

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific

Last Meeting: 15th Session Port Vila, Vanuatu. 16-20 September 2019

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Next Meeting: 16th Session TBA

New Zealand attended the 15th session of the CCNASWP. Main outcomes of importance to NZ were:

- The meeting was a success with both the draft Codex standards for kava and fermented noni fruit juice being advanced. With Kava already Vanuatu's highest export earner, and Samoa's second highest, a Codex regional standard is expected to further increase the value of exports. MPI has assisted with leading the development of these draft Codex standards, which are important commodities in the region and beyond.

The assistance offered by MPI in the Codex context supports the development of robust food policy and food regulation throughout the Pacific region.