**DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S CONSULTATIVE FRAMEWORK MECHANISM ON COTTON**

**40th ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON COTTON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**

***7 November 2023, 10:00 to 13:00***

***(Room S1 and Zoom [add link])***

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **CURRENT SITUATION IN BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES AND IN THE GLOBAL MARKET (10:00-11:00)**

1. Introductory Remarks – Deputy Director-General Jean-Marie Paugam, Chairperson

2. Statement by the C-4 Coordinator

3. Presentation by the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC): Recent Developments in the Global Cotton Market: xxx

* *Eric Trachtenberg, Executive Director, International Cotton Advisory Committee – ICAC*

4. Report by the FAO on the response to the challenges posed by the Jassid pest in West Africa

* [speaker tbc]

5. Exchange of views

1. **NEW OR ON-GOING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECTS (11:00-12:00)**

1. Cotton Development Assistance Projects: Needs and Priorities

* *Statement by the C-4 Coordinator and the other C-4 Countries*
* *Statements by other beneficiaries*
* *Exchange of views*

2. Presentation by IDH sustainable trade: "Building a climate-resilient landscape in Chad’s cotton growing region"

* *Introduction by the Delegation of Chad*
* *Presentation by IDH (speaker)*

3. FIFA-WTO MoU – cotton chapter: update on project advancements

* *Speakers:*
* *Mr Frank Van Rompaey and Mr Jinjiang Yang, UNIDO*
* *Mr Matthias Knappe and Mr David Cordobés, ITC*
* *Exchange of views*

**Break: 12:00-12:15**

1. **MONITORING OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FLOWS AND NATIONAL COTTON SECTOR REFORMS IN BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES (12:15-13:00)**

1. Updates to the Director-General's Evolving Table on Cotton Development Assistance (WT/CFMC/6/Rev.35)

* *WTO Secretariat remarks*

2. Update by National Cotton Focal Points of beneficiary countries (WT/CFMC/21/Rev.21)

3. Update on South-South Cooperation Initiatives by South-South partners

1. **CONCLUDING REMARKS: ACTION POINTS AND NEXT STEPS**
* *Deputy Director-General Jean-Marie Paugam, Chairperson*

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