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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 through 5:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 20, 2017, online at <https://agrilinks.org/agexchange/aligning-research-investments-global-food-security-strategy-three-day-agexchange>.

This public meeting, hosted in partnership with the USAID's Bureau for Food Security, will inform the alignment of research investments to the new Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS). The three-day AgExchange will frame a research agenda around the themes described in the Results Framework of the GFSS, with emphasis on the Strategy's three objectives: Inclusive and sustainable agriculture-led economic growth; a well-nourished population, especially among women and children; and strengthened resilience among people and systems. Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair and Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Missouri, along with Dr. Robert Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID and Dr. Saharah Moon Chapotin, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, USAID will open the public consultation through a webinar beginning on Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. EDT. Throughout this meeting, the Board along with staff of USAID and the broader food security community will moderate discussions and seek input from public and other stakeholders.

A moderated discussion on research prioritization will begin on Tuesday,

April 18th at 10:00 a.m. EDT. A moderated discussion on research opportunities around improved nutrition, especially among women and children, will begin on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. EDT and continue throughout the day. On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. EDT, a moderated discussion will focus on research opportunities around inclusive and sustainable agriculture-led economic growth and continue throughout the day. Facilitated discussions on Thursday, April 20, 2017, will turn to research opportunities around strengthened resilience among people and systems, beginning at 7:00 a.m. EDT and continuing through 3:30 p.m. EDT. A live audio wrap-up session will begin at 3:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday April 20, 2017 and will provide key takeaways and summary remarks from the discussion over the past three days. At 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 20, 2017, the meeting will conclude but unmoderated online discussions will be available through 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 21, 2017. The public is invited to comment at any time during these three days of moderated online discussions.

Those wishing to participate in the meeting online should create an account with Agrilinks at <https://agrilinks.org> by clicking "Join Agrilinks" from the homepage. Agrilinks members can then request access to the discussion through the Agrilinks events page. Those with questions about joining the meeting online should visit the Agrilinks FAQ, which can be found at <https://agrilinks.org/faq/#t4746n2100>. To obtain additional information about this public meeting or BIFAD, interested parties should contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0119.

Clara Cohen,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Bureau for Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 28, 2017.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 3, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1942-A, Community Facility Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0015.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is a credit agency within the Rural Development mission area of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Community Programs Division of the RHS administers the Community Facilities program under 7 CFR part 1942, subpart A. Rural Development provides loan and grant funds through the Community Facilities program to finance many types of projects varying in size and complexity, from large general hospitals to small fire trucks. The facilities financed are designed to promote the development of rural communities by providing the infrastructure necessary to attract residents and rural jobs. RHS will collect information using multiple forms and in written format. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) no longer uses the 1942-A regulation. The burden for RUS is now covered under 0572-0121.

Need and Use of the Information: Information will be collected by Rural Development field offices from applicants/borrowers and consultants. The information is used to determine eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan and grant funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,769.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 48,319.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2017-0013]

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling

AGENCY: Office of Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and

Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) are sponsoring a public meeting on April 7, 2017. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), taking place in Budapest, Hungary, between May 8 and 12, 2017. The Administrator and Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Food Safety, Office of Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing interested parties with the opportunity to obtain background information on the 38th Session of the CCMAS and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2017, from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 107-A, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Documents related to the 38th Session of the CCMAS will be accessible via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>.

Dr. Gregory O. Noonan, U.S. Delegate to the 38th Session of the CCMAS invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: Gregory.Noonan@fda.hhs.gov.

Call-in-Number

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 38th Session of the CCMAS by conference call, please use the call-in-number listed below:

Call-in-Number: 1-888-844-9904.

The participant code will be posted on the Web page below: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/us-codex-alimentarius/public-meetings>.

Registration

Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing Doreen.Chen-Moulec@fsis.usda.gov by April 4, 2017. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will be held in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person,

but who wish to participate, may do so by phone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the 38th session of the CCMAS contact Gregory O. Noonan, Ph.D., Research Chemist, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), Food and Drug Administration, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building, 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20740. Phone: (240) 402-2250, Fax: (301) 436-2634, Email: Gregory.Noonan@fda.hhs.gov.

For information about the public meeting contact Doreen Chen-Moulec, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4867, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157, Email: Doreen.Chen-Moulec@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCMAS is responsible for defining the criteria appropriate to Codex Methods of Analysis and Sampling; serving as a coordinating body for Codex with other international groups working in methods of analysis and sampling and quality assurance systems for laboratories; specifying, on the basis of final recommendations submitted to it by other bodies, reference methods of analysis and sampling; considering, amending, and endorsing, appropriate to Codex standards which are generally applicable to a number of foods; methods of analysis and sampling proposed by Codex (Commodity) Committees, (except that methods of analysis and sampling for residues of pesticides or veterinary drugs in food, the assessment of micro-biological quality and safety in food, and the assessment of specifications for food additives, do not fall within the terms of reference of this Committee); elaborating sampling plans and procedures; considering specific sampling and analysis problems submitted to it by the Commission or any of its Committees; and defining procedures, protocols, guidelines, or