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INTERNATIONAL FOOD STANDARDS



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SIDE EVENT

Objective:

The impact of Codex standards depends on the effective dissemination, training, and real-world adoption of these texts

This panel discussion will explore the role of Codex Observers in promoting and supporting the use of Codex standards as a means of addressing challenges in harmonization. It will further showcase successful models of implementation led by Codex Observers, including IGOs and INGOs, and consider further support Observers could provide to ensure Codex standards achieve their intended impact.

Panel discussion:

East African Community (EAC)
Ramadhan Mfaume, Senior Standards Officer

Food Industry Asia (FIA)
Shahrila Ishak, Head of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs

International Special Dietary Foods Industries (ISDI)
Jean Christophe Kremer, Secretary-General

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Csaba Gaspar, Head of Section, OECD Agricultural Codes and Schemes

Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE)
Quincy Lissaur, Executive Director

World Trade Organization (WTO)
Christiane Wolff, Counsellor

Q&A:

Closing remarks :

Allan Azegele, Chairperson, Codex Alimentarius Commission

Sarah Cahill, Codex Secretary

Moderator :

Giuseppe Di Chiera,
Standards Development and Communication Expert
Codex Secretariat