



CONSULTATIVE BOARD ON THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY

Twenty-ninth meeting

Holiday Inn Hotel, Wembley, London, Monday, 15 September 2014, 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of agenda
3. **Priorities in the Work Programme of the Board**
4. Report on the Second World Cocoa Conference (WCC2) and preparations to host the Third Edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3)
5. Formulation and Implementation of a National Cocoa Development Plan and a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) platform
6. Cocoa Forum
7. Cocoa Certification: **The Way Forward**
8. Profitable Farm Business Models
9. Update on SPS Related Issues
10. ECA/CAOBISCO/FCC Joint Cocoa Quality and Productivity Working Group: Updates
11. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 cocoa years
12. Other business
13. Date and Place of next Meeting

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Consultative Board on the World Cocoa Economy will be opened by its Chairman, Dr. Martin Gilmour (Mars).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. PRIORITIES IN THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE BOARD

The Board will consider the priorities for its work programme, contained in document CB/27/3/Rev.1.

4. REPORT ON THE SECOND WORLD COCOA CONFERENCE (WCC2) AND PREPARATIONS TO HOST THE THIRD EDITION OF THE WORLD COCOA CONFERENCE (WCC3)

The Board will review the report on the Second World Cocoa Conference (WCC2) which took place from 9-13 June 2014 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with reference to document ICC/90/5. The Board will agree on follow-up actions to be taken, based on the recommendations made in the *Amsterdam Cocoa Declaration*.

The Board will also review the preparations underway to host the Third Edition of the World Cocoa Conference (WCC3), planned for Bávaro, Punta Cana, The Dominican Republic, in March 2016.

5. FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL COCOA DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND A NATIONAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIP (PPP) PLATFORM

The Secretariat will provide an overview on the progress achieved in the development and implementation of a cocoa development plan and public-private partnership platform in selected countries, based on the presentations made by countries at the 27th and 28th meetings of the Board and on the outcome of the Cocoa Forum session held in March 2014, with reference to document CB/REP/28/Add.1. The Board will make recommendations on possible areas for improvement and will discuss the possibilities for developing guidelines to assist the countries concerned.

Following discussion of this item in plenary session, discussions will take place within smaller groups in the format of a “Cocoa Forum” session, to enable interactive debate on the issues raised.

6. COCOA FORUM

A Cocoa Forum session will be organized in two rounds of approximately 30 minutes each, to discuss the role of the Board in monitoring the implementation of the *Global Cocoa Agenda* and the need for an inventory of cocoa resources, as specified in document CB/29/2.

7. COCOA CERTIFICATION: THE WAY FORWARD

Following the discussions that took place during the Second World Cocoa Conference on the subject, the Secretariat will provide an oral report on options for cocoa certification, for consideration by the Board.

8. PROFITABLE FARM BUSINESS MODELS

The Board will receive a presentation by Philippe Bastide from CIRAD on typical farm models in cocoa and will review Terms of Reference, presented in document CB/29/3, to conduct a study on profitable farm business models, with diversified crops grown, ensuring that cocoa growing is environmentally sound, and based on experiences gathered from various initiatives.

Following this presentation, discussions will take place within smaller groups in the format of a “Cocoa Forum” session, to enable interactive debate on the issues raised.

9. UPDATE ON SPS RELATED ISSUES

The Board will review recent developments with regard to sanitary and phytosanitary issues related to cocoa, including:

- the Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin “A” in Cocoa, adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission; and
- the progress of the Working Group set up by the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods to prepare proposals for maximum levels (MLs) for cadmium in chocolate and cocoa-derived products for approval.

10. ECA/CAOBISCO/FCC JOINT COCOA QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY WORKING GROUP: UPDATES

The Board will receive an update from the ECA/CAOBISCO/FCC Joint Cocoa Quality and Productivity Working Group on its work.

11. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2014/2015 AND 2015/2016 COCOA YEARS

The Board will elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 cocoa years.

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.

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.