



Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of the United States of America.

Title:	Enhancement of work between CCPR and JMPR
Committee	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
Session	55 th
Chair of EWG	United States of America (USA)
Co-Chairs	Costa Rica and Uganda
Working Languages	English and Spanish

CCPR55 supports efforts to enhance the operational procedures of CCPR and JMPR and agreed with recommendations at CCPR55 to develop an approach that balances the shorter-term needs of stakeholders to reduce the backlog of scheduled evaluations with longer-term strategic efforts to increase JMPR's review capacity (CX/PR 24/55/10, Appendix I). As part of this approach, short-term efforts over the next three years (2024 – 2026) will focus on:

- convening an extraordinary meeting of JMPR to reduce the backlog of evaluations and
- consulting with JMPR and stakeholders to identify specific projects to improve its evaluation process.

To further advance work, CCPR55 agreed to re-establish the EWG, chaired by the USA and co-chaired by Costa Rica and Uganda, working in English and Spanish, to support the proposed short-term approach, with the following terms of reference:

Description of work

- (i) Facilitate collaboration with Codex Members and stakeholders to determine if support and resources are available to convene an extraordinary meeting of JMPR. If support is identified, the EWG will collaborate with the EWG on the schedule/priority list to determine the timeline and nomination process. If support is unavailable, the EWG will seek input on other approaches that CCPR and JMPR could adopt to reduce the backlog of evaluations.
- (ii) Solicit input from Codex Members and stakeholders to get recommendations on targeted projects that may enhance CCPR and JMPR's current evaluation process. As part of this effort, the EWG will seek input on mechanisms to ensure current JMPR resources are used efficiently.
- (iii) Based on (i) and (ii), provide a status update at CCPR56 (2025) and make recommendations on future activities. The feedback provided by JMPR (2023) and comments provided by Members and Observers in reply to CL 2024/48-PR and during the virtual meeting of the Working Group (VWG) will further inform the work of the EWG on the short-term approaches.

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Timetable for work

The discussion paper on the management of unsupported compounds should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCPR55 not later than **10 March 2025**

Email for registration uscodex@usda.gov

Registration deadline **10 October 2024**

EWG online platform **Yes**

Procedure to register to EWGs

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this EWG. When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate **one** as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Point (CCP) of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participant's name
- official title or position
- country or organization
- email address.

The EWG platform

Link: <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

User-Group name: **CCPR-JMPR Work Enhancement (2024)**

The platform will require members to login.

New participants to the platform should first register ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the user-group directly.

The EWG Chair will give participants access to the group online once they have verified their credentials. Please ensure you follow the application procedure and email the chair through your CCP, even if you are registered on the platform.

Programme and timeline

The work programme and timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

Chair (USA) and Co-Chairs (Costa Rica and Uganda) of the EWG

Codex Contact Points of USA, Costa Rica, and Uganda