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COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

JOINT MEETING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SUB-GROUP ON BANANAS AND THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE SUB-GROUP ON TROPICAL FRUITS

Rome, 9 – 11 December 2009

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- A. Any other business
- B. Date and place of the Joint Meeting of the Fifth Session of the Sub-Group on Bananas and the Sixth Session of the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits

AGENDA NOTES

1. The Joint Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Sub-Group on Bananas and the Fifth Session of the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits will be held at FAO headquarters in Rome from 9 to 11 December 2009, commencing at 9.00 hours. Several activities will be held in conjunction with the Joint Meeting. A side-event organized by the International Tropical Fruits Network (TFNet) will be held on 8 December 2009 in the Mexico Room (D211). The side-event will focus on core activities of TFNet, including minimizing post-harvest losses and increasing efficiency of supply chains, nutritional and health benefits of tropical fruits, including an increasing range of indigenous fruit for nutrition, health and economic benefits of the rural community, as well as market promotion and global trade. On 7 and 8 December 2009 the Banana Stakeholders Forum will be holding its meeting in the Green Room. There will also be an exhibition of banana and tropical fruit chips to promote vacuum oil bath dehydration technology. The location of the exhibition is still to be determined.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS

2. The Session will elect a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons.

B. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

II. ECONOMIC AND MARKET ISSUES

A. MARKET DEVELOPMENTS AND OUTLOOK

3. As one of their major functions, the Sub-Group on Bananas and the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits monitor all aspects of the world banana and tropical fruit economies, and undertake comprehensive analysis of supply, demand, price and cost developments. The review of these factors will be carried out as follows:

4. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/Inf.1 provides an assessment of the current market situation and short term outlook for bananas and tropical fruits. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/2 examines the impact of the current financial crisis and economic recession on the bananas and tropical fruits markets. Companion statistical compendia on production, imports, exports, consumption and prices will be tabled at the Session as CCP:BA/TF 09/CRS 1 and CCP:BA/TF 09/CRS 2. Delegates are invited to review the assessment and provide appropriate updates on developments in their country. Regarding the impact of the financial crisis and economic recession, delegates are requested to share: i) information on demand and factor markets (credit, finance and investment) for the bananas and tropical fruits markets; and ii) their views on how to “smooth” the effects of future economic shocks.

B. FACTORS AFFECTING DEMAND

Demand response to income and price changes in the Chinese banana and tropical fruits markets

5. As requested by the Sub-Group on Bananas at its Third Session, the Secretariat has carried out an empirical demand analysis of the banana market in China, a market that has been expanding rapidly in recent years. A better understanding of the factors underpinning the rapid growth in demand will help countries formulate appropriate market development strategies. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/3 presents the analysis and empirical results of the Secretariat’s analysis.

Market segmentation of major avocado markets

6. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/4 has been prepared by the Secretariat to analyse the main features of transactions as they were recorded in the two major markets for avocado, namely the European Community and the United States, as requested by the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits at its Fifth Session. The effects of product characteristics, origin, destination, and trading season have been studied using the hedonic price approach, aimed at understanding which among these features affect price received more directly in the two markets. This will indicate the potential for expanding trade in new avocado varieties.

III. VALUE CHAIN AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION

A. INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES

Institutional set up and practices in the supply chain and their impact on fair and sustainable benefit to farmers in selected developing countries

7. With the developments associated with globalization and industry supply management, super-market chains and other multi-national marketing firms have considerably enhanced their market power over the entire supply chain. These developments contributed to significant improvement in supply efficiency but posed challenges to policy-makers on how to ensure growers, especially the millions of small-holders to benefit from these new trends.

8. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/5 reviews the major practices, which significantly impact the incomes of smallholder producers of agricultural commodities (not limited to banana and tropical fruits) in several developing countries. Preliminary evaluations and comparisons of these practices are made in this document to stimulate further discussion. Delegates are required to share their experiences and provide guidance on the future direction of work on this area.

B. VALUE CHAIN ANALYSIS

A case study of mangoes in Kenya

9. At its last session, the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits requested that a review of the situation of smallholders and traders along the mango value chain in Kenya and/or other developing countries, incorporating food security concerns and potential for expanding domestic consumption be undertaken. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/6 is an update of a study undertaken three years ago which reviews the situation of smallholders and traders along the tropical fruit value chain in Kenya, with special reference to mango production, processing and trade.

A case study of tropical fruits in Asia, with special reference to mangoes and pineapples

10. A recent study by TFNet is currently being completed and results from this study will be presented at the session as CCP:BA/TF 09/Inf.2. It will incorporate insights on the food security aspects, by considering both the welfare of consumers, as well as the welfare of stakeholders along the value chain, with reference to mangoes and pineapples. The potential for and the limiting factor to expanding domestic consumption and exports of these fruits will also be taken into account.

The impact of banana diseases on farmers' incomes

11. In response to the request of the Sub-Group on Bananas, document CCP:BA/TF 09/7 has been prepared in collaboration with Bioversity to evaluate the impact of various banana diseases on farmers' income.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION

A. PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES

12. The Group will review CFC project updates and consider project profiles for submission to the Common Fund for Commodities for funding.

B. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE SUB-GROUP ON BANANAS AND THE SUB-GROUP ON TROPICAL FRUITS

13. Document CCP:BA/TF 09/8 presents the strategic priorities recommended by IGG stakeholders at the FAO/CFC organized workshop in December 2007 for consideration and endorsement by the Sub-Groups.

14. At its 67th Session, the Committee on Commodity Problems agreed that a working group be established to review the present and future role of Intergovernmental Commodity Bodies to improve the effectiveness of these bodies to meet the current needs of the international commodity economy. It asked the Secretariat to prepare the Terms of Reference for such a working group to be approved by the Bureau. Therefore, as part of the consultation process, delegates are requested to provide their views on the future role and function of the Intergovernmental Commodity Bodies for Bananas and Tropical Fruits.

C. REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL FRUITS NETWORK (TFNET)

15. TFNet was established under the auspices of the Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits in 2000, and in accordance with rules of its establishment, will present its report since the last session of the Sub-Group. This is available as document CCP:BA/TF 09/CRS 3.

D. REPORT OF THE BANANA STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

16. The report of the meeting of the Banana Stakeholders Forum, which is scheduled for 7-8 December, will be presented to the delegates

V. OTHER MATTERS

A. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

B. DATE AND PLACE OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE SUB-GROUP ON BANANAS AND THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE SUB-GROUP ON TROPICAL FRUITS

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**Wednesday, 9 December 2009**

07:30 – 09:00 – Registration

09:00 – 09:15 – Opening Session

09:15 – 12:30 – Morning Session (Items I and II)

14:00 – 17:30 – Afternoon Session (Item II continued)

Thursday, 10 December 2009

09:00 – 12:30 – Morning Session (Item III)

14:00 – 17:30 – Afternoon Session (Items IV and V)

Friday, 11 December 2009

09:00 – 12:30 – No session

14:00 – 17:30 – Adoption of report