



**Activity Title and Number:** Simulation of *Codex Alimentarius* Sessions; A390-C3

**Beneficiary :** Ministry of Agriculture

**Location and Date:** Beijing; 19-21 Nov, 2014.

**Stakeholders:** National Health and Family Planning Commission; China Food and Drug Administration; General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine; Agro-food industry and academic institutions.

## Brief Activity Report

### Relevance and Impact

Since its accession to WTO as a full member, China has increased its participation in the *Codex Alimentarius* meetings and is currently hosting the Committee on food additives (CCFA) and the Committee on pesticides (CCPR). The MOA hosts the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) with the mandate to establish maximum limits for pesticide residues in specific food items, animal feeding stuffs and the environment, and develop analytical methods for measuring residues. During the agriculture dialogues between MOA and DG SANCO, the parties reached consensus on the need to design and implement activities to build the capacity of the Chinese officials involved in Codex Alimentarius issues. With the support of the MOA, DG SANCO, the Codex Committee, EUCTP II organised a session on ***Codex Alimentarius*** aimed at deepening Chinese official's knowledge and skills to enable them to actively participate in the Codex Committee meetings and to prepare national positions.

### Activity Description

Forty Chinese professionals from MOA, AQSIQ, NHFPC and CFDA who participate in the *Codex Alimentarius* sessions of the CCPR engaged in the three-day training programme. The training simulated Codex Committee meetings, alternating between formal presentations and practical exercises. The activity was facilitated by members of the Codex Committee and secretariat, and experts from the European Commission.

*Topics covered during the interactive sessions included:*

- International agreements governing food trade - WTO SPS and TBT
- Structure and operation of the Codex Commission
- Elaboration of Codex standards
- Application of risk analysis in Codex work and standard elaboration
- Food import and export inspection and certification systems
- Simulation sessions: discussion on national and regional positions, meetings between delegations and plenary sessions.



**European and Chinese experts exchange technical knowledge during the simulated *Codex Alimentarius* Committee sessions**

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ Deepened Chinese official's knowledge on the *Codex Alimentarius* and its relationship to the WTO agreement, enabling them to actively participate in Codex Committee meetings and prepare national positions.