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CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY

Thirty-fourth meeting

Hôtel Sofitel Ivoire, Abidjan, Monday, 24 April 2017, 8.30 hrs. to 18.00 hrs.

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Declining Cocoa Prices: Analysis and Recommendations from the Private Sector
4. Preparations towards the Fourth Edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC4)
5. Presentation on “Unlocking the Economic Value in Cocoa Pod Husks: Generating Additional Revenues for Cocoa Producers through the manufacturing of Potassium Carbonate”
6. Presentation of Initiatives by Swiss Stakeholders in the Cocoa and Chocolate Sector in Côte d’Ivoire
7. Preparation of the International Symposium on Cocoa Research (ISCR)
8. Monitoring of the Implementation of the Global Cocoa Agenda
9. Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) for Data Collection, Monitoring and Evaluation in Cocoa
10. Update on Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons: Mineral Oil Saturated Hydrocarbons (MOSH)/ Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons (MOAH) in cocoa
11. Update on European Union (EU) Legislation to change the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for Metalaxyl and Metalaxyl M
12. Other business
13. Date and place of next meeting

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy will be opened by its Chairman, Ms. Cathy Pieters, from Mondelēz International.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. DECLINING COCOA PRICES: ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR

The Board will receive a presentation from Mr. Antonie Fountain, Managing Director of Voice Network on the dramatic decline in cocoa prices and the implications for the entire cocoa sector.

In parallel with this discussion, a High Level Emergency Meeting of Cocoa Exporting Member countries has been convened for Monday, 24 April 2017, in the same meeting venue. The outcome of that meeting will be presented for review by the Council at its 95th regular session.

4. PREPARATION OF THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE WORLD COCOA CONFERENCE (WCC4)

The Board will review the preparations underway to hold the fourth edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC4), planned to take place in Berlin, Germany, in April 2018, with reference to document ICC/95/5. In particular, the role of the Technical Committee leading to the conference will be discussed.

5. PRESENTATION ON UNLOCKING THE ECONOMIC VALUE IN COCOA POD HUSKS: GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR COCOA PRODUCERS THROUGH THE MANUFACTURING OF POTASSIUM CARBONATE

The Board will receive a presentation from Mr. Karl Akuesson of Mothre Consulting and representatives of the Organic Potash Corporation (OPC) on how to generate additional revenues for cocoa producers through the manufacturing of potassium carbonate using cocoa pod husks.

6. PRESENTATION OF INITIATIVES BY SWISS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COCOA AND CHOCOLATE SECTOR IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE

The Board will receive a presentation from Swiss stakeholders on ongoing initiatives in the cocoa and chocolate sector in Côte d'Ivoire.

7. PREPARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON COCOA RESEARCH (ISCR)

The Board will review the preparations underway to hold the International Symposium on Cocoa Research (ISCR), planned to take place in Peru in November 2017, with reference to document CB/34/3.

8. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COCOA AGENDA

At its 33rd meeting in September 2016, the Board decided to establish a Working Group, comprising VOICE Network, the World Cocoa Foundation, UTZ Certified, The German Sustainability Initiative (GISCO), and the International Cocoa Initiative (ICI) to make proposals on the modalities and process for monitoring the implementation of the Global Cocoa Agenda, particularly with regard to the review and assessment of ongoing programmes in cocoa and the development of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). The Board will discuss the proposal made by the Working Group, with reference to document CB/34/2.

9. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES (ICTs) FOR DATA COLLECTION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION IN COCOA

The use of ICTs to collect much needed information on cocoa production, farm and socio-economic characteristics, traceability and project impact has become more widespread in recent years. However, governments and private companies often use distinct systems to collect this information, based on various innovative products offered by specialized ICT companies. The Board will receive a presentation from the Secretariat on this topic and will make recommendations on the possible role of ICCO to provide guidance to better align systems, thereby improving efficiency.

10. UPDATE ON MINERAL OIL HYDROCARBONS: MINERAL OIL SATURATED HYDROCARBONS (MOSH)/ MINERAL OIL AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (MOAH) IN COCOA

The Board will receive a presentation from Dr. Torben Erbrath, Managing Director of BDSI on the issue of Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons: Mineral Oil Saturated Hydrocarbons (MOSH)/ Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons (MOAH) in cocoa.

11. UPDATE ON EUROPEAN UNION (EU) LEGISLATION TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM RESIDUE LEVELS (MRLs) FOR METALAXYL AND METALAXYL M

The Board will receive an update from the Secretariat on the outcome of the consultations held in response to the European Union (EU) initial proposal to reduce the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for Metalaxyl and Metalaxyl M in cocoa, with reference to document ED(MEM)1016.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

13. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board will agree the date and place of its next meeting, to coincide with the hosting of the meetings of the International Cocoa Council and its subsidiary bodies.