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CODEX COMMITTEE
ON FOOD HYGIENE

—
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, USA
16–20 NOVEMBER 2026



THE 56th SESSION OVERVIEW

The 56th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH56) will take place from Monday, November 16, 2026 – Friday, November 20, 2026, in Scottsdale, Arizona at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley-Scottsdale.

The Session will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation in English, French, and Spanish and webcasted on YouTube in each of these languages. The proposed timeline may be found further down in this document.



PHYSICAL WORKING GROUPS

On Sunday, November 15, 2026, there will be three Physical Working Groups (PWGs):

09:00-11:00 Mountain Standard Time (MST)

PWG on proposed revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic Vibrio species in seafood* (CXG 73-2010)

11:00-13:00 MST

PWG on the alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised *General principles of food hygiene* (CXC 1-1969)

15:00-17:00 MST

PWG on the proposed draft revision of the *Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food* (CXG 79-2012)

On Monday, November 16, 2026, there will be one PWG:

16:30-18:00 MST

PWG on CCFH work priorities (New work proposals/forward workplan)

SIDE EVENTS

The timetable and program for any side events at CCFH56 will be published in due course on the [CCFH56 webpage](#).



CCFH56 BROADCAST

CCFH56 is a physical meeting with Member Country and Observer Organization delegations participating in the discussions in person. Only the delegates in the plenary room will be able to intervene during the discussions. Member Countries and Observer Organizations should plan to send at least one delegate to attend CCFH56 in Scottsdale so that their interventions are included in the discussion.

CCFH56 will have webcast capabilities via YouTube channels in English, French and Spanish for individuals who will not be able to join their delegations in-person at CCFH56 in Scottsdale. The webcast will enable interested individuals to follow discussions during all PWGs and plenary sessions in listening mode only. Those following the broadcast do not need to register for CCFH56.



CCFH56 REGISTRATION

The Codex Secretariat uses the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to track delegate registrations for all committee meetings, including CCFH56. Please ensure that the Codex Contact Point (CCP) for your Member Country or Observer Organization registers all members of your delegation who will physically attend CCFH56, via the following link: <https://codex.fao.org/login>.

It is also important to indicate the Head of Delegation and language preference at the time of registration. Delegates who will view the meeting on YouTube **do not need to register and should not be registered on the ORS.**

Please note that the official invitation to CCFH56 requests that delegates register on the Codex ORS by **October 1, 2026.**

We encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFH56 to register well in advance to ensure that relevant visas, clearances, and appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registration (to collect badges and other materials) will be available on:

Saturday, November 14 from 14:00 – 18:00 MST

Sunday, November 15 from 09:00 – 18:00 MST

Monday, November 16 from 08:00 – 18:00 MST



AGENDA

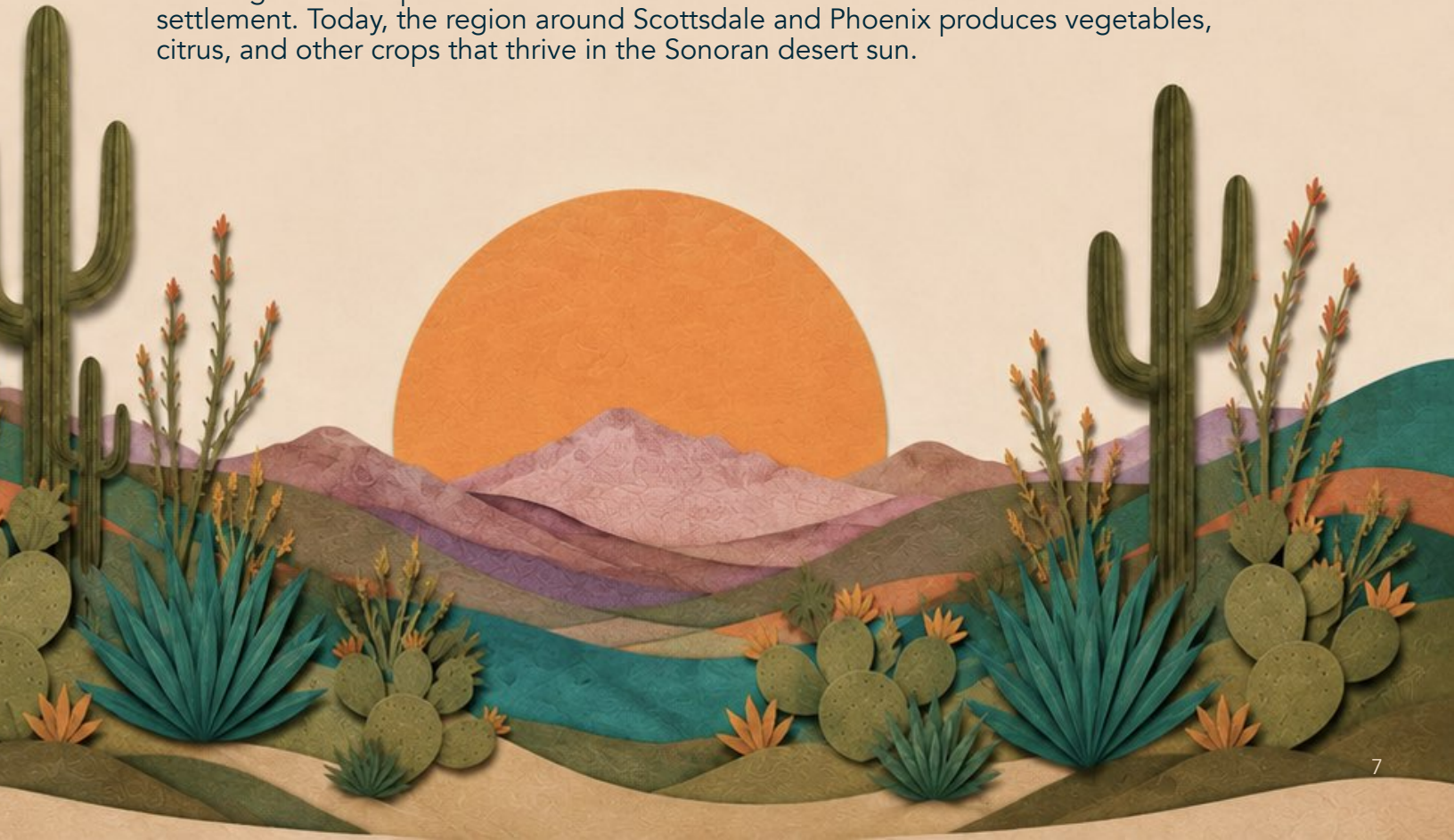
CCFH56	TIME (all times MST)	EVENT
Sat, Nov. 14	14:00-18:00	Registration
Sun, Nov. 15 PWGs	09:00-18:00	Registration
	09:00-11:00	PWG on Vibrio
	11:00-13:00	PWG on Alignment
	13:00-15:00	Lunch (on your own)
	15:00-17:00	PWG on Viruses
Mon, Nov. 16 PLENARY and PWG	08:00-18:00	Registration
	09:00-09:30	Instruction for first-time delegates and online participants
	09:30-10:00	Opening ceremony
	10:00-12:30	Plenary AM Session
	12:30-14:30	Lunch (On Your Own)
	14:30-16:00	Plenary PM session
	16:00-16:30	Break
	16:30-18:00	PWG on CCFH Work Priorities (New Work Proposals / Forward Workplan)
	19:00-21:00	Welcome reception
Tues, Nov. 17 PLENARY	09:00-10:30	Plenary AM session 1
	10:30-11:00	Break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary AM session 2
	12:30-14:30	Lunch (on your own)
	14:30-16:00	Plenary PM session 1
	16:00-16:30	Break
	16:30-18:00	Plenary PM session 2
Wed, Nov. 18 PLENARY	09:00-10:30	Plenary AM session 1
	10:30-11:00	Break
	11:00-12:30	Plenary AM session 2
	12:30-14:30	Lunch (on your own)
	14:30-16:00	Plenary PM session 1
	16:00-16:30	Break
	16:30-18:00	Plenary PM session 2
Thurs, Nov. 19	All Day	Report writing
Fri, Nov. 20 REPORT ADOPTION	09:00	Report available
	10:00-13:00	Report adoption

WELCOME TO SCOTTSDALE & THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Scottsdale, located in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, is widely known for its stunning landscapes and rich blend of Southwestern culture. Often referred to as “The West’s Most Western Town,” Scottsdale captivates visitors with year-round sunshine and a welcoming atmosphere infused with both historic charm and modern sophistication.

The city’s vibrant Old Town area serves as a lively center for dining, shopping, and entertainment, showcasing Scottsdale’s fusion of contemporary style and Western heritage. For outdoor enthusiasts, Camelback Mountain – one of the state’s most iconic hiking destinations – offers dramatic sandstone formations and panoramic valley views just minutes from Scottsdale. A little further north, about 1.5 hours away, Montezuma Castle National Monument showcases remarkably preserved cliff dwellings of the Sinagua people, providing a vivid window into Arizona’s deep Indigenous history.

Arizona blends desert beauty with deep cultural roots and a strong agricultural tradition. Much of the state’s cropland – over 870,000 harvested acres – relies on extensive irrigations systems, a practice that traces back to the ancient Hohokam, who engineered sophisticated canals to farm the desert centuries before modern settlement. Today, the region around Scottsdale and Phoenix produces vegetables, citrus, and other crops that thrive in the Sonoran desert sun.



HOW TO GET THERE

FLYING TO SCOTTSDALE

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) will serve as the main gateway for travelers flying in to attend CCFH56. PHX is located approximately 14 miles (22 km) from the venue, the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley-Scottsdale, with an average drive time of 15-20 minutes. PHX provides extensive nonstop service from major U.S. cities and select international destinations, making it easy for travelers from around the world to reach Scottsdale.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO THE CCFH56 VENUE HOTEL

Taxis, rideshare services, rental cars, and public transit are all easily accessible at PHX. Travelers can reach these services by following signs for “Ground Transportation” or “Transportation / Rental Car Shuttle / Taxis & Rideshare.” These pathways lead directly to curbside areas where taxi stands, rideshare zones, shuttle pick-ups, and the PHX SkyTrain (for rental cars and public transit connections) are located.

Public transit is also available via the Valley Metro system and generally takes about an hour or more depending on timing and transfers, with fares around \$4.00 USD. For most visitors, taxis and rideshare services offer the quickest and most convenient way to reach the CCFH56 venue. The costs for taxi or rideshare services are generally around \$25 - \$40 USD one-way.

All rental car companies operate from the PHX Rental Car Center, reached via the PHX SkyTrain from Terminals 3 and 4.



CCFH56 VENUE HOTEL

DoubleTree Resort by Hilton
Hotel Paradise Valley -
Scottsdale
401 North Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250-7090
United States

(+1) 480-947-5400

Hotel Website

Hotel check-in: 16:00

Hotel check-out: 11:00

HOTEL SERVICES

- On-site restaurant
- Room service
- Business center
- Outdoor pool
- Recreational Park with Lawn Games
- Fitness Center
- Pet-friendly accommodations
- Valet and self-parking
- Complimentary Bicycle Rentals
- Shuttle Van
(2 mile/3.2 km radius)

HOTEL GUEST ROOMS

- Large rooms (462 sq. ft / 43 sq. m)
with balcony or patio
- Mini refrigerator
- Wi-Fi
- 58-inch TV
- Desk and chair
- Clock radio with MP3 connection
- Coffee maker
- Hairdryer
- Iron and Ironing board



RESERVATIONS AT THE CCFH56 VENUE HOTEL

We encourage all delegates to secure a hotel reservation as early as possible at the CCFH56 Venue — the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley - Scottsdale.

The CCFH56 special rate for single, double and triple occupancy is **\$160.00** USD plus **\$21.07** USD in taxes for a total of **\$181.07** USD per night.

You may [**Click Here**](#) to book your reservations online. Please do not use third-party booking sites (e.g., Booking.com, Hotels.com, or Expedia.com) since reservations made outside of the official hotel reservation link will not be recognized as part of the CCFH56 meeting.

The reservation link automatically populates availability from Friday, November 13 to Saturday, November 21, 2026. Delegates should click on the “Edit Stay” link to personalize their dates of stay.

A credit card is required to secure your room reservation however it will not be charged in advance of your arrival.

If your plans change and you can no longer attend CCFH56, you may cancel your hotel reservation, without penalty, up to 48 hours prior to your arrival.

Please note the special rate is available only until October 15, 2026. Any hotel reservations requested after this date will be based on availability and may be offered at a different rate and/or with different terms.

*****Please note that the CCFH56 meeting registration on the Codex ORS is a separate process from the hotel reservations for sleeping accommodations at the DoubleTree Resort Paradise Valley – Scottsdale.*****



VISA REQUIREMENTS

If you need a visa to enter the United States, we strongly urge you to begin the application process immediately - delays may result in visas not being issued in time for the meeting. Most delegates will require a visitor visa, which is a nonimmigrant visa for temporary travel – either for business (B-1), tourism (B-2), or a combination of both (B-1/B-2). Foreign government officials and diplomats traveling to the United States exclusively for official duties must obtain an A-1 or A-2 visa, as travel on visitor visas or the Visa Waiver Program is not permitted. Except for heads of state, who always qualify for an A-1 visa, the appropriate classification depends on the traveler's official position within your country's government and purpose of travel.

Additional information may be found at the following link:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>

The U.S. State Department requires all government officials to include a diplomatic note with their visa application. Additionally, many U.S. Embassies mandate in-person interviews, which can take months to schedule and may not have last-minute availability. To avoid delays, consult your nearest U.S. Embassy as soon as possible for specific guidance.

While the U.S. Codex Office cannot influence visa decisions, we are committed to supporting delegates by providing registration confirmation letters and any other assistance within our capacity.

Full representation from all Member Countries and Observer Organizations strengthens Codex's work and ensures decisions reflect the diverse perspectives of its members. Prompt visa applications help make that possible.



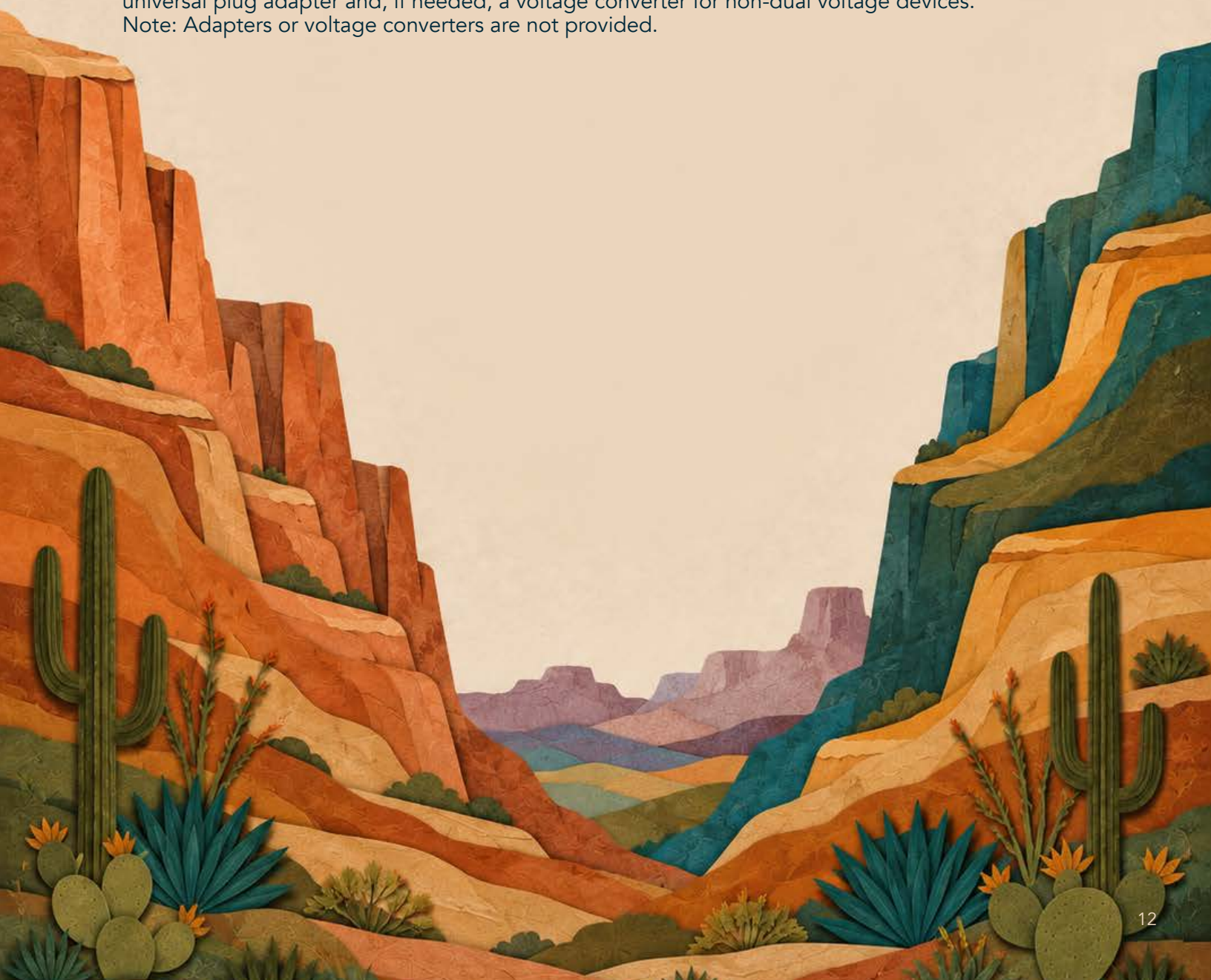
HELPFUL INFORMATION

WEATHER

November is one of Scottsdale's most comfortable months, offering mild, sunny days in the mid-70s°F (around 24°C) and cool evenings in the upper 40s°F to lower 50s°F (8-12°C). Rain is minimal, with only three to four light rainy days expected throughout the month of November.

U.S. ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

Standard outlets use 120V at 60Hz, with circuits typically rated 15-20 amps. The United States uses Type A (two flat pins) and Type B (two flat pins + grounding pin). Bring a universal plug adapter and, if needed, a voltage converter for non-dual voltage devices. Note: Adapters or voltage converters are not provided.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

CURRENCY & PAYMENTS

The official currency in the United States is the U.S. Dollar (USD), and major credit/debit cards – including Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express – are widely accepted. Contactless payment like Apple Pay and Google Pay are common, and ATMs are easy to find. Bring a card with no foreign transaction fees to avoid extra charges.

TIPS AND TAXES

Tipping is customary in the United States, with 15-20% of the pre-tax bill typically expected based on service quality. Some restaurants may automatically include an 18-20% gratuity for larger groups.

Sales tax is added at checkout, since listed prices usually do not include tax. In Scottsdale, the combined sales tax rate is approximately 8.05%, including Arizona state and local city taxes.

SAFETY RESOURCES & IMPORTANT CONTACTS

For any serious or life-threatening situations in the United States, dial 911 to reach police, fire, or medical services. If you have difficulty speaking, you may also text for assistance by sending a message to “Text-to-911” and include your exact location and a brief description of the emergency.

For non-emergency needs, such as reporting minor issues or seeking local assistance, contact Scottsdale’s non-emergency line at (+1) 480-312-5000. If English is not your first language, 911 dispatchers can connect callers with professional interpreters at no cost.





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