



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
GROUP ON TEA  
INTERSESSIONAL MEETING  
FAO Headquarters  
Rome, Italy  
5-6 May 2014**

**Objectives and  
Provisional Agenda  
and Timetable**

## Objectives

### Working Group on Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs)

- Present a report of the list of priority chemicals and timetable for submission to Codex; this would include the correlation between field trial and GLP supervised protocols. Provide an explanation on how the submission could facilitate achieving global harmonization of MRLs, including the communication plan and the Decision Tree for discussion and endorsement.

### Working Group on MRLs in Tea Brew

- Present a policy document outlining the methodology and other technical requirements to enable regulators of the CCPR to accept MRLs in the brew as the basis for risk assessment. This document would need to be discussed and endorsed for submission to the CCPR.
- Report on the ring test on a few widely used pesticides among different tea producing and consuming countries (India, China, Sri Lanka, Kenya, UK, USA and Germany).

### Working Group Tea Trade and Quality

- Review the status of compliance of ISO 3720, as a minimum quality standard.
- Present a report on progress towards achieving tea trade and quality since the last intersessional meeting in Washington, DC, in 2012, including tabling the results of the collection of existing literature on additional quality benefits delivered by tea conforming to ISO 3720 or higher; the status of consuming importing countries complying with ISO 3720 parameters or above; and listing donor response to funding/technical assistance for countries requiring support in implementing ISO 3720 minimum quality standard.
- Report on the WG on the Establishment of Minimum Quality Standard for Green Tea.

### Working Group on Organic Tea

- The Secretariat will update the intersessional meeting on generating market information and developing market strategies and on the certification process for tea production.
- Report on progress made on the technical requirements – particularly the recommended package of practices – being adopted by member countries.
- Provide an update on considering organic tea as low energy input for financial gain through carbon trading and on joining the organic movement for sustainability.

### Working Group on Climate Change

- Report on progress made on database development, on the impact analysis methodology, on the interaction among genotype x environment x management.
- Table a report on adaptation strategies and agronomic practices for discussion and endorsement.
- Appoint a chairperson to lead and be the focal point of this Working Group.

### Working Group on Smallholders

- Present a report updating the analysis of data by origin, including the challenges and issues among smallholders.
- Provide a report on the exchange/exposure visits amongst member countries; and on educating and training smallholders.

### Task Force on Statistics

- Review tea production forecasts of each member country of the Task Force and adjust production, consumption and trade projections for tea over the next ten years using the FAO World Tea Model.

## Monday, 5 May 2014

### Morning Session – Breakout sessions

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and opening: Kaison Chang, Secretary Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea
- 9:10 Statement from the IGG Chairperson: Ms Janaki Kuruppu
- 9:20 Organic certification process and Global Organic Market Access (GOMA): Nadia El-Hage, Senior Natural Resource Officer, NRC
- 9:40 Organic agriculture and the law: Carmen Bullón, Legal Officer, LEGN.
- 10:00 Case study: Tea smallholder value chain in China: Cheng Fang, Economist, EST
- 10:20 Discussion
- 10:40 Tea Break
- 11:00 Climate change: agriculture and economic impact: Dominique VanDerMensbrughe, Senior Economist, Global Perspectives, ESA
- 11:20 Global Agro-Ecological Zones (GAEZ) model on climate change: Renato Cumani – Land and Water Officer, NR
- 11:40 Climate change: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) as a mitigating measure?: Cemal Atici, Economist, EST
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:20 Meetings of the Working Groups – Introduction by the Chair  
Each Working Group will be assigned to an area in the meeting room where they can discuss their issues, work and action plans and terms of reference. The Chairperson of each Working Group will report to the plenary.
- 12:30 Lunch break

### Afternoon Session – Breakout sessions

- 14:00 Breakout sessions of the Working Groups
- 15:00 Tea break
- 15:15 Breakout sessions of the Working Groups (continued)
- 16:45 Wrap up for the day
- 17:00 End of session

**Tuesday, 6 May 2014**

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**Morning Session – Plenary session**

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- 9:00 Chair address: Ms Janika Kuruppu
- 9:15 Report of the Working Group on MRLs
- 9:45 Plenary discussion and adoption of the Decision Tree and other decisions, strategies and recommendations
- 10:00 Tea break
- 10:15 Report of the Working Group on MRLs in Brew
- 10:45 Plenary discussion and adoption of decisions, strategies and recommendations
- 11:00 Report of the Working Group on Tea Trade and Quality
- 11:30 Plenary discussion and adoption of a strategy to promote minimum quality and safety assurance of ISO 3720 parameters to the governments of consumer countries as well as to the tea trade and consumers
- 11:45 Wrap up of morning session
- 12:30 Lunch

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**Afternoon Session – Plenary session**

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- 14:00 Report of the Working Group on Organic Tea
- 14:15 Plenary discussion and agreement on market strategies and on the certification process for organic tea production
- 14:45 Report of the Working Group on Climate Change
- 15:00 Plenary discussion and adoption of adaptation strategies and agronomic practices
- 15:30 Break
- 15:45 Report of the Working Group on Smallholders
- 16:00 Plenary discussion and adoption of decisions, strategies and recommendations
- 16:30 Report of the Task Force on Statistics
- 16:50 Adoption of the draft report of the Intersessional Meeting and closure