



COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

Seventy-second Session

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AGENDA NOTES

The 72nd Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) will be held on 26, 27 and 28 September 2018. The Committee will adopt its Report on Friday 28 September.

1. Procedure of the Session

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (*CCP 18/1; CCP 18/INF/1*)

The Committee will adopt the Agenda for the Session. The Provisional Agenda was prepared in consultation with the CCP Bureau, taking into consideration the Committee's terms of reference and any relevant recommendation made by the Governing Bodies.

1.2 Designation of the Drafting Committee

The Committee will designate the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee for the Report of the Session.

1.3 Statement by the Director-General (*CCP 18/INF/5*)

The Director-General will address the Committee. The statement will be published as soon as possible, as document *CCP 18/INF/5*.

2. World Agricultural Commodity Markets

2.1 Commodity market situation and short-term outlook (*CCP 18/2*)

Under this agenda item, the Committee will discuss the state of world markets and assess short-term forecasts for the major commodities. A background document entitled "Major market developments and short-term outlook" will inform the discussion.

2.2 Medium-term outlook: trends and emerging issues (*CCP 18/3*)

The Committee will examine market trends and prospects for the major agricultural commodities over the next ten years (2018–2027). The projections cover production, utilization, trade and prices. Delegates will also discuss the drivers of these markets and the major issues facing them. A document entitled "Medium-term outlook for agricultural commodity markets: trends and emerging issues" will serve as background for the deliberations.

3. Policy Matters

3.1 Update on WTO agricultural negotiations and Regional Trade Agreements and FAO's support to Members (*CCP 18/4*)

Under this item, the Committee will receive an update on the latest developments in agricultural trade negotiations under the WTO and on regional trade agreements. The Committee will also discuss FAO's activities in supporting member countries in trade-related policies and agreements.

3.2 The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO) 2018: Agricultural trade, climate change and food security (*CCP 18/5*)

Under this item, the Committee will discuss the findings of the new edition of the flagship publication *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets*, on the theme "Agricultural trade, climate change and food security". The report, planned to be launched on 14 September 2018, focuses on the complex and under-studied intersection between agricultural trade, climate change and food security. It aims to provide an analysis of the Paris Agreement on climate change and the WTO agreements, particularly the Agreement on Agriculture, with the objective to enhance clarity and identify policy

options that could strengthen the mutually supportive role of these agreements in simultaneously tackling climate change and food insecurity.

4. Programme Matters

- 4.1 Report of the Joint Meeting of the 39th Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres and the 41st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres (*CCP 18/INF/12*)

The Committee will receive the report of the Joint Meeting of the 39th Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres and the 41st Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres, held in Tanga, Tanzania, 15–17 November 2017.

- 4.2 Report of the 23rd Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea (*CCP 18/INF/13*)

The Committee will receive the report of the 23rd Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea, held in Hangzhou, China, 17–20 May 2018.

- 4.3 FAO's programme of work in trade and commodity markets under the Strategic Framework (*CCP 18/6; CCP 18/INF/6; CCP 18/INF/7; CCP 18/INF/8; CCP 18/INF/9; CCP 18/INF/10*)

The CCP plays an important role in shaping the priorities of FAO's work in the area of commodity markets and agricultural trade by providing guidance and input for the formulation and implementation of the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and Medium Term Plan (MTP). Under this agenda item, the Committee will be informed about achievements in the last biennium and discuss work priorities under its terms of reference. The Committee will be assisted by the above-listed documents for the deliberations.

- 4.4 Themes for the next edition of SOCO (*CCP 18/7*)

Under this item, the Committee will discuss, for further consideration, potential topics for the next edition of the flagship report SOCO, to be published in 2020 in conjunction with the 73rd Session of the CCP.

5. Governance Matters

- 5.1 The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs (*CCP 18/8*)

In September 2015, the United Nations' Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes 17 SDGs with 169 targets to be achieved by 2030. The 2030 Agenda should guide the actions of all UN Member States, the UN system agencies, funds, programmes, allied organizations and institutions and all other partners. Under this item, the Committee will discuss the importance of its work as well as its contribution towards the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

- 5.2 Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) (*CCP 18/9*)

The CCP, like the other technical committees, has since 2012 developed a MYPOW with the aim to serve as a tool for improving the effectiveness and governance of FAO. Under this agenda item, the Committee will receive a progress report on the implementation of the MYPOW 2016–19 and consider its MYPOW for the period 2018–21.

6. Other Matters

6.1 Biodiversity Mainstreaming Platform (*CCP 18/INF/11*)

Biodiversity is an important factor for achieving food security, improved nutrition and sustainable agriculture. All the agriculture sectors (crops, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, and forestry) rely on biodiversity and the ecosystem functions and services they underpin. The sectors also affect biodiversity through various direct and indirect drivers. Under this item, the Committee will be informed about the actions taken and the envisaged next steps for the establishment of the Biodiversity Mainstreaming Platform.

6.2 Election of the new Bureau Members

The Committee will elect a Chairperson and six Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of its Members, who will collectively constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The new members of the Bureau will be elected for a period of two years and will remain in office until the election of a new Bureau at the end of the next Session.

6.3 Arrangements for the 73rd Session

Under this agenda item, the Committee will consider the dates of its next Session and any relevant organizational matters.

6.4 Any other business

The Committee members may wish to raise any issue related to the present CCP Session as well as propose possible topics and agenda items for the next Session in 2020.

7. Adoption of the Report

The Committee will consider the draft Report of the Session, for adoption. The Report will be submitted to the Council at its 160th Session in December 2018 and to the Conference at its 41st Session (22–29 June 2019).