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Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP)

**Last Meeting:** 14th Session, 19 – 22 September 2016, Port Vila, Vanuatu

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**Next Meeting:** 15th Session TBA

Major outcomes of the CCNASWP meeting relating to NZ's priorities were as follows:

Major outcomes of the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Regional Coordinating Committee included:

- New Zealand played a key role in securing consensus for the long standing proposal to develop a Codex regional standard for Kava. This issue has been previously hampered by lack of consensus among the developed members of the group (Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States). At this meeting New Zealand successfully persuaded these countries to support the proposal for a regional standard modelled on the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Standard 2.6.3 which provided the framework for addressing food safety and consumer health related issues that had impeded previous discussions;
- The New Zealand contribution to the meeting and our input into securing support for the Kava standard was highly appreciated;
- New Zealand also facilitated a FAO/WHO sponsored regional workshop aimed at helping the Pacific Island countries (PICs) carry out a self-assessment of national Codex capacity as a precursor to seeking capacity building support from FAO and WHO.