



FUTURE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE IGG ON TEA

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FUTURE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (IGGs)

Purpose :

- **Examine the draft terms of reference for a working group to review the *present and future roles of the international commodity bodies*, including that of tea. The terms of reference are in document CCP: TE 10/CRS12, which will be presented to the CCP at its 68th Session on 14-16 June 2010.**
- **Review own terms of reference (CCP:TE 10/CRS10) and Rules of Procedure (CCP: TE 10/CRS11) and determine the future role and function of the IGG**



IGG PRIORITIES

- **economic and trade issues;**
- **policy advice;**
- **define development strategies and promote resource flows;**
- **measures aimed at poverty alleviation;**
- **enhance productivity and encourage sustainable technology; and**
- **promote food security.**

Improving the effectiveness of the IGGs

- **In light of resource constraints, and the many demands placed on the programme of the FAO Trade and Markets Division which houses the secretariats of all the agricultural IGGs, it is obvious that the IGGs, along with other programme elements, should come under scrutiny to ascertain whether they meet the needs of member countries in a cost effective manner.**
- **While this meeting serves to exchange views and information about the work and scope of the IGGs, final decision regarding their future falls within the mandate of member Governments of the CCP.**

Improving the effectiveness of the IGGs

- **Cost-effectiveness - immediate and long term?**
- **Efficient resource allocation ?**
- **Should non regular programme funds be tapped?**
- **Commodity development and investment in agriculture?**
- **Broaden private sector participation – report, position papers?**
- **Reduce interpretation and translation cost?**
- **Capacity-building ?**