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Dear CCEURO34 Delegates,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 34th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Europe (CCEURO34), which will take place in **Berlin, Germany, from 21 to 25 September 2026**. I look forward to welcoming you back to Berlin for what promises to be an engaging and forward-looking session. The meeting documents and practical information are available on the CCEURO webpage, which I encourage you to consult regularly for updates.

This session comes at an important moment for our region. We will discuss the implementation of the **Codex Strategic Plan 2026–2031**, review progress under the previous strategic plan and, through in-session working groups, agree on regional priorities and activities for the 2026–2027 biennium. We will also exchange views on the **uptake of Codex standards** and the challenges Members face in their implementation. I encourage all Members to engage actively in these discussions, as they will help shape our collective work over the coming years.

The agenda also offers an opportunity to reflect on how our region works together. For the first time, CCEURO will discuss how relevant **regional and international organizations** can contribute more effectively to regional priorities and help implement key activities.

Since CCEURO33 in 2024, one of the region's major collaborative achievements has been the work of the electronic working group (EWG) on **dietary guidelines**, chaired by Germany, with Kazakhstan, Spain and Türkiye as co-chairs. Drawing on broad participation from Members, the EWG has reviewed countries' experiences, mapped existing international guidance and identified practical follow-up actions to support the development and revision of dietary guidelines at national level. At CCEURO34, Members will be invited to discuss how to follow up on the EWG's findings and determine future work in this area.

Capacity development will remain a key theme throughout the session. Following the closure of the Codex Trust Fund, discussions on the food safety and quality situation in the region will provide an opportunity to consider future FAO and WHO support for strengthening national food control systems and effective participation in Codex work.

As Germany reaches the end of its second term and is therefore not eligible for reappointment, the nomination of the **next Coordinator for Europe** is another important item on our agenda.

Two side events taking place on **Thursday 24 September** will offer additional opportunities for exchange and networking:

09:00-10:30: Strengthening data submission from the region to FAO/WHO scientific advice: Know-how and tips to overcome challenges

10:30 -12:00: Developing dietary guidelines for healthy diets - country experiences and good practices

If you have not yet done so, I kindly encourage you to **register for the session as soon as possible** and to **secure your accommodation**. Due to several major international events taking place in Berlin during the same period, hotel availability is limited and room rates are exceptionally high.

The strength of CCEURO lies in the active participation and diverse perspectives of its Members and Observers. I look forward to welcoming you to Berlin and to productive discussions that will help shape the future work of our region.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at CCEURO@bmleh.bund.de or the Codex Secretariat at codex@fao.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Berlin.

Sincerely

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