CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY
Thirtieth meeting
Hotel Sofitel Ivoire, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, Monday, 23 March 2015

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 cocoa years
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Monitoring the Implementation of the Global Cocoa Agenda
5. Update on the National Cocoa Plan (2QC) and the Public-Private-Partnership Platform in Côte d’Ivoire
6. Profitable Farm Business Models
7. Global Cocoa Sustainability Fund
8. Preparations to hold the Third Edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3)
9. Safe Movement of cocoa planting material and germplasm between Countries
10. Update on SPS Related Issues
11. Other business
12. Date and Place of next Meeting
ANOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The thirtieth meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy will be opened by the Executive Director.


The Board will elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 cocoa years, with reference to document ICC/REP/90, containing in annex the approved list of Board representatives approved by the International Cocoa Council, at its 90th regular session in September 2014. Further updates to the list of Board representatives are being submitted to the Council for approval at its 91st regular session, and as contained in document ICC/91/CRP.1.

It is noted that, for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 cocoa years, the Chairman should come from an exporting Member country and the Vice-Chairman should come from an importing Member country.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board will consider the draft agenda contained in this document as a basis for adopting its agenda.

4. MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COCOA AGENDA

Mr. Antonie Fountain, Co-ordinator of Voice Network and Chairman of the Working Group established to develop a template, for use by the Board in monitoring the implementation of the Global Cocoa Agenda, will report on the outcome of his Group’s work, with reference to document CB/30/2.

5. UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL COCOA PLAN (2QC) AND THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM IN CÔTE D’IVOIRE

The Conseil du Café-Cacao (CCC) will present its revised “Quantité-Qualité-Croissance” programme and update the Board on the progress made by its national Public-Private-Partnership Platform (PPPP) in this respect.

6. PROFITABLE FARM BUSINESS MODELS

As agreed at the previous meeting in September 2014, the Board will receive an update on the preparations to conduct a study on typical farm models in cocoa, including possible sources of funding.

7. GLOBAL COCOA SUSTAINABILITY FUND

The Amsterdam Cocoa Declaration, agreed at the Second World Cocoa Conference (WCC2), stipulates that a Working Group should be set up to study the feasibility of establishing a Global Cocoa Sustainability Fund. The aim of the Sustainability Fund would consist in providing
additional direct and timely financing for projects and programmes in the cocoa sector, primarily for the benefit of producers.

The Board will discuss the possibility of setting up a Sustainability Fund, with reference to document CB/30/3, and present some recommendations on this topic.

8. **Preparations to Hold the Third Edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3)**

With reference to document ICC/91/7 and the latest brochure for the Conference, the Board will review progress in the preparations to hold the third edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3) in Bávaro, The Dominican Republic, to take place alongside the 93rd regular session of the Council and meetings of its subsidiary bodies, now proposed from 23-28 May 2016, at the kind invitation of the Government of The Dominican Republic.

9. **Safe Movement of Cocoa Planting Material and Germplasm Between Countries**

The Board will receive a presentation from Mr. Tony Lass MBE, Chairman of the Cocoa Research Association Ltd (CRA) on the procedures in place to ensure the safe movement of cocoa planting material and germplasm between countries, including the processes involved when infringements occur.

10. **Update on SPS Related Issues**

The Secretariat will update the Board on the publication of the third edition of the Manual on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Cocoa.

In addition, the Board will receive a presentation from Mr Yao Bama of CropLife African Middle East, who will inform the meeting on the European Union's public consultation related to endocrine disruptors in the context of the implementation of the EU’s plant protection product regulation and biocidal products regulation, looking in particular at possible implications for the use of pesticides and fungicides in cocoa.

11. **Other Business**

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

12. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The Board will agree the date and place of its next meeting.