



CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY

Forty-first meeting

ICCO Headquarters, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, or Videoconference

Monday 19 April 2021, 12:00 noon to 3PM GMT

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Approval of the report of the 1st special session of the Consultative Board
4. Follow-up to the 1st special session of the Consultative Board on the Living Income
5. National and International Standards for the Assessment of Cocoa Quality and Flavours (ISCQF)
6. Capacity Building for Superior Quality – Contributing to Better Living Incomes for Smallholder Cocoa Farmers
7. European Union Cocoa Talks with Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana
8. Concept Note on Supply Management Policies
9. Postponement of the fifth edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC5) and second edition of the International Symposium on Cocoa Research (ISCR2)
10. Other Business
11. Record of Decisions

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The forty-first meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy will be opened by its Chairman, Mrs Beate Weiskopf, Executive Secretary of the German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa (GISCO).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE 1ST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE BOARD

The Board will be asked to approve the report of its 1st special session which took place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, through videoconference in January 2021 as contained in document CB/SPEC/REP/1.

4. FOLLOW-UP TO THE 1ST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE LIVING INCOME

The Chair will formulate proposals to the Board, on the role of the ICCO in the current discussions regarding the Living Income.

5. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF COCOA QUALITY AND FLAVOURS (ISCQF)

The ISCQF Working Group has developed a series of quality standards and protocols. Without pre-empting the discussion at the Council meeting, the Secretariat is recommending the participation of ICCO Member countries in the consultation process for the review of the proposed ISCQF, with reference to document CB/41/3.

6. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SUPERIOR QUALITY – CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER LIVING INCOMES FOR SMALLHOLDER COCOA FARMERS

The Board will receive a presentation from Mrs. Brigitte Laliberté (Alliance Bioversity – CIAT) on a concept note concerning a capacity building programme aiming at developing superior quality as a value-added strategy for cocoa farmers, with reference CB/41/4.

7. EUROPEAN UNION COCOA TALKS WITH CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND GHANA

The Delegations of the European Union, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana will provide members with an oral update on their last three thematic cocoa talks, namely (i) the LID, (ii) Standards, and (iii) Traceability, transparency and accountability.

8. CONCEPT NOTE ON SUPPLY MANAGEMENT POLICIES

With the objective of encouraging a discussion on a possible mix of policies to increase international cocoa prices, the Secretariat will present to the Board a concept note on supply management policies, with reference to document CB/41/2.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE WORLD COCOA CONFERENCE (WCC5) AND SECOND EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON COCOA RESEARCH

The Secretariat will provide an oral update on the postponement of the fifth edition of the World Cocoa Conference, as well as an update on the postponement of the second edition of the International Symposium on Cocoa Research, with reference to document CB/41/5.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Matters not on the agenda may be raised for consideration.

11. RECORD OF DECISIONS

The Board will take its record of decisions as read.