

COURSE SYLLABUS

Codex Foundations and Engagement Training

DURATION	FORMAT	LANGUAGE
5 Days (Flexible)	In-Person or Virtual	English, French

The Codex Foundations and Engagement Training is a 5-day immersive program designed to empower national stakeholders with the knowledge and strategic tools to actively participate in Codex Alimentarius work and shape global food safety governance.

This bilingual (English/French), in-person or virtual training is tailored for food safety regulators, Codex Contact Points, technical experts, and institutional leaders seeking to strengthen their country's voice in international standard-setting. Participants explore the origins, mandate, and legal framework of Codex Alimentarius, gaining a solid understanding of its procedures, texts, and decision-making processes. The course emphasizes the structure and function of national Codex systems, including coordination mechanisms and institutional roles, ensuring that participants can effectively contribute to national and regional Codex platforms.

A key feature of the training is its focus on strategic engagement — preparing participants to intervene meaningfully in Codex meetings, consultations, and negotiations. Through simulations and action planning, attendees practice navigating Codex sessions, drafting interventions, and building influence within technical committees and plenary discussions.

By integrating Africa's priorities and amplifying regional perspectives, the training supports broader goals of trade equity, public health protection, and institutional transformation. It aligns with international frameworks such as the WTO SPS Agreement and promotes alignment with Codex standards to enhance market access and regulatory credibility.

What You'll Learn

- Codex history, mandate, and legal framework
- Structure and function of national Codex systems
- Codex procedures, texts, and decision-making
- Strategic engagement in Codex meetings and consultations
- Simulation of Codex participation and action planning

Who Should Attend

Food safety regulators and policymakers	Codex Contact Points and committee members
Technical experts and emerging professionals	Regional coordinators and institutional leaders

Training Agenda Snapshot

TOPIC	FOCUS
Day 1	Codex Origins — history, mandate, and structure
Day 2	National Systems — roles, coordination, and capacity
Day 3	Codex Procedures — step process, texts, and tools
Day 4	Strategic Engagement — preparation, intervention, influence
Day 5	Simulation & Reflection — mock session, feedback, planning

Certification

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion recognizing their readiness to contribute meaningfully to Codex work.

Request This Training

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