
Fund launched to enhance food safety and quality

WHO and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) launched a Trust Fund of US\$ 40 million in Geneva on 14 February, to help least-developed countries to participate in the Codex Alimentarius, the body that sets food standards worldwide. The FAO/WHO Project and Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex is expected to run for 12 years. Its first contribution came from Switzerland.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1962 by FAO and WHO, and has 168 members. Its aim is to set international standards for food safety and quality and enhance the ability of its member countries both to maintain domestic standards and participate equitably in international food trade. Poorer members have been unable to participate fully in the work of the Commission because of the costs involved in attending meetings and working groups.
