



ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

Third meeting

Radisson Blu Hotel, Zurich Airport, Switzerland, 11-13 March 2014

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The third meeting of the Economics Committee will be opened by its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Luis Valverde (Ecuador).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY: PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Secretariat will present a comprehensive overview of the current market situation and prospects for the world cocoa economy for the next five years, with reference to document EC/3/2.

4. REPORT OF THE 21ST MEETING OF THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON STOCKS

The Committee will receive a report on the twenty-first meeting of the Expert Working Group on Stocks which took place on 24 January 2014 at ICCO offices in London, with reference to document EWG/S/21/2.

5. IMPORT TARIFFS APPLIED IN COCOA TRADE

Following the presentation delivered at the second meeting of the Committee on Import Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures applied in Cocoa Trade, the Committee will receive a presentation on import tariffs applied on cocoa beans and cocoa semi-finished products by all World Trade Organization (WTO) Member countries, contained in document EC/2/3/Add.1.

6. ECONOMIC STUDIES ON SELECTED TOPICS

- Cocoa prices and market imperfections
- Value chain analysis (from beans to bars)
- Cocoa processing and cocoa manufacturing at origin
- Access for Farmers to Services through Farmers' Organizations and Other Means
- Sustainable funding in the global cocoa sector

The Secretariat will present possible studies on the above mentioned topics, with reference to document EC/3/3.

7. ICCO/CABI/STDF PROJECT ON "COCOASAFE: CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING IN SPS IN COCOA IN SOUTH EAST ASIA": REPORT ON THE INCEPTION WORKSHOP

The Committee will receive an oral report on the outcome of the Inception Workshop of the ICCO/CABI/STDF project on "CocoaSafe: Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing in SPS in Cocoa in South East Asia", which took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in November 2013.

8. REPORT ON THE FINAL WORKSHOP OF THE COCOA SPS AFRICA PROJECT

The Committee will receive an oral report on the outcome of the Workshop on Project Evaluation and Dissemination related to the Cocoa SPS Africa Project which took place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in December 2013.

9. ACTION PROPOSAL: COCOA-FOOD LINK PROGRAMME FOR WEST AFRICA

The Committee will receive a presentation by GiZ on an initiative to support the cocoa sector, being developed by the European Commission and the ACP in cooperation with the ICCO, and to be implemented by GiZ.

10. PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS

The Secretariat will report on this item with reference to document EC/3/4.

11. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/2014

The Committee will consider the recommendations issued by the Working Group set up under the Chairman of the Economics Committee to review the Organization's work programme for 2013/2014, and will also receive a report from the Secretariat, contained in document EC/3/5, on actions required.

12. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2014/2015 COCOA YEAR

The Committee will consider the Organization's work programme for the 2014/2015 cocoa year, with reference to document EC/3/6.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

14. RECORD OF DECISIONS

The Committee will take its record of decisions as read.