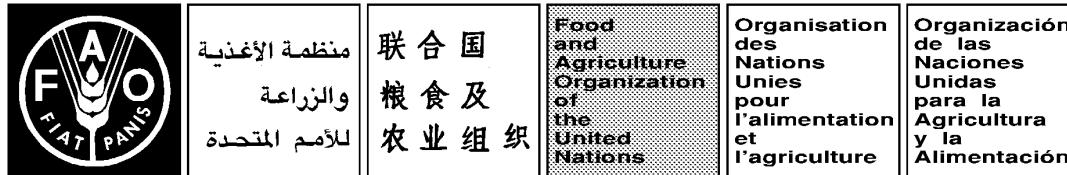


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COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

SUB-GROUP ON HIDES AND SKINS

Ninth Session

Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, 1-3 February 2006

INFORMATION NOTE ON ARRANGEMENTS

1. LOCATION OF SESSION

By kind invitation of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Meeting of the Ninth Session of the Sub-Group on Hides and Skins will be held in Arusha, from 1 to 3 February 2006. The venue will be:

*The Arusha International Conference Centre
P.O Box 3081
ARUSHA
United Republic of Tanzania
Telephone: 255-27-250 3181/9
Facsimile: 255-27-250 6630
Website: www.aicc.co.tz*

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2. ENQUIRIES

(a) All enquiries concerning the meeting, except those regarding local arrangements, may be addressed to:

Mr Shakib Mbabaali
Secretary
Sub-Group on Hides and Skins
Commodities and Trade Division
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
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Telephone : +39 06 570-55006
Facsimile : +39 06 570-54495
Email : shakib.mbabala@fao.org

(b) Information on local arrangements should be addressed to the Liaison Officer for the Session:

Mr Nelson Kilongozi
Liaison Officer
Ag. Assistant Director for Livestock Production
Ministry of Water and Livestock Development
P.O.Box 9152
DAR ES SALAAM
United Republic of Tanzania

Telephone: +255 744 881908/255 22-2863858
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Email: nelkilongozi@yahoo.co.uk

3. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Foreigners seeking to enter the United Republic of Tanzania should be in possession of a valid passport. The passport is to be presented to the Immigration Control Officer at any entry point (border station, airport, harbour). The passport must be presented along with a valid visa. A visitor must also present an onward or return ticket together with proof that the visitor has sufficient funds to support himself or herself while in the United Republic of Tanzania.

(a) Countries for which no visa is required:

Citizens of Commonwealth countries are not required to obtain visas unless they are citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada, Nigeria, or India.

(b) Countries for which no visa is required for official or diplomatic passports:

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(c) Countries for which a visa is required:

All foreigners from non-Commonwealth countries are required to have a valid visa unless their countries have agreements with the United Republic of Tanzania under which the visa requirement is waived.

There are five types of visa in the United Republic of Tanzania but of importance to note for this particular meeting are two. These are:

(i) Ordinary Visa

An ordinary visa is issued at any Tanzanian mission abroad. It enables the holder to be granted a visitor's pass at any entry point (border, airport, harbour). However, a person coming from a country where there is no Tanzanian mission or where it is reasonably distant shall be issued a visa at the entry point.

(ii) Referred Visa

The referred visa is one that requires special clearance or permission from the Director of Immigration Services in Dar es Salaam or the Principal Immigration Officer in Zanzibar. This type of visa is required for nationals of Lebanon, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Somalia and for Refugees, stateless people and other nationalities as may be specified from time to time by the authorities. People affected by this regulation may make enquiries at the nearest Tanzanian mission abroad.

Please note Delegates and accompanying travellers who, because of their nationality, require visas, should apply for them at the embassies/consulates of the United Republic of Tanzania, in their respective countries of residence. Should any difficulties arise, the Liaison Officer must be informed at least four weeks prior to the Session.

4. AIRPORT TAX

The international departure tax is currently US\$30.00, which is usually prepaid when ticket is issued.

5. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Delegates should make their hotel reservations direct to the following hotels or through:

Mr Charles Makundi
The Director National Artificial Insemination Centre
Arusha

Telephone: +255 27 255 3850 or 255 748 326320
Facsimile: + 255 27 255 3898
E-mail: naic@mstcdc.org

The following hotels are recommended:

Arusha Hotel

Website: <http://www.arushahotel.com>
Reservation e-mail: reservations@newarusha.com
Telephone: +255 27 250 7777
Facsimile: +255 27 250 8889
Rates as per August 2005: Single executive Room.....150USD
Double executive Room.....170 USD

Impala Hotel

Website: <http://impalahotel.com>
Telephone: + 255 27 2502962 or 2502398
Facsimile: + 255 27 2508220 or 2508680

Hotel rates in USD

Room	Bed and B/fast	Half Board	Full Board
Single	72	83	94

Double	83	105	127
Triple	132	165	198
Suite	210		
Children between 2 yrs and 6 yrs free			
Children between 6 yrs and 12 yrs half rate			

Arusha Crown Hotel

Website: <http://arushacrownhotel.com>

Tel: + 255 27 254 4161 or 250 8523 / 24

Fax: + 255 27 254 4162

Hotel rates in USD

Room	East Africa residents	Non – East Africa residents
Single	50	60
Double	60	70
Twin	55	65
Suite	65	75

For the other details please visit the provided hotel websites. There are some moderately cheaper hotels which can be arranged upon request to Mr Charles Makundi (see his contacts above).

Name of Participant:

Name of Spouse:

Organization/country:

Fax number:

E-mail:

Phone:

Mailing Address:

Flight details:

Arrival date: _____ Time: _____ Flight number: _____

Departure date: _____ Time: _____ Flight number: _____

Hotel requirements: Single room Double room

Number of nights: _____

6. TRANSPORT

Delegates will be met at the Kilimanjaro International Airport by the local secretariat. Delegates should ensure that the organisers are advised of their travel details.

7. CLIMATE

In January and February, the climate in Arusha is warm and dry. Temperature is approximately 25 degrees Celsius.

8. HEALTH

An international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is compulsory for travellers entering the United Republic of Tanzania. Additionally, vaccination against cholera is recommended for all travellers visiting the United Republic of Tanzania. Please note that yellow fever vaccinations take approximately 10 days to become effective.

9. CURRENCY

The currency in the United Republic of Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). There are 100 cents in 1 Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). As at the end of July 2005, the exchange rate was approximately as follows:

1 US Dollar (USD) = 1,136 Tanzanian Shilling (TZS)
1 Euro (EUR) = 1,1371 Tanzanian Shilling (TZS)
1 Great Britain Pound = 1980 Tanzanian Shilling (TZS)

Most major international credit cards are accepted in the United Republic of Tanzania.

10. BANKING FACILITIES

Banks operate from Monday to Friday, 9.00 hours – 16.00 hours and few operate Saturdays from 9.00 to 12.00 hours.

11. ELECTRICITY

In the United Republic of Tanzania, the current is 220/240 volts. Electric appliances in the United Republic of Tanzania use both three round-pinned socket and three square-pinned socket. It is possible to obtain a multi-way socket where it is possible to use the two round-pinned device.

12. MEETING REGISTRATION

The registration will be take place at *The Arusha International Conference Centre*, from 08.00 to 09.00 hours on Wednesday 1st February, 2006 and from 08.00 to 09.00 hours on Thursday.

ANNEX I

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Wednesday, 1 February 2006

- 08.00 – 09.00 hours Registration (Arusha International Conference Centre)
- 09.00 hours Consultation on Hides and Skins

Thursday, 2 February

- 08.00 – 09.00 hours Registration (Arusha International Conference Centre)
- 09.00 hours: Opening of the 9th Session of the Sub-Group on Hides and Skins

Friday, 3 February

- 09.00 hours: Field trip

Saturday, 4 February Sight seeing trip to Ngorongoro Crater (for interested delegates)