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## **European Commission on Agriculture (ECA)**

### **36/2 Meeting of the Executive Committee 15 June 2016, 9.30-12.30**

**Venue: Room B2L2 (CSD Divisional Meeting Room), HQ Rome**

### **Draft Annotated Agenda**

#### **1. Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the European Commission on Agriculture (ECA 35/08/5)**

The secretariat has reviewed the present Rules of Procedure of the ECA and advises that the document does not need to be changed or adjusted after the separation of the ECA and the ERC. The members may want to review the rules of procedure and may express their views and advise the secretariat.

#### **2. Revised Workplan and Meeting Schedule of the ECA Executive Committee (36/2-1)**

The Executive Committee of the ECA has endorsed a rolling workplan for the biennium up to the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the ECA to be held in Budapest in autumn 2017. The rolling plan was endorsed at the 36/1 meeting of the Ex Com on 1 February 2016.

The secretariat will present a revised workplan and time schedule for the meetings of the Executive Committee by the 40<sup>th</sup> ECA Session 2017 in Budapest on the basis of the comments provided at the 36/1 meeting of the Executive Committee on 1 February 2016.

#### **3. Scope and direction of Informal Consultations (ICs) in 2016-2017 (36/2-2)**

The instrument of informal consultations in the Region has been agreed overall and welcomed by the member countries. In this context the Secretariat will provide an overview related to the scope and direction of the next Informal Consultation to be organized in 2017. The Executive Committee will share its views regarding the proposals and decide on the number of ICs.

#### **4. Eurasian Soil Commission (36/2-3)**

As a follow-up to the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the ECA, the secretariat has been requested to prepare a draft background paper on the issues related to the Eurasian Soil Commission.<sup>1</sup> The 36/1 session of the Ex Com meeting on 1 February 2016 agreed that such a background paper should be prepared for the 36/2 Ex Com meeting on 15 June. In addition, the 30<sup>th</sup> ERC in Antalya noted that the initiative on the establishment of a Eurasian Soil Commission should be reconsidered in

<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 11.f. of the Report ECA 39

view of the objective to restrict the number of Article VI and Article XIV bodies and avoid duplication of work. The Secretariat will present the draft paper, to obtain views from the Executive Committee and to agree on the next steps.

#### **5. Update on the Regional Initiatives (36/2-4)**

The secretariat will present the main results achieved and work planned in this biennium under the Regional Initiatives. The members of the ECA Ex Com may wish to revise the results and provide comments and suggestions.

#### **6. Main outcomes of the ERC with reference to ECA (36/2-5)**

The Secretariat will inform about the outcomes of the 30<sup>th</sup> ERC in Antalya, Turkey on 4-6 May 2016 with implications to ECA and related follow-up. The members of the ECA Ex Com may advise on concrete follow-up requirements related to the mandate of the ECA.

#### **7. Regional Gender Strategy and Action Plan for Europe and Central Asia 2016-2017 (36/2-6)**

Gender is a standing item of the ECA as a result to the abolition of the FAO Working Party on Women the Family and Rural Development. The Working Party has been replaced by a Gender Network in the Region. The FAO's Regional Gender Strategy and Action Plan for Europe and Central Asia 2016-2017 will be presented for the Members. The members of the ECA Ex Com may provide views and comments on the Strategy and Action plan for further follow-up.

#### **8. Evaluation of the European Commission on Agriculture**

Since assessment of the ECA was highlighted during the ERC as of great importance, the secretariat suggests starting a discussion about the EU chair's request to present ECA's evaluation to the EU group. There will be no background paper presented on this item.