## **Codex Committee on General Principles (CCGP)**

Last Meeting: 31st Session, 11-15 March 2019, Bordeaux, France

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**Next meeting:** 32nd Session – Date to be confirmed

New Zealand attended the 31st Session. Main outcomes of importance to New Zealand were:

- Agreed to continue work on the development of procedural guidance for committees working by correspondence and established an electronic working group led by New Zealand to prepare proposals for consideration at the next meeting in March 2020;
- Discussed the issue of use of examples in Codex texts and agreed that the inclusion of examples can be useful to improve understanding and application of texts and that examples are not intended to be prescriptive but illustrative.
  CCGP agreed that the current approach by Codex committees to consider the use of examples on a case by case basis and incorporate such examples in Codex texts remains appropriate and there was no need to develop any procedural guidance.
- The committee discussed various proposals for future work including developing a framework for monitoring uptake and use of Codex standards and decided to revisit these issues at its next meeting.