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A briefing on FAO's overall strategy and the scope of the IGGs

Intersessional meeting of the IGG on Hard Fibres and the IGG on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres

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IGG/Hard Fibres

To provide a forum for **consultation on and studies of the economic aspects** of production, local processing, marketing, trade and consumption of abaca, sisal, henequen and other hard fibres, individually, and as a group.

To study **marketing practices** and their improvement;

to consider the **causes of disequilibrium** between production and consumption, including competition with synthetics and the development of new uses;

to consider, implement and monitor measures to deal with special difficulties which may exist or may be expected to arise.

IGG/Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres

To provide a forum for **consultations on, and studies of, the economic aspects** of production, marketing, trade and consumption of jute, kenaf and allied fibres;

to study **marketing practices** and their improvement;

to consider the **causes of disequilibrium** between production and consumption;

to develop suitable measures to deal with special difficulties which may exist or may be expected to arise.

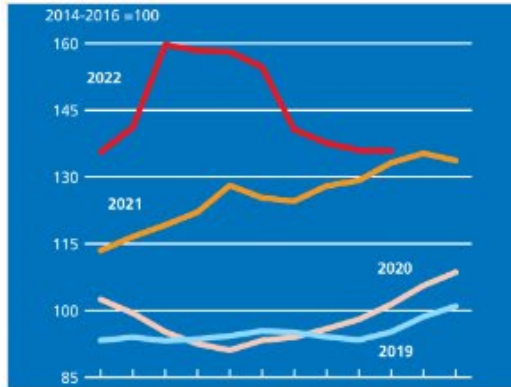
Typical agenda of an IGG Session in the past

- A. Current market situation and medium-term outlook
- B. Price trends and specific thematic analysis
- C. Working group reports

IGG current working groups:

1. Research & Development (working group)
 - Climate change impact
 - Green composites
 - Biorefinery
2. Sustainability Management and Life Cycle Thinking (working group)
 - Life Cycle Assessment
 - Linkages to the SDGs
3. Foresight and Transition Management (working group)
 - Assess broader trends
 - Quantitative modelling
 - Foresight and transition management applied to national contexts and collective coordinated action

Markets and Trade Division - Structure



Global Commodity Markets

- Commodity Market Analysis and Short-term outlook
- Medium-term outlook
- FAO Food Price Indices
- G20-Agricultural Market Information Systems (AMIS)



Global Information Early Warning System

- Earth Observation for Crop Monitoring
- Crop Prospects and Food Situation
- Crop and Food Security Assessment Missions
- Food Price Monitoring and Analysis (FPMA)



Trade Policy and Partnerships

- Trade, Food Security and Sustainable Development
- Trade Policy and Trade Agreements
- Trade in an evolving context: International Standards, Innovation and Digitalization
- Public-private partnerships for sustainable trade



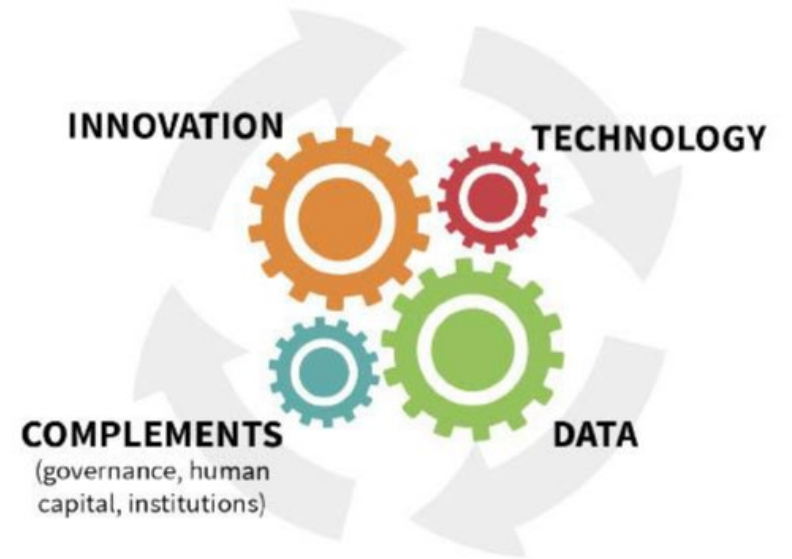
Emerging Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

- The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO)
- Agricultural markets and development
- Responsible global value chains for agricultural products
- Global engagement (G20 and G7)

Examples of the FAO “Four Betters”

 <p>BETTER NUTRITION End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition in all its forms (including promoting nutritious food and increasing access to healthy diets)</p>	<p>BN1: Healthy Diets for All</p> 
	<p>BN2: Nutrition for the Most Vulnerable</p> 
	<p>BN3: Safe Food for Everyone</p> 
	<p>BN4: Reducing Food Loss and Waste</p> 
	<p>BN5: Transparent Markets and Trade</p> 
 <p>BETTER ENVIRONMENT Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial and marine ecosystems and combat climate change (reduce, reuse, recycle, residual management) through more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems</p>	<p>BE1: Climate Change Mitigating and Adapted Agrifood Systems</p> 
	<p>BE2: Bioeconomy for Sustainable Food and Agriculture</p> 
	<p>BE3: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Food and Agriculture</p> 
	<p>BE4: Achieving Sustainable Urban Food Systems</p> 

Cross-cutting accelerators



Example of the IGG on Tea

- Markets and Trade Division:
 - Provides the Secretariat
 - Provides economic analysis and monitoring
 - Can connect to other stakeholders and units in FAO for work that goes beyond its mandate
 - Assessment of carbon footprints of tea production
 - Assessment of the impact of tea consumption on health

Possible modus operandi for the fibres IGGs

- Focus on establishment of Knowledge and Capacity Centre as suggested in the action plan
 - Markets and Trade Division contributes to monitoring and foresight
 - Targeted technical expertise in areas beyond the mandate of the Division from other sources (FAO and external)
 - Improved quality, more flexibility and visibility for the work on fibres

Summary and next steps

- Today: Overview of the FAO strategic framework and the mandate of the IGGs. Recognize the need for change in light of resource constraints
- Next session:
 - Short paper based on this presentation for the consideration of the IGG Members
 - Invite stakeholders from other work areas and similar institutional arrangements to share their insights
- Comments and discussion



Thank you

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