

Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of **Nigeria**.

Title	Hydrogen cyanide and mycotoxins in cassava and cassava-based products
Committee	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)
Session	13 th
Chair of EWG	Nigeria
Co-Chair	Ghana
Working Language	English
Description of work	<p>The EWG should prepare discussion papers for consideration at CCCF14 (2020) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background information to provide a global picture of cassava products considering the issues raised in written comments and the points raised at CCCF13 (2019). Based on the findings of this paper, CCCF14 may decide on the further steps e.g. identify cassava products on which data could be gathered through a call for data to consider the feasibility to establish maximum levels for HCN on a global basis ; and• Discussion paper identifying mitigation measures to support development of a code of practice for prevention and reduction of mycotoxins in cassava and cassava products considering the points raised in this session. <p>Note: The Codex Secretariat has issued a circular letter CL 2019/81-CF requesting data and information on management measures to prevent and reduce mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products. The CL is available on the Codex website: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/resources/circular-letters/en/ Member countries and observer organizations are encouraged to submit information on mitigation measures to contain mycotoxin contamination in cassava to assist in the development and scoping of a COP for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products for consideration at CCCF14.</p>
Timetable for work	The discussion papers should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCCF14 by not later than 15 February 2020
Email for registration	codexsecretariat@son.gov.ng and adegboye.a@nafdac.gov.ng
Registration deadline	31 August 2019
EWG online platform	Yes

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
- organization or country
- email address

The EWG platform

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

User-Group name: **CCCF14: HCN MCX Cassava**

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 so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the chair through your CCP even if you are already registered on the platform.

Program and timeline

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

We look forward to your participation.

EWG Chair and Co-chair (Nigeria, Ghana)

Codex Contact Points of Nigeria and Ghana