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Overview

The 56th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) will be held from 13 to 17 April 2026 in **Chongqing**, China, at the **CONRAD Chongqing**.

The session will also be broadcast via Zoom, with simultaneous interpretation provided in English, French, Spanish, and Chinese.

On Friday, 10 April 2026, from 09:00-18:00 (GMT+8:00), and Saturday, 11 April 2026, from 09:00 to 12:30 (GMT+8:00), there will be a Physical Working Group (PWG) on the General Standard for Food Additives (GFSA).

And on Saturday, 11 April 2026, from 14:30 to 18:00 (GMT+8:00), there will be another PWG on the Endorsement/Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA.

The CCFA56 plenary session will run from Monday, 13 April 2026, until Wednesday, 15 April 2026.

Report Adoption for CCFA56 is scheduled on Friday, 17 April 2026, starting from 09:00 AM (GMT+8:00).

Specific details may be found in the timeline further down in this handbook.



CCFA56 Agenda

On-Site Registration and Plenary Session of CCFA56

Days	Hours	Arrangement
10 April 2026 Friday	08:00-16:00	**Registration**
	09:00-12:30	**Working Group (WG) on the General Standard for Food Additives**
	12:30-14:30	**Lunch Break**
	14:30-18:00	**WG on General Standard for Food Additives**
11 April 2026 Saturday	08:00-16:00	Registration
	09:00-12:30	**WG on the General Standard for Food Additives**
	12:30-14:30	Lunch Break
	14:30-18:00	**WG on the Endorsement/Alignment of the Food Additive Provisions of Commodity Standards and Relevant provisions of GSFA**
12 April 2026 Sunday	08:00-16:00	Registration
13 April 2026 Monday	08:00-16:00	Registration
	09:30-10:00	**Opening Ceremony**
	10:00-12:30	**Plenary Session**
	12:30-14:30	Lunch Break
	14:30-18:00	**Plenary Session**
	18:30	Welcome Cocktail Reception for All Delegates
14 April 2026 Tuesday	09:00-12:30	**Plenary Session**
	12:30-14:30	Lunch Break
	14:30-18:00	**Plenary Session**
15 April 2026 Wednesday	09:00-12:30	**Plenary Session**
	12:30-14:30	Lunch Break
	14:30-18:00	**Plenary Session**
16 April 2026 Thursday	**Report Drafting**	
17 April 2026 Friday	7:00	Draft report made available to delegates
	9:00	Adoption of the report

In-session Working Group meeting and side events may be scheduled during the lunch period.

CCFA56 Registration

Online Registration

The CCFA Secretariat is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the CCFA meeting. Please ensure that your Codex Contact Point (for member countries and observer organisations) registers all members of your delegation for the upcoming session, via the following link:

https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCFA&session=56

Please note that the invitation to CCFA56 issued by FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by 31 March 2026.

We would encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFA56 in person to register in advance to ensure that relevant visas, clearance and appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting.

Please note that the CCFA meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel reservations for the sleeping accommodations.

*Please check the accommodation information on Page 07

On-site Registration

On-site Registration will be available on Friday, 10 April, 2026 and Saturday, 11 April, 2026, from 08:00-16:00 (GMT+8:00), Sunday, 12 April 2026, from 08:00-16:00 (GMT+8:00), and on Monday, 13 April, 2026, from 08:00-16:00 (GMT+8:00).

Webcasting

For those who are planning to watch the Zoom webcast, a registration link for the webcast will be provided on the CCFA56 website. Webcasts will be available for both Plenary and PWG sessions.

Visa Requirement

Delegates should check with their local Chinese Embassy or Consulate as to whether a visa is needed to enter China. For those delegates who require a visa, the application forms are available on: http://english.www.gov.cn/services.visitchina/

Delegates from countries that have not established diplomatic relations with China could acquire a visa from the adjacent country that has diplomatic relations with China.

If assistance is needed to facilitate the issuance of a visa, a personal invitation letter can be provided to support the visa application. Please send the details to the CCFA Secretariat by 3 April 2026



Meeting Venue

CONRAD Chongqing 重庆康莱德酒店

Conrad Chongqing, located in the Nan'an District, with the Yangtze River to the north and the Nanshan Mountain to the south, was meticulously designed by Cheng Chung Design (HK) Ltd. Drawing inspiration from Chongqing's natural landscape and historical architecture, the hotel embodies the surreal concept of "The Oriental Floating City," offering guests an immersive experience unlike any other.

From its perch, guests can soak in the bustling cityscape, witness the majestic convergence of the two rivers, and retreat above the urban riverscape, enveloped in ethereal clouds, providing respite from the rigours of travel.

Address: No. 36 Nanping West Road, Nan'an District, Chongqing City, China
地址：重庆市南岸区南坪西路36号

Website: https://www.hilton.com/zh-hans/hotels/ckgcici-conrad-chongqing/

Contact: +86 23 6289 8888



Grand Ballroom



The Physical Working Groups

1. General Standard for Food Additives (GFSA)
2. The Endorsement/Alignment of the Food Additive Provisions of Commodity Standards and Relevant Provisions of the GSFA

10 April-11 April, 2026

The Plenary Session of CCFA56

13 April-17 April, 2026

Accommodation

Reservation

Hotel reservations should be made directly to hotels. Please review the terms and conditions before making a reservation in advance. Also, a special rate will be offered to the delegates until Friday, 27 March 2026.

We recommend checking the cut-off schedule and completing your room reservation within the deadline.

Officially Designated Hotel:

CONRAD Chongqing 重庆康莱德酒店

Room Type (Bed Type)	Special Rate*
Deluxe Room with City View (King or Twin)	944 CNY
Deluxe Room with Floating Bath (King)	1227 CNY
Executive Room (King or Twin)	1699 CNY
King Junior Suite	1887 CNY

Other Benefits inlude 1 breakfast per room. Extra breakfast charges 100 CNY/pax.

*Special Rates include a 10.00% service charge per stay, but exclude 6% tax. Free cancellation before 11:59 PM local hotel time on 05 Apr 2026.

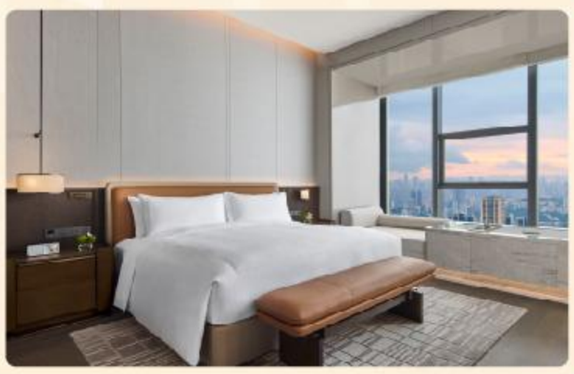
For room reservation, please click the link or scan the QR Code.

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=CKGCICI&arrivalDate=2026-04-08&departureDate=2026-04-18&groupCode=CCFA56

Deluxe Room with City View (King or Twin)



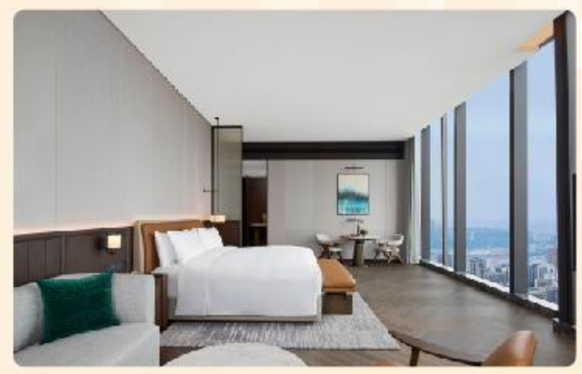
Deluxe Room with Floating Bath (King)



Executive Room



King Junior Suite



Other Recommended Accommodation

(Connected building with CONRAD with Direct Accessibility to the Grand Ballroom)

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chongqing Nan'an 重庆嘉发希尔顿逸林酒店

Room Type (Bed Type)	Special Rate*
Guest Room (King or Twin)	472 CNY
Deluxe Room (King or Twin)	519 CNY
Executive Room (King or Twin)	567 CNY

Other Benefits inlude 1 breakfast per room. Extra breakfast charges 50 CNY/pax.

*Special Rates include a 10.00% service charge per stay, but exclude 6% tax. Free cancellation before 11:59 PM local hotel time on 05 Apr 2026.

For room reservation, please click the link or scan the QR Code.

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=CKGNADI&arrivalDate=2026-04-08&departureDate=2026-04-19&groupCode=GCCFA

Guest Room (King or Twin)





Deluxe Room (King or Twin)





Executive Room (King or Twin)





Airport Transfer

Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport (IATA: CKG, ICAO: ZUCK) is located in the Yubei District, Chongqing, China.

To and From Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport

Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport can be easily reached by the Chongqing Rail Transit (CRT), bus, taxi or car.

For more information, please refer to https://www.ichongqing.info/2018/12/03/departure-arrival-transfer-of-international-passengers-at-the-chongqing-airport/

Conrad Chongqing provides dedicated airport pick-up and drop-off services for hotel guests, subject to a supplementary charge. For further information, please contact the hotel directly by email: CKGCI.FO@ConradHotels.com or Call: +86-23-6230 8888.



About Chongqing

Located in Southwest China, Chongqing is known as the "Mountain City," surrounded by mountains on all sides: Daba in the North, Wushan in the East, Wuling and Wulong in the West, and Dalou in the South. This unique geography creates hot, humid summers and mild temperate winters. Two major rivers, the Yangtze and Jialing, flow through Chongqing, making it a significant industrial and trade port.

Founded in the ancient Ba kingdom, Chongqing is celebrated for its Bayu culture, still evident today. Dating back over 3000 years, the city received its current name, Chongqing (meaning "Double Celebration"), around 1189 AD with Prince Zhao Dun's coronation. Bayu culture's key elements are dances and songs, complemented by traditions in wine, distinct burial ceremonies, and fascinating legends.

Chongqing boasts numerous tourist attractions, including the Monument to the People's Liberation, Chaotianmen, Hongya Cave, the Three Gorges, and Dazu Rock Carvings. The Three Gorges, a highlight, comprises Qutang, Wu, and Xiling Gorges, accessible by boat from Chaotianmen Pier. Its stunning riverine scenery attracts both domestic and international visitors.

Chongqing's cuisine is famously spicy. Hotpot is the signature dish, but other popular options like Chuan Chuan, dry pot, and poached meat slices are rich in chili and highly delicious. Chongqing noodles are also an essential part of daily meals for its residents.



Local Attractions

Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street

Located in Yuzhong District, towards the tip of Yuzhong peninsula, the Jiefangbei Central Business District, or the Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street, in many ways is the beating heart of Chongqing. The pedestrian street emanates outward from the Liberation Monument, an iconic clock tower, and spans an area of more than 36000 square meters. The Jiefangbei CBD is one of the most prosperous in all of western China.

The Jiefangbei Pedestrian Street is home to numerous shopping malls, a myriad of restaurants and hotels, and a nearby street houses a vast collection of street food stalls. It is also a vibrant nightlife center in Chongqing, one of several hot spots in the city that attract a lot of visitors in the evening, as well, partly for the view but also for the many places to go and enjoy live music and good food.

No. 177 Minority Road, Yuzhong District, Chongqing

Free

Open All Day



Hongyadong

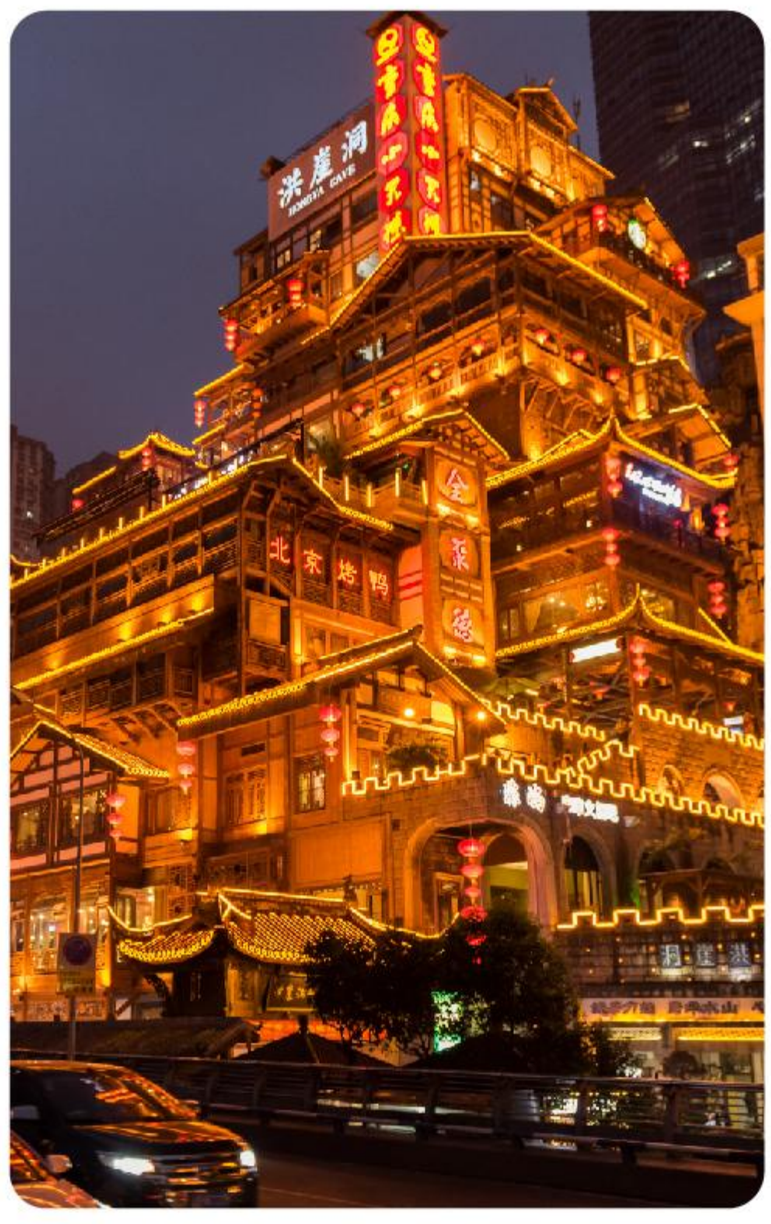
Hongyadong has witnessed the tides of history and weathered the centuries to blossom into the huge tourist attraction it is today.

Visitors can enjoy the unique multi-level Chongqing-style architecture of centuries before, the major landscapes are stilted buildings and imitation antique buildings. The collection of buildings covers 46 thousand m2. As a unique “pedestrian street in the air”, Hongyadong becomes an integrated area of sightseeing and recreation, while shopping, eating and playing, all the while being swept away by the breathtaking riverside views of the city, and of Hongyadong itself, which has been lit up with a thousand lights. The lights will illuminate Hongyadong from 6 o’clock in the evening and lights out at 10 o’clock at night.

Changbai Road, Yuzhong District, Chongqing City

Free

Open 24 Hours



Logmenhao Old Street

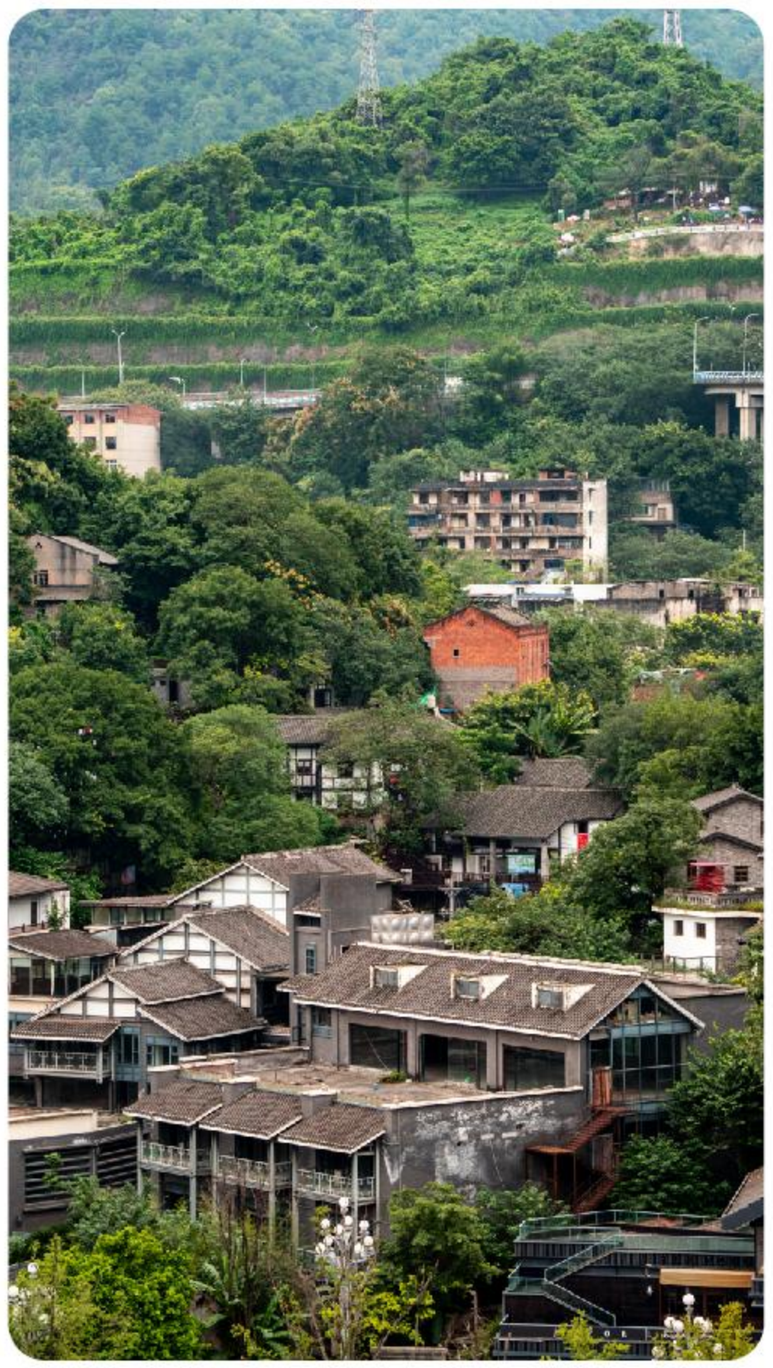
Logmenhao Old Street is located in the central section of Nanbin Road, under the Dongshuimen Bridge. It covers an area of more than 180000 square meters, and while the place may have been recently rebuilt, the location has a history that dates back more than 1000 years. Longmenhao is one of the oldest and best-preserved old streets in Chongqing, where you can experience the port culture, cultural relics, and Bayu Culture.

One of the main reasons you should come to Longmenhao is to enjoy the old-style streets beautifully rebuilt in traditional architecture. The street doesn't quite have the same old feel as places like Ciqikou or Longxing Ancient Town, but it still offers a great escape from the modern city. The streets are lined with shops, museums, and restaurants, and there are many entertainment options inside the scenic area.

Chongqing, Ba'Nan District, Nanbin Road 105

Free

Open 10:00 - 22:00



WULONG KARST NATIONAL GEOLOGY PARK

The Wulong Karst National Geology Park is located in Xiannüshan (Fairy Mountain) Town in Wulong County of Chongqing and sits on the lower reaches of the Wujiang River in the Southwest Part of Chongqing Municipality. The area was named a World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2007. The karst area in Wulong features spectacular karst landscapes, including the famous Furong Cave, the Three Natural Bridges, and the Houping Giant Doline, among other scenic spots.

Xuansu Club, No. 3 Deiss David Camp, Wulong, Chongqing, China

125 RMB/person

Open 9:00-16:00



General Information

Climate

Chongqing experiences a monsoon-influenced subtropical humid climate.

In April, the city is at a crucial transition from late spring to early summer. The weather is characterized by warm, humid conditions and notable seasonal changes. Daytime temperatures typically range from 18°C to 25°C, while nighttime temperatures drop to around 13°C to 17°C. April also sees concentrated spring rainfall, usually in the form of short, localized showers. Increased air humidity, potentially ranging from 70% to 90%, contributes to the morning fog and clouds for which Chongqing is known as "the Fog City" in China.

Time Zone

Local time in Chongqing is UTC/GMT +8 hours.

International Dial Codes

International Dial Codes for China: +86

Currency

The legal tender in China is the Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Which is pegged to the US dollar at a rate of about 7.18 CNY to 1 USD, although exchange rates fluctuate daily depending on currency markets.

Currency can be exchanged at the airport and in banks, while currency exchange at the bank in the destinate country and the airport is most recommended. Major credit cards are accepted at hotels and most shopping centers.

VAT&Tipping

In China, a Value Added Tax (VAT) system is in place, with varying rates depending on the goods or services. The standard VAT rate is often 13%, but reduced rates apply to certain goods and services. This tax is generally included in the displayed price of goods and services.

Tipping is not a customary practice in most of mainland China and is not expected in everyday situations. However, in international hotels and some upscale restaurants frequented by tourists, a service charge of around 10-15% might be added to the bill automatically. Taxi drivers do not typically expect tips, but it's acceptable to round up the fare as a gesture of thanks.

Electricity

The standard electrical voltage in China is 220 volts, and the electricity frequency is 50Hz.

Public Transportation

You can check public transportation information using Baidu MAP and Amap. You can find a bus and subway routes, travel times, taxi fares, and distances.

Wireless Internet

Free WIFI will be available in the meeting room areas as well as all over the hotel. Details on accessibility will be provided at the hotel lobby and the information/registration desk.

Accessibility and Special Requirements

Delegates are encouraged to inform the China Secretariat of any special needs requiring assistance, such as accessibility and mobility requirements, special dietary preferences, allergies, medical issues, and any other special needs, via email at ccfa@cfsa.net.cn. All information will be treated confidentially.

Emergency Contact

Contact information

CCFA Secretariat: ccfa@cfsa.net.cn

Emergency Phone Numbers

Police:110

Fire: 119

Medical/Embulance:120

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