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## **COMMUNICATION**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Contact:	life.codex@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Working Party on International Food and Agricultural Questions (Codex Alimentarius - General Strategy)
Date:	15 February 2024
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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### **Format 2+2**

#### **1. Presentation of the Belgian Presidency programme**

- 2. International developments and their relevance for Codex work** (UNFSS+2, FAO, WHO, COP28, WTO-SPS committee, bilateral trade agreements)
- *Presentation by the Commission*
  - *Exchange of views*
- 3. Interaction and cooperation on food systems and on Codex work**
- *Cooperation activities on food systems*
    - a) Presentation by the Commission (DG INTPA)
    - b) Activities from Member States
    - c) Exchange of views
  - *Codex Trust Fund and Capacity-building activities for participation to Codex*
    - a) Presentation by the Commission (DG SANTE)
    - b) Activities from Member States
    - c) Exchange of views
- 4. Assessment of Codex discussions in 2023**
- *Main outcomes of CAC46, CCEXEC84/85 and meetings of other Codex subsidiary bodies*
    - a) MRLs for zilpaterol hydrochloride
    - b) New food sources and production systems
    - c) Draft guidance on the Statements of Principle on the role of science in the decision-making process and the extent to which other factors are taken into account
    - e) Outcome of CCGP on the review of the Procedural Manual – Outcome of exchanges on digitalisation and working modalities
    - f) Budget

## 5. Outlook for Codex discussions in 2024 and beyond

- *Strategic and sensitive issues in Codex Subsidiary Bodies and CAC47, in particular:*
  - a) Codex Strategic plan<sup>1</sup>
  - b) CCEURO: Priorities for the EU and its Member States
  - c) CCFO28: Development of standards for oils that are subject to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 on Novel Foods<sup>2</sup>
- *Codex Electronic Working Groups*
  - a) Update from the Commission
  - b) Exchange of views
- *Involvement of stakeholders and other international organisations to promote a One Health approach in Codex*
- *Implementing the Council conclusions on ‘the EU’s commitment to an ambitious Codex Alimentarius fit for the challenges of today and tomorrow’<sup>3</sup>*

## 6. Scientific advice in support of Codex work

- *Participation of experts in FAO/WHO scientific bodies*
- *Financial support to FAO/WHO scientific bodies*

## 7. Any other business

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NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.

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<sup>1</sup> See in particular [CL 2024/10-EXEC](#) (*Request for comments on the agreed first draft of the Codex Strategic Plan 2026-2031 and replies to questions to initiate the discussion around goals and outcomes*).

<sup>2</sup> See WK 1195/2024 and WK 1196/2024 rev1

<sup>3</sup> Approved by the Council on 21 February 2022 (6298/22).