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A. INTRODUCTION

1. This is the fifth progress report on the FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. It covers activities for the first half of 2005 and follows on from the information contained in the Annual Report for 2004 (ALINORM 05/28/9F).

B. TECHNICAL SECTION

2005 Applications and participation

2. Applications for support in 2005 from the Codex Trust Fund closed on 31 December 2004¹. Ninety-one countries applied for support to send nearly 300 participants to Codex meetings in 2005. These applications were considered by the FAO/WHO Consultative Group on the Trust Fund (CGTF) for the FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex. As the CCAFRICA session held in January 2005 had been postponed from December 2004, for the purposes of processing 2005 applications CCAFRICA was counted as a 2004 session, thus not penalizing the right of eligible countries that had participated.

3. For the period January to June 2005, 150 delegates² from 78 countries were supported to attend 12 Codex meetings. All of these delegates were funded entirely by the Codex Trust Fund and most were from Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The breakdown of participants was: 61% from LDCs and other lower income countries; 28% from lower middle income countries; and 11% from upper middle income countries. Annex A provides details of the countries supported. Total costs to the Codex Trust Fund for this support was US\$ 948,120 (including administrative and management costs). The total average cost, including all administrative functions related to the trust fund, was therefore US\$ 6,320 per participant.

4. For the period July to December 2005, 97 delegates from 66 countries are expected to be supported to attend five Codex meetings (including the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) Twenty-eighth Session in Rome in July 2005). The expected breakdown of participants from July to December 2005 is: 62% from LDCs and other lower income countries; 29% from lower middle income countries; and 9% from upper middle income countries. Annex B provides details of this proposed support. This will bring the total figures for 2005 to 61% from LDCs and other lower income countries; 28% from lower middle income countries; and 11% from upper middle income countries.

5. The majority of 2005 applications sought financial support to attend Codex meetings; however, two countries specifically sought to strengthen their capacity through support by way of

¹ In future years the closing date will be 31 October, but 2004 was considered a special case since it was the first operational year of the Trust Fund

² Not all applicants were able to be supported due to ineligibility and inadequacy of time before the meeting.

training. In January 2004, Switzerland contributed US\$20,000 and Canada contributed US\$25,057 to develop the Codex Training Package and conduct training courses/workshops using this Package. In March 2004, the Codex Training Package was field tested in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. It was also used, in draft form, in relevant FAO training activities in Burkina-Faso and Syria. The Codex Training Manual is now finalized and will shortly be available in six languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). A preliminary edition in English and possibly other languages will be available at the CAC in July 2005. The CGTF had decided that the remaining amount (from the above funds) will be used to conduct regional training courses on Codex during the second half of 2005. Details of this training are expected to be announced in July 2005.

2006 Applications

6. Application forms for support by way of Codex meeting attendance, training and other activities in 2006 are expected to be available on these websites from July 2005 together with full details of eligibility and application procedure:

WHO website (www.who.int/foodsafety/codex/trustfund),
 FAO website (www.fao.org/es/ESN/food/capacity_en.stm), and
 Codex website (www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp).

A note advising of these application forms will be sent to countries through the Codex Email lists (Codex-L and Codex-Direct-L) and other channels. Applications for support from the Trust Fund for the year 2006 are required to be received by the WHO Secretariat for the Trust Fund no later than 31 October 2005. A prerequisite for the positive consideration of countries' 2006 applications will be the provision of any outstanding reports from the participants supported from the Trust Fund up to 31 July 2005.

C. FINANCIAL SECTION

7. In 2003-2004, a total of US\$ 1,543,090 was contributed to the fund. During the period January to June 2005, a total of US\$ 579,926 was received in contributions from Canada, the European Commission, and Germany. Table 1 provides the breakdown.

Table 1. Codex Trust Fund - Contributions received January to June 2005

Donor	Amount Received (in contribution currency)	Amount Received (in US\$)	Date Received
Canada	Cdn\$ 200,000	US\$ 163,586	March 2005
European Commission	EUR 280,250	US\$ 366,340	February 2005
Germany	US\$ 50,000	US\$ 50,000	January 2005
Total amount received		US\$ 579,926	

8. Three additional contributions to the Trust Fund are expected in 2005. These are:

European Commission: The final payment of EUR 14,750 for the EC's first annual contribution (approximately US\$ 19,000).

Sweden: A 3-year Agreement for the 2005-2007 period is expected to be finalized, which will entail a Swedish Government contribution of SEK 3.0 million per year (approximately US\$ 425,000 per year), thereby resulting in the contribution of US\$ 425,000 for 2005.

Netherlands: According to the 4-year Agreement (2003-2006), the Netherlands will contribute US\$ 50,000 in 2005.

This will result in a total amount of approximately US\$ 1,074,000 flowing into the fund in 2005. Including the US \$745,711 contributions from 2004 defined for use in 2005 and which have all been allocated, there will be a total of approximately US \$1,820,000 available for use in 2005. Further contributions and pledges received in 2005 will be transferred to the 2006 budget.

D. OTHER ISSUES

Eligibility

9. As of 17 May 2005, 134 of the 171 Codex member countries were eligible to apply for support from the Trust Fund. Eligibility is reviewed annually by the CGTF and is based on UN and World Bank classifications of Least Developed, Low Income, Lower Middle Income and Upper Middle Income Countries.

10. It is worth noting that of the 21 countries which are not currently members of Codex, 18 would probably be eligible to apply for support from the Codex Trust Fund. Table 2 provides a list of these potential and possibly eligible countries. If applications for the Trust Fund are received from these countries, such applications will be held at bay. Once applicant countries become Codex members, their applications will be considered.

Table 2: Potential Codex members as at 17 May 2005

Potential Codex member	Possible Trust Fund eligibility status *
Afghanistan	Yes LIC LDC
Andorra	No
Azerbaijan	Yes LMC
Belarus	Yes LMC
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Yes LMC
Comoros	Yes LIC LDC
Djibouti	Yes LMC LDC
Maldives	Yes LMC LDC
Marshall Islands	Yes LMC
Monaco	No
Nauru	Possible+
Niue	Possible+
Palau	Yes UMC
San Marino	No

Potential Codex member	Possible Trust Fund eligibility status *
Sao Tome and Principe	Yes LIC LDC
Somalia	Yes LIC LDC
Tajikistan	Yes LIC
Timor-Leste	Yes LIC
Turkmenistan	Yes LMC
Tuvalu	Yes LDC
Uzbekistan	Yes LIC

- * LIC: Low Income Country (World Bank Classification)
 LMC: Lower Middle Income Country (World Bank Classification)
 UMC: Upper Middle Income Country (World Bank Classification)
 LDC: Least Developed Countries (UN General Assembly Classification)
- + Economy not currently within World Bank income classifications

Information meeting

11. An information meeting on the FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex is to be held on 8 July 2005 in Rome during the 28th Session of the CAC. The meeting will be open to all delegates attending the CAC. The meeting is to provide a forum for an exchange of information and ideas among representatives of donor countries, beneficiary countries and members of the CGTF leading to improved support through the Codex Trust Fund.

Annex A - Countries supported by the Codex Trust Fund, Jan.-June 2005

Annex B - Countries proposed to be supported by the Codex Trust Fund, July-Dec. 2005

Annex A – Countries supported by the Codex Trust Fund, January-June 2005

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa* Rome, Italy, 25-28 January 2005 * Postponed from December 2004	1. Benin*	Africa
	2. Ethiopia*	Africa
	3. Guinea*	Africa
	4. Guinea-Bissau*	Africa
	5. Lesotho*	Africa
	6. Mauritania*	Africa
	7. Mozambique*	Africa
	8. Sierra Leone*	Africa
	9. Swaziland	Africa
	10. Togo*	Africa
	11. Tanzania*	Africa
	12. Zambia*	Africa
Codex Committee on Meat and Poultry Hygiene Christchurch, South Island, New Zealand, 14-18 February 2005	1. Botswana	Africa
	2. Tanzania*	Africa
	3. Lithuania	Europe
	4. Vanuatu*	South-West Pacific
Codex Committee on Fats and Oils London, UK, 21-25 February 2005	1. Niger*	Africa
	2. Bhutan*	Asia
	3. Indonesia	Asia
	4. Nepal*	Asia
	5. Philippines	Asia
	6. El Salvador	Latin America & The Caribbean
Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products Cape Town, South Africa, 24 Feb - 4 March 2005	1. Angola*	Africa
	2. Burundi*	Africa
	3. Eritrea*	Africa
	4. Niger*	Africa
	5. Seychelles	Africa
	6. Cambodia*	Asia
	7. Indonesia	Asia
	8. Malaysia	Asia
	9. Philippines	Asia
	10. Cuba	Latin America & The Caribbean
	11. Guyana	Latin America & The Caribbean
	12. Nicaragua	Latin America & The Caribbean
	13. Peru	Latin America & The Caribbean
	14. Suriname	Latin America & The Caribbean

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
	15. Cook Islands	South-West Pacific
	16. Papua New Guinea	South-West Pacific
FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Near East Amman, Jordan, 7-10 March 2005	1. Lebanon	Near East
Codex Committee on Food Hygiene Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14-19 March 2005	1. Eritrea*	Africa
	2. Ethiopia	Africa
	3. Gambia*	Africa
	4. Kenya	Africa
	5. Lesotho*	Africa
	6. Nigeria	Africa
	7. Bhutan*	Asia
	8. Cambodia*	Asia
	9. Romania	Europe
	10. Bolivia	Latin America & The Caribbean
	11. Cuba	Latin America & The Caribbean
	12. Ecuador	Latin America & The Caribbean
	13. El Salvador	Latin America & The Caribbean
	14. Guatemala	Latin America & The Caribbean
	15. Haiti*	Latin America & The Caribbean
	16. Honduras	Latin America & The Caribbean
	17. Nicaragua	Latin America & The Caribbean
	18. Peru	Latin America & The Caribbean
	19. Venezuela	Latin America & The Caribbean
	20. Tunisia	Near East
	21. Cook Islands	South-West Pacific
Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling Budapest, Hungary, 4-8 April 2005	1. Eritrea*	Africa
	2. Gambia*	Africa
	3. Mali*	Africa
	4. Dominican Rep.	Latin America & The Caribbean
	5. Honduras	Latin America & The Caribbean
Codex Committee on General Principles Paris, France, 11-15 April 2005	1. Angola*	Africa
	2. Gambia*	Africa
	3. Guinea Bissau*	Africa
	4. Madagascar*	Africa
	5. Mali*	Africa
	6. Morocco	Africa
	7. Senegal*	Africa

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
	8. Sudan*	Africa
	9. Tanzania*	Africa
	10. Uganda*	Africa
	11. Zimbabwe	Africa
	12. Indonesia	Asia
	13. Lao*	Asia
	14. Mongolia	Asia
	15. Nepal*	Asia
	16. Albania	Europe
	17. Colombia	Latin America & The Caribbean
	18. Haiti*	Latin America & The Caribbean
	19. Mexico	Latin America & The Caribbean
	20. Panama	Latin America & The Caribbean
	21. Surinam	Latin America & The Caribbean
	22. Kiribati*	South-West Pacific
	23. Samoa*	South-West Pacific
	24. Solomon Islands*	South-West Pacific
25. Tonga	South-West Pacific	
Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues The Hague, Netherlands, 18-23 April 2005	1. Burundi*	Africa
	2. Gambia*	Africa
	3. Ghana	Africa
	4. Guinea-Bissau*	Africa
	5. Kenya	Africa
	6. Lesotho*	Africa
	7. Mali*	Africa
	8. Niger*	Africa
	9. India	Asia
	10. Lao*	Asia
	11. Mongolia	Asia
	12. Nepal*	Asia
	13. Romania	Europe
	14. Argentina	Latin America & The Caribbean
	15. Iran	Near East
	16. Kiribati*	South-West Pacific
Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants The Hague, Netherlands, 25-29 April 2005	1. Burkina Faso*	Africa
	2. Ethiopia*	Africa
	3. Niger*	Africa
	4. Nigeria	Africa

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
	5. Seychelles	Africa
	6. Uganda*	Africa
	7. China	Asia
	8. Lao*	Asia
	9. Albania	Europe
	10. Poland	Europe
	11. Venezuela	Latin America & The Caribbean
	12. Iran	Near East
Codex Committee on Food Labelling Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, 9-13 May 2005	1. Botswana	Africa
	2. Burkina Faso*	Africa
	3. Ghana	Africa
	4. Kenya	Africa
	5. Lesotho*	Africa
	6. Morocco	Africa
	7. Senegal*	Africa
	8. Cambodia*	Asia
	9. India	Asia
	10. Turkey	Europe
	11. Dominica	Latin America & The Caribbean
	12. Guatemala	Latin America & The Caribbean
	13. Guyana	Latin America & The Caribbean
	14. Haiti*	Latin America & The Caribbean
	15. Nicaragua	Latin America & The Caribbean
	16. Panama	Latin America & The Caribbean
	17. Paraguay	Latin America & The Caribbean
	18. Trinidad & Tobago	Latin America & The Caribbean
	19. Tunisia	Near East
	20. Papua New Guinea	South-West Pacific
	21. Samoa*	South-West Pacific
	22. Solomon Islands*	South-West Pacific
Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Mexico City, Mexico, 16-20 May 2005	1. Senegal*	Africa
	2. Tanzania*	Africa
	3. Uganda*	Africa
	4. Malaysia	Asia
	5. Viet Nam	Asia
	6. Albania	Europe
	7. Honduras	Latin America & The Caribbean
	8. Peru	Latin America & The Caribbean

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
	9. Fiji	South-West Pacific
	10. Tonga	South-West Pacific

* UN Least Developed Country

Annex B – Countries proposed to be supported by the Codex Trust Fund, July-December 2005

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
Codex Alimentarius Commission Rome, Italy, 4-9 July 2005	Angola*	Africa
	Burundi*	Africa
	Eritrea*	Africa
	Ethiopia*	Africa
	Ghana	Africa
	Guinea Bissau*	Africa
	Kenya	Africa
	Lesotho*	Africa
	Mali*	Africa
	Mauritius	Africa
	Morocco	Africa
	Niger*	Africa
	Nigeria	Africa
	Rwanda*	Africa
	Sudan*	Africa
	Tanzania*	Africa
	Uganda*	Africa
	Zimbabwe	Africa
	Bhutan*	Asia
	China	Asia
	Viet Nam	Asia
	Georgia	Europe
	Kazakhstan	Europe
	Antigua & Barbados	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Colombia	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Dominican Rep	Latin America & The Caribbean
	El Salvador	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Nicaragua	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Paraguay	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Surinam	Latin America & The Caribbean
Trinidad & Tobago	Latin America & The Caribbean	
Egypt	Near East	
Samoa*	South-West Pacific	
Solomon Islands*	South-West Pacific	
Vanuatu*	South-West Pacific	
Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Food Derived from Biotechnology Chiba, Japan, 19-23 Septemberr 2005	Lesotho*	Africa
	Madagascar*	Africa

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
	Mali*	Africa
	Nigeria	Africa
	Sudan*	Africa
	Uganda*	Africa
	Bhutan*	Asia
	Cambodia*	Asia
	Mongolia	Asia
	Nepal*	Asia
	Haiti*	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Egypt	Near East
Papua New Guinea	South-West Pacific	
Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses Bonn, Germany, 21-25 November 2005	Ghana	Africa
	Madagascar*	Africa
	Zimbabwe	Africa
	Indonesia	Asia
	Argentina	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Bolivia	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Chile	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Venezuela	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Egypt	Near East
	Kyrgyzstan	Near East
Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (TBA) 28 November-02 December 2005	Burundi*	Africa
	Eriterea*	Africa
	Ethiopia*	Africa
	Gambia*	Africa
	Madagascar*	Africa
	Rwanda*	Africa
	Sudan*	Africa
	Zimbabwe	Africa
	Cambodia*	Asia
	Myanmar*	Asia
	Nepal*	Asia
	Philippines	Asia
	Kazakhstan	Europe
	Kyrgyzstan	Europe
	Romania	Europe
	Turkey	Europe
Antigua & Barbauda	Latin America & The Caribbean	

Commission/Committee	Country	Region
	Belize	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Bolivia	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Colombia	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Cuba	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Dominica	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Ecuador	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Guatemala	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Guyana	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Haiti*	Latin America & The Caribbean
	Iran	Near East
	Jordan	Near East
	Lebanon	Near East
	Cook Islands	South-West Pacific
	Fiji	South-West Pacific
	Kiribati*	South-West Pacific
	Micronesia	South-West Pacific
	Papua New Guinea	South-West Pacific
	Samoa*	South-West Pacific
	Solomon Islands*	South-West Pacific
	Tonga	South-West Pacific
	Vanuatu*	South-West Pacific

* UN Least Developed Country
