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TO:	Members of the Copa Women's Committee Coordinators of the new member organisations of Copa and Cogeca Representatives of the national offices Associated members
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Dear members,

On behalf of the Chairwoman, Ms Adriana Bucco, I would like to inform you that the next meeting of the Women's Committee will be taking place at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat, 61 rue de Trèves , 1040 Brussels,

**on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**A meeting of the Bureau will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Draft agenda

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - a.m.**

1. Adoption of the draft agenda.
2. Presentation by Mr Chris Botterman, Geopa-Copa President, concerning Belgian legislation on social security for women and their status as co-workers/assisting spouses.

An example worth following?

Follow-up discussion

3. The future of the Rural Development Policy post 2013: Copa-Cogeca's views and the contribution of the Women's Committee to the document, with Ms Shelby Matthews.

4. Presentation of the latest developments in the "Product from my Farm" Working Group; discussion of document (AQA(12)1684) (attached and available via Agri-Info). Latest information following the conference on "*Local sales and short supply chains*" (see programme (AQA(12)3111)) which took place in Brussels on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012, by Mr Christophe Derrien, Policy Advisor at Copa-Cogeca.

Follow-up discussion

5. Latest information on the FAO regional conference on agriculture, held on 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan, by Ms Federica Zolla.
6. Information and discussion on the public hearing on "*The role of women as drivers of a development and innovation model in agriculture and rural areas*", held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the Economic and Social Committee, by Ms Federica Zolla.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - p.m.**

1. Presentation of the Resolution from the Rural Women and Women Farmers' Associations of Germany, Lichtenstein, Austria, Switzerland and South Tyrol on "*Training for women farmers and rural women*".  
Introduction by the Austrian delegation, followed by discussion.
2. Presentation by the Polish delegation of a document on the situation for women in the rural areas of Poland.
3. Presentation, discussion and follow-up on the latest version of the opinion from the *Working Group/Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in Cohesion Policy*.  
Follow-up: priorities and positions of the members based on their main concerns.
4. Preparation for involving women farmers in the Copa-Cogeca Congress taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. Preparation for the workshop "*Women in agriculture: how can women contribute to the food supply chain and employment in the rural areas of the EU?*".

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Yours faithfully,

Federica Zolla

*ATTENDANCE FORM*

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**the meeting of the Women's Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**WORKING LANGUAGE:**

☐ French

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☐ German

☐ Polish