conclusion highlighting the participation of CODEX.</i> <b>Mr. Monzur Morshed Ahmed Member (Public Health &amp; Nutrition), BFSA</b>

## Biography

### ***Samuel Godefroy, PhD***

Professor, Food Risk and Regulatory Policies, Université Laval, Québec, Canada  
Founder and President, Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS)



Samuel Godefroy is the former Director General of Health Canada's Food Directorate, Canada's Food Standard Setting body and a former Vice Chair of the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission. Samuel is currently serving as a Full Professor of Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Policies in the Department of Food Science, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Université Laval, Québec, QC, Canada and is leading the development of a Food Risk Analysis and Regulatory Excellence Platform (FRAREP), hosted by the Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods (INAF) of Université Laval.

Prof. Godefroy also currently serves as a senior food science and regulatory expert on several advisory bodies and committees internationally, including on the International Advisory Committee of the China Centre for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA). Prof. Godefroy also serves as a strategic and operational advisor to international food safety capacity-building initiatives focused on regulatory enhancement, implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Prof. Godefroy is the founder and the current president of the International Society of Food Regulatory Science, a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in Australia, with the aim to promote food regulatory science disciplines at the international level.

Dr. Godefroy assumed senior food regulatory positions at the executive level with Health Canada for over 15 years.