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The CAC is open to the governments of all member nations, or associate members of FAO and/or WHO. It currently has 183 Member States.

The FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex (Codex Trust Fund) was launched in 2003. The main objective of Codex Trust Fund is to help developing countries and those with economies in transition to enhance their level of effective participation in the Codex.

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