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TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Pigmeat
COPY:	National offices Coordinators of the new Copa-Cogeca member organisations
FROM:	<i>Daniel Azevedo</i>
DATE:	07.03.2016

Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Pigmeat and the Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – sector pigmeat on 12th and 13th April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – sector pigmeat** will be held on **13th April 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** [VP\(15\)6883](#).

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Antonio Tavares, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Pigmeat, which will be held on:

12th April from 10:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat,
 61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels.

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by noon on Wednesday 23th March 2016 (noon) at the latest** so that we can inform the Commission's services in time.

Please note that **those members of the Working Party who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Civil Dialogue Group meeting.

You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by Friday 25th March 2016.**

Please regularly check the Pigmeat section 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.

Best wishes,

Daniel Azevedo

¹ Copa-Cogeca has 16 seats in the **Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – sector pigmeat**

Preliminary agenda (to be updated once the Agenda of the CDG is published)

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Animal welfare (morning session)
 - Debriefing on the main conclusions of the conference on animal welfare – 23rd February
 - Exchange of views on EU platform on animal welfare
 - Exchange of views on next steps concerning alternatives to surgical castration
 - State of play of the guidelines on enrichment material and tail biting
 - Exchange of views on the stunning methods for pigs (requested by NGO's)
3. The difficult economic situation of the pigmeat sector – farmer perspective, presentation by Antonio Tavares, Chairman of the Copa and Cogeca Working Party on Pigmeat
4. Market prospects – latest information and exchange of views on the market situation for pigmeat and the feed market
 - Managing the pigmeat market (APS, state of play) information on the implementation of the EU farm Ministers conclusions (APS/Promotion/Market access/Functioning of the food chain);
 - Forecast for the pork market (outcomes of the FWG of the CDG on pork);
 - Reintroduction of processed animal proteins (PAPs) in pig feed.
5. Market access
 - The impact of import restrictions imposed by third countries following outbreaks of ASF
 - Market access and SPS barriers (e.g. Mexico, Colombia, Japan, Russia, etc.)
 - State of play of trade negotiations (TTIP, Japan, etc.)
 - Information on promotion program
 - Agricultural Market Task Force – possible achievements
6. Exchange of views on veterinary issues
 - The animal health situation in the Baltic States and Poland
 - State of play of the European Commission proposal for Regulation on transmissible animal diseases (“Animal Health Law”)
 - Recent developments on veterinary medicine products
 - Information on “Task force on the status of the animal
7. Exchange of views on conclusions of the first meeting of the “Task Force on agricultural technology” & working plan 2016-2018
8. AOB

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ATTENDANCE FORM
PLEASE RETURN TO MYRIAM BOULOGNE

BY 23TH MARCH 2016 (NOON at the latest)

BY E-MAIL: Commodities.Trade@copa-cogeca.eu

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WORKING PARTY ON PIGMEAT
12/04/2016 * 10:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

am able to attend am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

French English German Italian Spanish Polish

CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON ANIMAL PRODUCTS
SECTOR PIGMEAT

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NAME:

ORGANISATION:

would like to participate as a reimbursed expert²

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

² In accordance with the rules and criteria laid down by Copa-Cogeca in document [PR(04)72F1]/P(04)166F1]