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IN FOODS**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The **19th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCCF)** will be held from **19 to 23 October 2026 in Cairo, Egypt**, at the **Sofitel Cairo Downtown Nile Hotel**. The Arab Republic of Egypt will co-host with the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Before the official session begins on Monday, we are pleased to offer, in collaboration with the regional offices of FAO and WHO, an engaging programme on Sunday afternoon, 18 October from 13:00 to 17:00.

For first-time delegates, an introductory meeting will be held on Sunday, 18 October at 17:30. Those interested in attending are kindly requested to register by emailing:
VDCodexAlimentarius@minlnv.nl

The plenary session will begin on Monday, 19 October at 09:00 and will end after the adoption of the report on Friday, 23 October.

The Registration Desk will be open on Sunday, 18 October, from 12:00 to 18:00, and on Monday, 19 October, from 08:00 to 16:00. Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk. Delegates and participants are requested to wear their name badges visibly to enter meeting rooms. Lost name badges should be reported immediately to the conference facilities staff



On Monday, 19 October, all delegates are invited to the official reception. *Venue to be announced.*

HYBRID CONFERENCE

- Plenary sessions will be conducted in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. **CCCF19** will be convened in a hybrid modality, with delegates participating either in person in Cairo or remotely via the Zoom videoconferencing platform.
- Members and Observers are encouraged to have at least one in-person delegate attend the session to guarantee participation in in-session working groups.
- Connection details will be provided to those Members and Observers who have indicated in their registration that they would like to participate remotely.
- All interventions should be made by the Head of Delegation. If the Head of Delegation is participating remotely, then they should request the floor via the raise hand function on Zoom. Also, Observers may choose to be present in-person, remotely, or both.
- The meeting will also be broadcasted. Further information including relevant links to follow the discussions will be provided on the **CCCF19 page**.
- Members and Observers that are planning to follow the discussions via the broadcasted do not need to register for the meeting.

DOCUMENTS

Delegates are asked to bring their own documentation to the meeting. Working documents are available in English, French and Spanish and some documents may remain in original language such as conference room documents (CRDs) on the **CCCF19 page**.

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. Except for Sunday, 18th October, the session will be in English only.

SEATING

The number of chairs is limited to a certain number per delegation. Additional seating will be available at the back on left and right wings of the plenary room.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

19th
NORMAN
CONFERENCE

CCCCF

Date

Time

Event

Sunday

18

October

13:00 to 18:00 • The supplementary programme

The topics will be announced on the Codex website. The pre-session programme will be conducted in **English only**.

• **15:00 to 15:30** Coffee Break

• **17:30** First-time delegate meeting

Please register via
VDCodexAlimentarius@minlnv.nl.

Monday

19

October

09:00 to 10:00 • The Official Opening Ceremony

10:00 to 18:00 • The Plenary Session

• **10:00 to 10:30** First Coffee Break

• **12:30 to 14:30** Lunch

• **16:00 to 16:30** Second Coffee Break

19:00 • The Official CCCC19 Reception

Tuesday

20

October

09:00 to 18:00 • The Plenary Session

• **10:00 to 10:30** First Coffee Break

• **12:30 to 14:30** Lunch

• **16:00 to 16:30** Second Coffee Break

Wednesday

21

October

10:00 • The Plenary Session

• **13:00** Extended Coffee Break

Friday

23

October

During the meeting period, lunch and coffee breaks included in the official programme will be covered by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

CODEX ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Registration for participants will open in July 2026 using the Online Registration System (ORS).

Please consult the **CCCCF19** webpage for further information.

Registration must be completed through your Codex Contact Point, who can access the system at:
<https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/registration/en>

If your point of contact needs help with the online registration system, please contact codex@fao.org

Please make sure that you are registered by your Codex Contact Point exactly as you will attend, either **online or in person**, so you will either receive a seat in Cairo or a link to attend the meeting via Zoom.

Your Codex Contact Point can later change your attendance from physical to virtual or vice versa.

All delegates planning to attend CCCC19 in Cairo are advised to register early to ensure appropriate seating and visa arrangements.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

All participants traveling to the **Arab Republic of Egypt** must have a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six (6) months beyond the intended visiting period.

Visa requirements vary depending on nationality. Some nationalities may obtain an electronic visa (e-Visa) prior to travel through the official Egyptian visa portal.

Delegates are strongly advised to check the visa requirements and apply for e-visa, if eligible, at least 30 days before travel date. For more information on e-visa requirements, please visit <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg>

Airports accept payments in cash (dollar, euro, Egyptian pounds) and card.

Participants are advised to verify visa requirements with the nearest **Egyptian Embassy or Consulate** well in advance of their travel. For Visa Requirements: <https://www.egyptembassy.org/travel/visa-requirements>

While the Codex Contact Point of Egypt cannot influence the outcome of visa applications, we are pleased to provide all possible assistance, including registration confirmation letters for each registered delegate to support their visa requests.

It is the responsibility of delegates to complete the procedures for requesting and obtaining their visas in a timely manner. If you do not do this early enough, you may not be able to obtain your visa in time to attend the meeting.

It is important that delegates from all member organizations and countries have the opportunity to participate in Codex meetings.

Completing and submitting the visa application without delay will allow the work of Codex to accurately reflect the views and contributions of all its members.

Participants requiring an **official invitation letter for visa purposes** may request one through the Egyptian Codex Contact Point.

While the organizers will support participants by providing necessary documentation when requested, **obtaining the appropriate visa remains the responsibility of each participant.**



MEDICAL NOTE



Delegates arriving from countries where yellow fever is endemic may be required to present a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate upon arrival.

For possible vaccines needed:
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/egypt>

Participants are encouraged to consult their healthcare providers regarding recommended travel vaccinations before visiting Egypt.

Delegates should also ensure they have appropriate travel medical insurance covering their stay in Egypt.



Pharmacies and medical facilities are widely available in Cairo, and major hotels can assist with access to medical services if needed.

VENUE OF THE MEETING

The meeting will take place at:

Sofitel Cairo Downtown Nile

1191 Nile Corniche, Bulaq

Cairo, Egypt

Phone: +20 22580 8000

Email: HC3J2@sofitel.com

The hotel is located along the Nile River in central Cairo and provides modern conference facilities suitable for international meetings.

The venue offers



Business
services



Conference and
plenary meeting
rooms



Restaurants
and hospitality
areas



Easy access to
central Cairo
districts



Interpretation
facilities



The meeting rooms and conference facilities will be clearly signposted upon arrival.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

The organizers have secured a special rate for **CCCCF19** delegates at the event venue, Sofitel Cairo Downtown Nile. It is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible to ensure availability.

In addition, the following hotels are located near the event venue. Please note that rates are subject to change and should be confirmed at the time of booking. For up-to-date prices and detailed terms and conditions, please contact the hotels directly. The below prices are tax inclusive

Hotel	Walking Distance from Venue	Hotel Location	Reservation Link / Email	Exclusive Price
Sofitel Cairo Downtown Nile (5-Star Hotel) (Meeting Venue)	-	1191 Nile Corniche, Souq Al ASR, Bulaq, Cairo Governorate 4311103	 For instructions on how to book, click here	\$260 (Single Classic Room) \$280 (Single Deluxe Room) \$320 (Single Executive Room) Double Room supplement is \$20 extra (For these early bird rates, please book before the 31st of July)
Fairmont Nile City (5-Star Hotel)	750 M	Nile City Towers 2005 B, Nile Corniche, Bulaq Num.1, Bulaq, Cairo Governorate 11311	nilecity.reservations@fairmont.com Hossam.abdelqader@fairmont.com Ahmed.mahir@fairmont.com Mention: "CODEX Event"	\$280 (Deluxe Single Room with Partial Nile View) \$300 (Deluxe Double Room with Partial Nile View)
Ramses Hilton (5-Star Hotel)	1.9 KM	1115 Nile Corniche, Sharkas, Bulaq, Cairo Governorate 12344	 For booking, Click here	Standard room city view \$180 (Single Room) \$200 (Double Room)
The Nile Ritz-Carlton (5-Star Hotel)	2.2 KM	1113 Nile Corniche, Ismailia, El Nil, Cairo Governorate 11221	 Book your CODEX special rate	\$232 (Deluxe Guest room, 1 King bed, Museum view) \$232 (Deluxe Guest room, 2 Double beds) \$271 (Deluxe Guest room, 1 King bed, Nile view) \$271 (Deluxe Guest room, 2 Double beds, Nile view)

Participants are advised to book their accommodation as early as possible due to high demand during the meeting period.

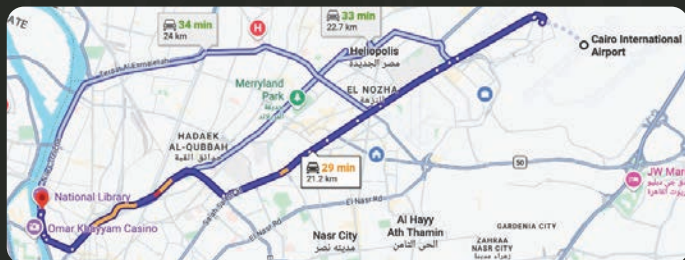
ARRIVAL IN CAIRO



Cairo International Airport

Most international visitors arrive through Cairo International Airport (CAI), located approximately 21 kilometers from the meeting venue.

Travel time from the airport to the city center generally ranges from **30 to 60 minutes**, depending on traffic conditions.



TRANSPORTATION FROM CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Taxi

Taxis are available outside the arrival terminals. Visitors are advised to use **official airport taxis**.



Ride-Hailing Services

Ride-hailing applications such as Uber, Careem, and Didi operate widely in Cairo and are often the safest and most convenient options for visitors.



Hotel Transfers

Most major hotels offer airport transfer services upon request. Participants may wish to arrange this service in advance through their hotel.



ABOUT CAIRO

Cairo, the capital of Egypt, is one of the largest and most historic cities in the Middle East and Africa.

Located along the **Nile River**, the city combines thousands of years of history with a vibrant modern culture.

Cairo, the heart of Egypt, offers visitors a unique blend of historic monuments, museums, traditional markets, and contemporary urban life.

Visitors will find a rich cultural heritage reflected in the city's architecture, cuisine, and daily life.



WEATHER IN OCTOBER

October is considered one of the most pleasant months to visit Cairo.

Typical daytime temperatures range between 24°C and 30°C, while evenings tend to be cooler. Rainfall is rare during this period.

Light clothing is recommended for daytime activities, while a light jacket may be comfortable in the evenings.

TIME ZONE

Egypt operates on **Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). UTC +3**

ELECTRICITY AND PLUG TYPES

The electrical supply in Egypt is: 220 volts / 50 Hz

Common plug types are: Type C and Type F (European standard plugs)

Participants traveling from other regions may wish to bring a universal travel adapter.

CURRENCY AND PAYMENT METHODS

The official currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP).
Currency exchange services are available at:



Banks



**Exchange
offices**



**Major
hotels**



**Cairo
International
Airport**

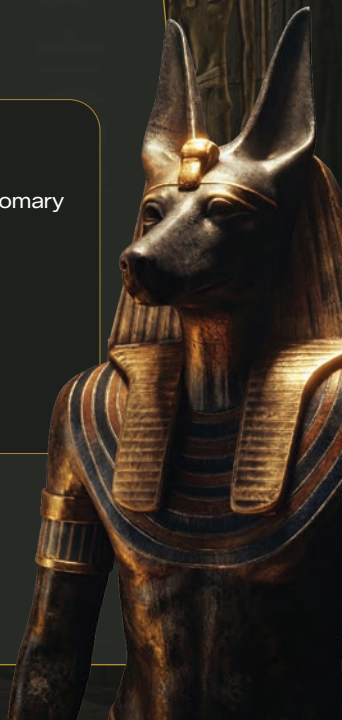
Credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and major retail establishments, although it is advisable to carry some local currency for smaller purchases.

TIPS AND TAXES

A service charge is often included in restaurant and hotel bills. However, leaving a small additional tip for good service is customary and appreciated.

Typical tipping practices include:

- Restaurants: approximately 5–10%
- Hotel staff and porters: small gratuities are customary
- Taxi drivers: rounding up the fare is common



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS & CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Participants wishing to explore Cairo during their stay may consider visiting some of the city's renowned landmarks.

For booking some museum tickets: <https://egymonuments.com>



The Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx

Located on the outskirts of Cairo, the pyramids are among the most iconic archaeological sites in the world.

The Egyptian Museum

Located in central Cairo, the museum houses one of the largest collections of ancient Egyptian antiquities.



The Grand Egyptian Museum

Located near the Giza Plateau, the museum showcases thousands of artifacts including the treasures of Tutankhamun.

For booking: <https://tickets.gem.eg>

Khan El-Khalili Bazaar

A historic market in Islamic Cairo where visitors can explore traditional crafts, spices, and souvenirs.



Salah El-Din Citadel and the Mosque of Muhammad Ali

A historic fortress offering panoramic views of Cairo and one of the city's most famous mosques.

USEFUL CONTACTS

For further information regarding the meeting logistics, participants may contact:

Meeting Organizing Committee

Egyptian Codex Contact Point (Co-host country)

Cairo, Egypt

Email: Egy.CodexPoint@gmail.com

Dutch Codex Contact Point (Host country)

CCCF Secretariat the Netherlands

Email: VDCodexalimentarius@minlnv.nl

Codex Secretariat

**Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations**

Rome, Italy

Website: www.codexalimentarius.org

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO CAIRO

CCCF Netherlands Secretariat and
Codex Contact Point of Egypt

