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Re: Invitation and draft agendas for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Parties on Quality Assurance in Agriculture and Promotion of Agricultural Products on 30th June 2016 and the meeting of the Civil Dialogue Group on Quality and Promotion on 1st July 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Quality and Promotion** will be held on **1st July 2016 from 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m** [PPA\(16\)4270 \(rev.1\)](#).

On behalf of the Vice-Chairmen of the Working Party, Mr Christian Jochum and Mr Luigi Tozzi we have the pleasure of inviting you to the meeting of the **Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture**, which will be held on:

**30th June from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

On behalf of the Chairman of the Working Party, Mr Jerzy Wierzbicki, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the meeting of the **Working Party on Promotion of Agricultural Products** which will be held on:

**30th June from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels**

Please **complete and return the enclosed attendance form** to the Secretariat **by 12:00 p.m. on 10th June at the latest**, so that we can inform the Commission's services in time.

Please note that **those members of the Working Parties who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa and Cogeca delegation** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

Copa and Cogeca has **8 reimbursed seats to be allocated in accordance with the draft table on the indicative participation of Copa and Cogeca representatives in DG AGRI's Civil Dialogue Groups in 2014 CAT(14)7050 (rev.1).**

Note that the Commission will not allocate observer seats under this new system.

The Secretariat strongly encourages all those wishing to participate in the civil dialogue group to attend both working party meetings.

You will be informed of the detailed composition of the **Copa and Cogeca delegation by 14th June 2016**

Please regularly check the Quality and Promotion sections on Agri Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

Javier Valle

❖ **Working Party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture :**

- 1. Approval of the agenda [AQA\(16\)4126 \(rev.1\)](#)**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting**
- 3. Election of the chairmanship of the Working party on Quality Assurance in Agriculture [AQA\(16\)3841 \(rev.1\)](#)**
- 4. Presentation and exchange of views on the preliminary findings on the possibility for further simplification in the area of quality policy**
- 5. General reflection on quality as a tool to differentiate on the market including a specific reflection on how to make GIs a true European story**
- 6. Outcome of the Copa-Cogeca survey on Quality Certification Schemes: discussion and next steps**
- 7. Implementation of Regulation No 1169/2011 on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers:**
 - a) Update and discussion on the implementation of voluntary origin labelling of foods (Art. 26.3)
 - b) State of play of discussions on the COOL studies and recent national developments and the next steps
- 8. State of play of the discussions on the European Commission's proposal on official controls and the link to quality certification schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs**
- 9. State of play of the protection of GIs in bilateral trade negotiations (Vietnam, Japan, TTIP and China)**
- 10. Geographical indication protection for non-agricultural products at EU level**
 - Next steps

❖ **Working Party on Promotion of Agricultural Products:**

1. Adoption of the agenda [AQA\(16\)4126 \(rev.1\)](#)

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Party meeting

3. Implementation of the new EU Promotion Policy:

- a) Debriefing and state of play of the first call for proposals (number of proposals submitted, main targeted actions, state of play of the evaluation, etc)
- b) Exchange of views on the main doubts and questions submitted to the technical support during the call
- c) Information on the procurement and competitive procedures on the selection of implementing bodies
- d) Exchange of views on the ways to foster networking for the preparation of multi-country programmes

4. Annual Work Programme 2017:

- a) Trade and Macro-economic market analysis: export projections, growth potential, evaluation of trade agreements, and removal of barriers
- b) Presentation and discussion on the next Annual Work Programme for 2017

5. High level missions:

- a) Debriefing on the High Level Missions to Mexico and Colombia; and China and Japan
- b) Information and discussion on how the next High Level Missions should be organised

6. Marketing in the agri-food sector – presentation tbc

PLEASE RETURN TO ANNE-CATHERINE LOUPPE BY 10TH JUNE 2016

(12:00 P.M. AT THE LATEST)

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WORKING PARTY ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN AGRICULTURE

30/06/2016 * 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

☐ am able to attend ☐ am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

☐ French ☐ English ☐ German ☐ Italian ☐ Spanish ☐ Polish

WORKING PARTY ON PROMOTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

30/06/2016 * 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

☐ am able to attend ☐ am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

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CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON QUALITY AND PROMOTION

01/07/2016 * 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION

☐ would like to participate as a reimbursed expert¹

NB: The Copa-Cogeca Secretariat will inform you of the composition of the Copa and Cogeca delegation that will participate in the Civil Dialogue Group **8 working days before the meeting at the latest**. Those members of the Working Party who do not complete and return their forms before the deadline will not be taken into account when the Copa and Cogeca delegation is composed.

¹ In accordance with the draft table on the indicative participation of Copa and Cogeca representatives in DG AGRI's Civil Dialogue Groups in 2014 CAT(14)7050 (rev.1)