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Codex has contributed to bringing together 189 members: 188 countries and 1 member organisation, the European Union, with the commitment to work together, following the same principles of risk analysis, relying on documented evidence to develop food standards for the world and embracing the same values of collaboration, inclusiveness and transparency. This commemorative Special Issue will contribute to the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Codex and will discuss the current challenges and priorities faced by various regions around the world in relation to food regulatory development and the needs of evolving food systems regionally and globally. This Special Issue will also focus on some of the efforts that are underway in food regulatory convergence guided by Codex, such as those underway in Africa, with the aim to effectively contribute to human and economic development.



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