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# **NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE GUYANA**

# OUTLINE:

- ❑ Overview of Guyana's participation in Codex
- ❑ Structure and Function of Guyana's National Codex Committee
- ❑ Benefits of Codex to Guyana



# OVERVIEW OF GUYANA'S PARTICIPATION IN CODEX

- ❑ Guyana became a member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission in the year 1970. On March 05, 2014, the Guyana National Bureau of Standards restarted the National Codex Committee, following which it has functioned as the CCP.
- ❑ Since resuscitation, Guyana has attended the Committee meetings of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues, Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products, Codex Committee on Pesticide Residue and Codex Committee on Food Hygiene



# OVERVIEW OF GUYANA'S PARTICIPATION IN CODEX

❑ Codex participation occurs in eight (8) sub-committees, namely:

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Codex Committee on Contaminated Foods

Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods

Codex Committee on Food Labelling

Codex Committee on Food Import and Certification Systems

Codex Committee on Food Additives



# STRUCTURE OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE

The National Codex Committee comprises of twenty members (20) from governmental, non-governmental, the private sector and academic organisations. These include:

1. Agencies of the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)  
NAREI, NPPO, PTCCB, NGMC, GSA, GFSA
2. Departments of the Ministry of Health (MoH)  
GA-FDD, VPHU
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
4. Guyana National Bureau of Standards-Technical Secretary



# STRUCTURE OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE

5. University of Guyana  
Faculty of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry
6. Guyana Manufacturers and Services Association
- 7 Guyana Consumers Association
8. Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
9. Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization
10. Food and Agriculture Organization
11. Environmental Protection Agency

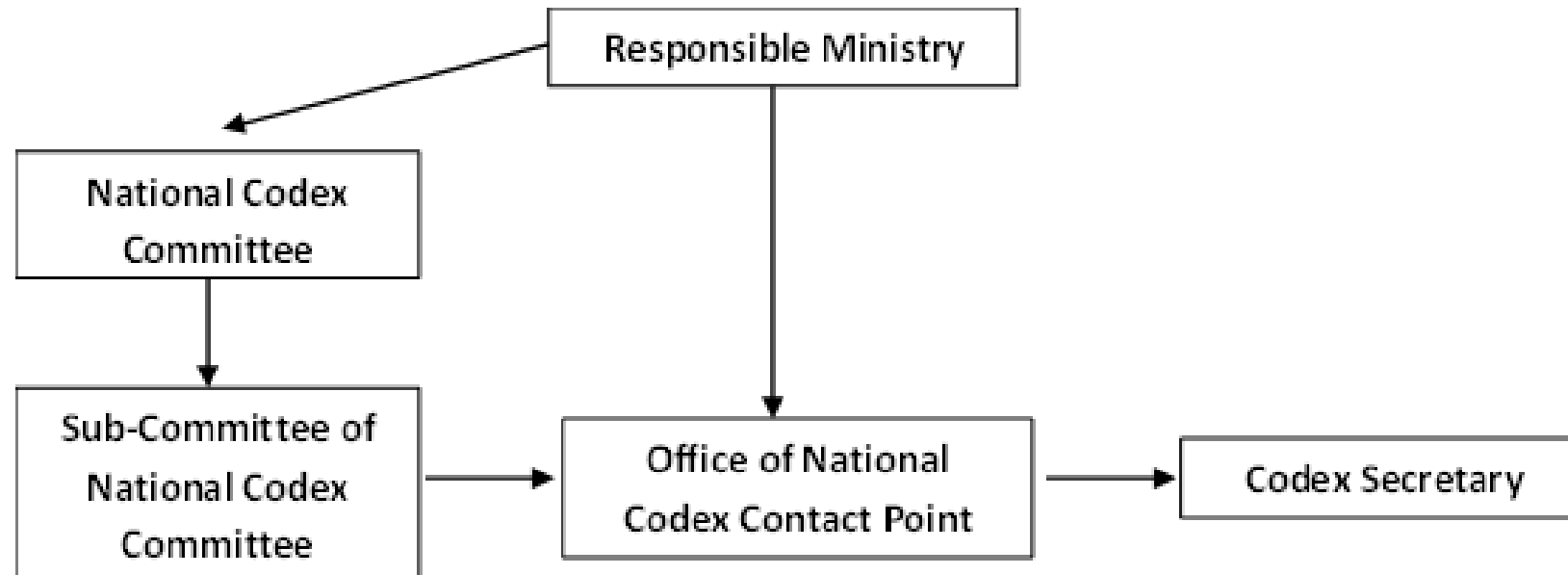


# STRUCTURE OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE

12. Institute of Applied Science and Technology

13. Private Sector Representatives

Structure of Codex in Guyana





# **FUNCTION OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE**

- Advise the government on the best possible decisions regarding Codex standards and their implementation (for example conducting and coordinating activities to harmonize national standards in food safety with international recommendations).
- Formulate Guyana's response to the proposals from the CAC; that is, agenda items under consideration by the various Codex Committees. This may include coordinating consultation activities.
- Appoint Sub-committees to address specific issues for Guyana's effective participation in Codex.
- Articulate with national authorities the strengthening of Codex activities in the country.





# **FUNCTION OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE**

- Build capacity in Guyana to effectively take up Codex work.
- To advise the composition of Guyana's Delegation to attend Codex related meetings.
- To cooperate with other local/regional or international organizations dealing with activities related to food standardization.
- Undertake such other duties as may be advised by the CCP.



# GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE

The NCC meets regularly, at least once every quarter for meetings to discuss issues relating to Codex in Guyana.

Recently, Guyana conducted a number of activities locally to promote the NCC and provide awareness on Food Safety.



Interschool Debate Competition



Market Outreach





# GUYANA'S NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE



Trainings



# **BENEFITS OF CODEX TO GUYANA**

- ❑ Allows country to stay informed on recent texts and information relating to food safety
- ❑ Codex texts assist in the development of national legislation on Food Safety
- ❑ Over the years Guyana has also benefited from the Codex Trust Fund, which has allowed us to strengthen our participation in Codex activities. Trainings have also been conducted for food handlers, regulators and food business operators.







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# Thank you.

