Codex: Survey on Civil Society Engagement (Survey Preview)

This is a preview of the survey on civil engagement in Codex. You may use it to prepare your responses in advance.

Your information

Name Prefix* | First Name* | Last Name*

Country* | Email*

Organisation information

Please type in the first letter of your organisation in the search bar below, as well as the country it's located in.

Organisation/Affiliate you are affiliated with* | Organisation country*

1. Type of organisation*

- National NSB
- Regional NSB
- International NSB
- Academic/research institution
- International governmental organisation
- Other...

2. Main areas of work*

(select all that apply)

- Child health
- Consumer rights
- Food safety
- Food policies
- Health or other professionals
- Food industry
- NGO/academic/civil society/consumer
- Nutrition
- Public health
- Trade policy
- Youth engagement
- Other...

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Yes | No

3. Has further to your organisation with Codex?

- Very active
- Somewhat active
- Neutral/no opinion
- Not Active
- Not Member

4. Are your organisation well engaged with Codex?

(select all that apply)

- Yes regularly
- Yes, occasionally
- No, but interested
- No, not interested
- Unsure

Please provide additional information about your answer:

5. Are your organisation well engaged with Codex food safety?

- Yes regularly
- Yes, occasionally
- No, but interested
- No, not interested
- Unsure

Please provide additional information about your answer:

6. Is your organisation in official relations with WHO under FWP?

- Yes, with FWP
- Yes, with WHO
- Yes, with WHO and FWP
- Working on it
- No
- Unsure

7. Does your organisation have Observer Status with Codex?

- Yes
- No
- Working on it
- Unsure

8.1 What forms of Codex engagement has your organisation participated in?

(select all that apply)

- Participated in Codex meetings through national delegation
- Participated in Codex meetings as observer
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- Organised workshops or Codex-preparatory meetings, or other other meetings, conferences (with Secretariat, etc.)
- Participated in one or several of Codex's electronic working groups
- Referred advocacy related to Codex (e.g., reached out to a Codex focal point on a health effect or a food safety issue related to Codex and brought it to Codex via the Secretariat or other channels)
- Codex's engagement in influence online dialogs around Codex proceedings
- None
- Other...

If participated through a national delegation:

Please select the committee(s) and/or commission meeting(s) that was attended:

- Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)
- Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC)

General Subject Committees:

- Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)
- Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)
- Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)
- Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)
- Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)
- Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS)
- Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)
- Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)
- Joint CCPR/CCVDR Vacuum Working Group (CCPR-CCVDR)
- Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)
- Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

Commodity Committees:

- Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (CCCPL)
- Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)
- Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)
- Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)
- Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products (CCMMP)
- Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

If participated as an observer:

Please select the committee(s) and/or commission meeting(s) that was attended:

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If you have submitted **comments on a Codex proceeding**, please add/list details:

If you have participated in one or several of **Codex's electronic working groups**, please specify which group(s):

If you have engaged in **cultural advocacy related to Codex**, please provide additional details:

If you have engaged in **online engagement to influence and/or engage around Codex proceedings**, please provide additional details:

8.2. In addition to any Codex commitment your organisation currently engages with (if any), are there any Codex committees/ad hoc organisations in demand in your country?

Select all that apply.

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Please specify any other relevant Codex committees or commodities in engaging with that are not listed above:

9. What current/specific health topics are highest priority for your organisation in Codex?

(Please select all that apply)

- Ultra-processed foods
- Sugar tax advocacy
- Sodium reduction
- Sugar reduction
- Breastmilk substitutes
- Marketing of foods to children and young children (0-18 months)
- Food additives
- Food safety
- Nutrition labelling (including allergens)
- Health claims/ nutrition claims
- Other...

10. How many years has your organisation been engaged in Codex?

- Less than 1 year
- Less than 1 year
- 1-3 years
- 3-5 years
- Other...

11. How influential do you believe Codex is for nutrition and food policy in the country/countries where your organisation works?

- Very influential
- Somewhat influential
- Not influential
- Not sure

Please specify your response:

12. What barriers best your organisation's ability to engage in Codex?

(Please select the 3 most significant barriers, or other barriers below)

- Lack of understanding of Codex processes
- Limited staff hour
- Financial constraints
- Technical complexity
- Difficulty identifying entry points
- Lack of liaison status
- Lack of relationships with government
- Language barriers
- Limited technical expertise
- Limited nutrition/food safety expertise
- Difficulty tracking timelines
- Industry influence
- Codex not seen as a priority/influential platform
- Other...

Please specify any other relevant barriers not listed above:

13. What barriers to understanding Codex procedures (please select principles / processes that are most significant)

(Select all that apply)

- Vote Reduction: Working Groups seek Trade to use the Floor platform
- Lack of Transparency in Codex Working Group Recommendations
- Food is a Sensitive Issue: Trade Groups Dominate Decision Making Bodies (CCFO, platform)
- Hard to submit a Conference Room Document
- Hard to find an online a Codex meeting or report on the meeting agenda
- Hard to find a meeting report and other relevant documents related to a meeting
- Other...

14. Rate challenges are the following?

(Please select 3 of the most challenging and 3 commonly challenging)

Understanding Codex documents*	
Understanding Codex procedures*	
Knowing when to intervene*	
Knowing who to contact*	
Influencing government positions*	
Participating in a working group*	
Writing technical submissions*	
Maintaining long term engagement*	
Attending Codex meetings*	
Recognizing Codex solution*	

15. Has your organisation ever attempted to join a national Codex committee or delegation?

- Yes, successfully
- Yes, unsuccessfully
- No
- Unsure

16. Does your organisation currently collaborate with government officials on Codex-related issues?

- Regularly
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- None

If Regularly or Occasionally, on what:

Are these government officials (specify):

- Codex focal points (from outside Ministry of Health)
- Codex focal points (from inside Ministry of Health)
- Other Ministry of Health officials (Attending Codex proceedings)

17. What types of support would help your organisation engage more effectively?

(Select all that apply)

- Training on how to participate in Codex Alimentarius
- Simplified explanations of Codex procedures (e.g., how to find Codex documents from start to end or becoming a Codex observer)
- Templates for Codex submissions(e.g., Conference Room Documents, Statements of Interest, etc.)
- Technical nutrition evidence related to specific Codex agenda item(s)
- Legal/trade analysis related to specific Codex agenda item(s)
- Funding support to attend Codex meetings
- Translation support for Codex text and reports
- Coalition building (i.e. identifying and engaging like-minded CSOs)
- Mentorship from experienced CSOs
- Networking from experienced CSOs
- Guidance on attending Observer status
- Guidance on engaging government officials in Codex
- Other...

18. Which forums would be most useful?

(Select all that apply)

- Practical guide (manual or step-by-step toolkit)
- Webinars
- Video tutorials
- Case studies
- Templates/sample submissions for responses to Circular Letters, Conference Room Documents, etc.
- Regional workshops on Codex
- Mentorship
- Community of practices
- Other...

19. Which topics should the guide prioritise?

(Please rank 1 to 5, where 1 = most critical and 5 = less critical)

Understanding Codex structure*	
Understanding Codex procedures*	
Recognizing Codex solution*	
Writing and submitting comments on Codex documents (e.g., Conference Room Docs, Statements of Interest, etc.)*	
Observing Observer status*	
Exercises: Working Group engagement*	
Committee meetings preparation*	
Attending meetings*	
Coalition building*	
National level advocacy*	
Industry influence/lobbies of interest*	
Funding participation*	

Are there any other topics not listed above that you think the guide should prioritise?

20. How interested is your organisation in increasing Codex engagement over the next 2 years?

(1 = Not interested, 2 = Somewhat interested, 3 = Very interested)

1 | 2 | 3

21. Is your organisation interested engaging in Codex activities over the coming year to advocate the development, review, or implementation of Codex standards, guidelines, or other tools?

Please provide details:

22. Is your organisation interested in being involved in a community of practice for CSO engagement in Codex?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

23. Is your organisation is very active in Codex, is your organisation interested in mentoring a CSO in Codex that engaged?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

24. What would success look like for civil society engagement in Codex over the next 5 years?

25. Do you know of any CSOs working on Codex issues that you recommend we contact, or that may be interested in engaging in Codex?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

26 Additional comments or recommendations

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