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2023 ASFA Advisory Board Meeting

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Agenda of the ASFA Advisory Board Virtual meeting (25–27 September)

ASFA Advisory Board – Virtual Meeting, Monday 25 – Wednesday 27th September.

The below three sessions constitute the virtual ASFA Advisory Board meeting and are open to all ASFA centres (Partners, Collaborating Centres and Associates) to attend. Providing a virtual meeting ensures those not able to attend the meeting in Bangkok can give feedback on major changes ASFA is undertaking. As the same topics will be covered the following week at the in-person meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, it is not necessary for those attending in-person to attend these virtual sessions. For any questions, please email: Tamsin.vicary@fao.org

ASFA Partnership Agreement and Structure - Monday 25 September: 14:00 – 15:30 Rome time (CEST)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/91691689279>

Meeting ID: 916 9168 9279

Passcode: 25257186

This session will present the Terms of Reference (ToRs) that are to replace the ASFA Partnership Agreement. The ToRs will supersede the current Partnership Agreement meaning that all current ASFA partners will have to sign the ToRs to remain active in ASFA. The ToRs are significantly different to the Partnership Agreement in that the Advisory Board will be replaced by a Steering Committee, to which partners will nominate themselves and be elected to every four years; and the ASFA Secretariat will be replaced by FAO providing operational and administrative support to ASFA. The impact of these and other changes will be presented at this session with the opportunity for partners to ask questions and provide feedback. Depending on feedback, a vote by Advisory Board members may take place on whether to approve the ToRs or not.

ASFA Trust Fund and Budget – Tuesday 26 September, 14:00 – 15:30 Rome time (CEST)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/93309379099>

Meeting ID: 933 0937 9099

Passcode: 55420247

This session will present ASFA income and expenditure from 2021 – present and the budget forecast for 2023 – 2024. Time will be given for feedback, questions and answers and ASFA's financial situation and if possible, ASFA Partners will vote on whether to approve the budget or not.

ASFA Business Model – Wednesday 27 September – 14:00 – 16:00 Rome time (CEST)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://fao.zoom.us/j/96778295837>

Meeting ID: 967 7829 5837

Passcode: 98286300

A presentation summarising the forthcoming paper on ASFA's Business Model will be given, covering the changes to the delivery and management of ASFA activities in order to better meet ASFA stakeholder needs. The ASFA Partner engagement toolkit, together with detailed plan for activities in 2024, will be shared with partners, providing a month-by-month look at the activities, projects and meetings ASFA will conduct next year.

This session will close the virtual ASFA Advisory Board Meetings. A 2023 ASFA Advisory Board Meeting report will be prepared and published at FAO, which will include both virtual and in-person elements.