ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
Ninth meeting
Hotel Sofitel Ivoire, Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, 25-28 April 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of agenda
3. The World Cocoa Market: Current Situation and Forecasts
5. Progress Report on Projects
6. Capacity Building in Member Countries
7. Recent developments on the world cocoa market
8. Work Programme for the 2016/2017 Cocoa Year: Mid-Term Implementation Review
10. Other business
11. Record of decisions
ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING
   The ninth meeting of the Economics Committee will be opened by its Chairman, Mr. Corneille Tabalo (The Democratic Republic of Congo).

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 MARKET: CURRENT SITUATION AND FORECASTS
   The Secretariat will present a comprehensive report on the current market situation for the world cocoa market and its prospects for the next five years, with reference to document EC/9/2.

4. REPORT OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON STOCKS
   The Committee will receive a report on the twenty-fourth meeting of the Expert Working Group on Stocks which took place on 26 January 2017 at the kind invitation of ICE Futures Europe/ICE Clear Europe in London, with reference to document EWG/S/24/2.

5. PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS
   The Secretariat will report on cocoa development projects supervised by the ICCO, with reference to document EC/9/3.

6. CAPACITY BUILDING IN MEMBER COUNTRIES
   The Secretariat will report on capacity building programmes in Member countries. This will include a seminar on project identification for implementation of the national cocoa development plans of Cameroon and Côte d’Ivoire; secondly, assist policy makers and other stakeholders in Latin American and Caribbean countries to develop national cocoa strategies; and lastly, a workshop to be organized in collaboration with the Indonesian Government on the current status, challenges and prospects of the Indonesian cocoa sector.

7. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WORLD COCOA MARKET
   The Executive Director will make a presentation on recent developments on the world cocoa market, for discussion, with reference to document EC/9/4.

8. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2016/2017 COCOA YEAR: MID-TERM IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW
   The Committee will review progress in the implementation of the Organization’s work programme for the 2016/2017 cocoa year, with reference to document EC/9/5.

9. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2017/2018 COCOA YEAR
   The Committee will consider the Organization’s work programme for the 2017/2018 cocoa year, with reference to document EC/9/6.
10. **OTHER BUSINESS**
   
   Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

11. **RECORD OF DECISIONS**
   
   The Committee will take its record of decisions as read.