**Electronic Working Group Invitation**

This invitation is sent on behalf of Vanuatu.

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| **Title** | Development of Regional Standard for Kava for use as a beverage |
| **Committee** | FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific |
| **Session** | 14th |
| **Chair of EWG** | Vanuatu |
| **Working language** | English |
| **Description of work** | The 14th Session of CCNASWP agreed to start new work on kava as a beverage when mixed with water. The Committee agreed to establish and EWG chaired by Vanuatu to prepare a proposed draft regional standard for circulation at Step 3 and consideration at the 15th session of CCNASWP (2018). |
| **Timetable for work** | |
| 30 September 2017 | Registration of participants |
| 30 November 2017 | First proposed draft circulated for comments |
| 1 January 2017 | First round of comments due |
| 30 March 2018 | Revised proposed draft circulated for comments |
| 30 April 2018 | 2nd round of comments due |
| 30 June 2018 | Final proposed draft submitted to Codex Secretariat |
| **Email for registration** | etumukon@vanuatu.gov.vu; vtovu@vanuatu.gov.vu ; tsoaki@vanuatu.gov.vu |
| **Registration deadline** | 30 September |
| **EWG online platform** | Yes ☒  No ☐ |

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this Electronic Working Group. When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate **one** as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Point of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:
• participant's name
• official title or position
• organization or country
• email contact

The EWG platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform will be provided with the link once their credentials have been verified by the working group leaders. Those participants who have previously registered on the platform will be provided with the EWG name so they can request to join. We look forward to your participation.

Kind Regards

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