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Report of Working Group 02 activities

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In short		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>OBJECTIVES</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To identify the key actors at all stages of the supply chain;▪ to agree a typology of the different supply chains in the global industry;▪ to prioritise what information we need to gather in order to work towards fair distribution of value (eg. labour costs, FOB, CIF and retail prices);▪ to map the distribution of value in key supply chains (a representative selection of origins and markets);▪ to evaluate prices and costs along the chain;▪ to agree a practical methodology for approximating "living" or "decent" wages at plantation/farm level;▪ to pilot this methodology in at least two countries;▪ to explore the feasibility of various approaches to the redistribution of value in the chain;▪ to exchange relevant information with other WGs of the WBF and externally.○ <u>EXPECTED OUTPUTS</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To establish decent wage indicators at a country level;▪ To evaluate the efficiency of collective bargaining and to propose suitable mechanisms for its promotion;▪ To understand the impact of retail prices through the value chain.○ <u>MAIN ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN 2011 AND RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED</u><p>Four areas of work in 2011:</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Analysis of the distribution of value along the chain using 3 examples2) A global survey (8 countries) of decent wage indicators to develop “wage ladders”3) Investigation of actual wages & benefits in 2 countries (Ecuador & Colombia)4) Study of world market trends and of banana transport revolution○ <u>ONGOING/FUTURE ACTIVITIES WITH INDICATION OF TIMELINE</u><p>To be discussed at the conference, but there are several options, which could include:</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">1) National stakeholder (industry, workers, government) discussions to adapt and validate the wage ladders2) Extend the study of decent wage indicators to other key exporting countries.3) Use the methodology from the Ecuador & Colombia projects to gather wage & benefits data in other countries4) WG02 discussion of the value chain study findings and opportunities for the WBF.5) To collaborate with WG03 (Labour rights) regarding effective collective bargaining.○ <u>FUNDING</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. FAO-Trade and Markets Division: 49,000 USD2. Contributions from Dole, Tesco, AgroAmerica, Marks & Spencer, The Cooperative, J.Sainsburys, the Fairtrade Labelling Organisation, BAMA and Banana Link.○ <u>OTHER COMMENTS</u><p>Representatives from AEBE (Ecuador) and AUGURA (Colombia) recently joined the coordination team.</p>		