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56th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives

Tentative programme

CCFA56

Monday **13 April** **DAY 1**	09:30-10:00		**Opening session**	
	10:00-12:30	1	Adoption of the agenda	CX/FA 26/56/1
		2	Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies	CX/FA 26/56/2
		3a	Matters of interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 100th meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	CX/FA 26/56/3
		3b	Proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 100th JECFA meeting	CX/FA 26/56/4 CX/FA 26/56/4 Add.1
	12:30-14:30		**Lunch break** *In-session Working Group: International Numbering System (Agenda item 6)*	
	14:30-18:00	8	Standard for baker's yeast (Step 4)	CX/FA 26/56/11 CX/FA 26/56/11 Add.1
		9	Draft working practices for the development of GSFA food additive provisions relevant to commodity standards and related templates	CX/FA 26/56/12
	18:30		**Welcome Reception**	
Tuesday **14 April** **DAY 2**	09:00-12:30	5a	*General standard for food additives (GSFA):* Report of the Electronic Working Group on the GSFA	CX/FA 26/56/7
	12:30-14:30		**Lunch break** *In-session Working Group: Priority List of Food Additives proposed for evaluation by JECFA (Agenda item 7)*	
	14:30-18:00	5b	GSFA: Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2025/31-FA)	CX/FA 26/56/8

Wednesday **15 April** **DAY 3**	09:00-12:30	**4a**	Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards	CX/FA 26/56/5
		4b	Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the Electronic Working Group on Alignment	CX/FA 26/56/6
	12:30-14:30		**Lunch break** *Side event*	
	14:30-18:00	**6**	Proposed draft revision to the *Class names and the international numbering system for food additives* (CXG 36-1989)	CX/FA 26/56/9 CX/FA 26/56/9 Add. 1
		7	Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2024/59-FA)	CX/FA 26/56/10
		10	Discussion paper on the development of a guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods	CX/FA 26/56/13
		11	Discussion paper on the future work for CCFA	CX/FA 26/56/14
		12	Other business and future work	
		13	Date and place of the next session	
Thursday **16 April**	NO SESSION (report writing day)			
Friday **17 April**	09:00-		Adoption of the Report	

Note: The provisional programme is only indicative and may be adjusted based on the progress of the discussions.