

**FIRMS Steering Committee Meeting****Second Session****Copenhagen, Denmark, 25-26 February 2005****PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE****Author: FSC Secretariat****Friday, 25 February 2005**

Morning: 09:30 hours

1. Opening of session and Welcome address
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Progress on the development of FIRMS Partnership

The FIRMS partnership welcomes two new Partners (NAFO and SEAFDEC) which signed the agreement during the inter-session. Two additional ones (CCAMLR and EUROSTAT) are in the process of signing.

4. Review of new perspective Partners

This item will consider status for other foreseen partners, and ways to approach them, keeping in mind the presentation of FIRMS to be done to the following Regional Fishery Body meeting

5. Review of Annex 2 of new Partners

Each new Partner will present the content of its Annex 2 in order to raise common awareness on the contributions that each intends to make to FIRMS and on important aspects that could have been addressed with respect to contribution specifications.

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Afternoon: 14:00 hours

6. FIRMS Information Management Policy

- Review of the draft

The comments made upon presentation of the first draft FIRMS information management policy document submitted to FSCI were integrated in the new version dispatched to FIRMS partners in November 2004. Partners are invited to comment this new version, understanding that this document is likely to evolve/be extended along the development of FIRMS.

- Mechanisms for effective development and validation of Metadata standards

The development of an effective information network requires consolidation of Metadata standards which Partners can adhere to. This item should discuss most efficient ways for FIRMS to develop Metadata standard proposals such as sub-groups tasked with proposals to make on specific domains, and mechanisms for affirming that a set of Metadata elements has become a FIRMS standard.

Saturday, 26 February, 2005

Morning: 09:00 hours

7. Review of the Progress Status of the FIRMS Database and Module Development

- Report from individual Partners
- Review of the FIRMS web-site
- Consideration of the report of the technical working group

FIRMS partners and the FIRMS Secretariat are invited to present short papers of the activities carried out during the intersession on the development of the FIRMS data base and module. FIRMS Secretariat will present the draft FIRMS web-site in order to get feedback from Partners before it can be released on the Internet. The salient points emerging from the work held by the FIRMS technical working group will be highlighted for any decision FSC would have to make.

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8. Strategy for FIRMS partnership in promoting the development of a global network for reporting on fisheries and stocks status and trends

One driving force behind the development of the FIRMS partnership was to establish an information network composed of agencies highly recognised by the world community for its capacity to set-up information standards to be used as reference for the sharing of information on stocks and fisheries status and trends. This item would discuss possible ways to reach that goal, roles of partners, and rough schedule.

9. Planning for the third session of FSC (FSC3)
10. Any other business
11. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
12. Adoption of the Report