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JOINT MEETING OF THE 39TH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBRES AND THE 41ST SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON JUTE, KENAF AND ALLIED FIBRES AND THE 20TH SESSION OF THE SUB- GROUP OF SISAL PRODUCING COUNTRIES

Tanga, United Republic of Tanzania, 15 - 17 November 2017

INFORMATION NOTE ON ARRANGEMENTS

1. LOCATION OF SESSION

By kind invitation of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Joint Meeting of the 39th Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Hard Fibres and the 41st Twentieth-first Session of the IGG on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres will be held in Tanga, United Republic of Tanzania, from 15 to 17 November 2017. The session will be preceded by a Public Dialogue on the Sisal Industry Development. The venue will take place at the Tanga Beach Hotel.

2. ENQUIRIES ON THE MEETING

All enquiries concerning the session, except those regarding local arrangements, may be addressed to:

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3. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Visas should be obtained from the Tanzanian Embassy/Consulate nearest to the applicants' domicile. When applying for visas, delegates should ensure that their passports are valid for at least six months. Annex 1 contains information on visa requirements for various countries and Observers. Delegates who do not require an entry visa to Tanzania must present a document to the Migration Officer responsible for immigration control certifying that they will be participating in the Joint Meeting.

4. CUSTOMS

Delegates are kindly urged to check customs regulations for Tanzania before entering the country.

5. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

For a list of hotels, please see Annex 2.

6. TRANSPORT

Delegates travelling on international flights will arrive at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam. Delegates wishing to take a local flight from Dar es Salaam to Tanga should book with Auric Air (<http://www.auricair.com/en>) and/or Coastal Aviation (<http://www.coastal.co.tz/>). Those who will spend the night in Dar es Salaam should check the list of hotels (Appendix 1) and arrange their bookings. These hotels have shuttle services upon request. For delegates landing in Dar es Salaam who wish to travel by road, arrangements will be made for travel to Tanga by bus, a six-hour trip.

7. CLIMATE

Tanga's climate is classified as tropical. The winters are rainier than the summers. This climate is considered to be as according to the Köppen-Geiger climate classification. The average temperature in Tanga is 26.3°C. About 1 290 mm of precipitation falls annually. Precipitation is the lowest in February, with an average of 27 mm. The greatest amount of precipitation occurs in May, with an average of 294 mm. At an average temperature of 28.4°C, March is the hottest month of the year. The lowest average temperatures in the year occur in August, when it is around 24.2°C.

8. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

delegates who wish to visit nearby tourist attractions are advised to visit the following places: Amboni caves, which is just six kilometres from Tanga city centre; Saadan National Parks, located about 100 kilometres south of Tanga. It is a two-hour drive but can also easily be reached by air. Zanzibar island for scuba diving, game fishing, sun bathing, local delicacies, etc. can be reached by air in a 30 minutes or approximately 1.5 hours by Azam Marine and Coastal ferries speed boats. Please visit Auric Air (<http://www.auricair.com/en>) and/or Coastal Aviation (<http://www.coastal.co.tz/>) for flight bookings to Zanzibar or <http://www.azammarine.com>.for boat booking. Culture tourism, heritage site

visit and site-seeing of Tanga will be available upon request by the local organizers. Other popular tourist attractions, namely Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park, Lake Manyara National Park and Mount Kilimanjaro, can also be easily reached by air or road from Tanga. However, there are no direct flights from Tanga to Kilimanjaro. Therefore, for those wishing to fly to Arusha or Kilimanjaro, arrangements can be made with local airlines. The local organizers highly recommend delegates to visit these tourist destinations and make their stay in Tanzania more enjoyable.

8. HEALTH

All travellers should visit either their personal physician or a travel health clinic 4-8 weeks prior departing for Tanzania. The Government of Tanzania requires proof of yellow fever vaccination upon arrival if delegates are travelling from a country with risk of yellow fever.

9. CURRENCY AND BANKS

The local currency is the Tanzanian shilling (Tsh or TZS). Most major currencies and traveller cheques are accepted and can be converted at banks and foreign bureau de change in main towns and tourist areas. The US dollar is the most popular currency accepted. It is advisable to check the daily exchange rate for the necessary transactions. Money can be exchanged at the airport through various bureaux. While in Tanga, delegates may exchange money at the Mkwabi Bureau de Change (opened to the public from 7:00 am to 23:00 pm) and/or at commercial banks (CRDB, NBC, Barclays, Exim and NMB) which are normally open from 8:00 am to 17:00 pm.

Most banks have a 24-hour automatic teller machine (ATM) where international bank cards, mainly Visa and Master Card, are accepted to draw Tanzanian shillings.

10. CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards can be used at major tourist lodges, hotels and travel agents, but keep in mind that Visa and MasterCard are the cards most widely accepted. Please note that when eating out or shopping in the city, most establishments do not accept credit cards. Delegates are advised to inform their bank that they will be travelling to Tanzania. Some banks may not know of Tanzania and will not approve card transactions without prior knowledge. Traveller cheques in US dollars and Great Britain pounds sterling are recommended. When cashing traveller cheques, please be prepared for a lower exchange rate due to bank charges.

11. SOCIAL EVENTS

There will be a traditional dance to entertain the delegates on 15th November, 2017.

12. MEETING REGISTRATION

Registration for the Public Dialogue on the Sisal Industry Development will take place from 10.00 to 12.00 on Tuesday, 14 November 2017. Delegates attending the IGG session may register from 18.00 to 19.00 on Tuesday, 14 November 2017, and from 7.30-9.00 on Wednesday, 15 November 2017, at the Tanga Beach Resort and Spa hotel lobby.

14. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

The opening ceremony will take place at 10:00 am on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 and the meeting is expected to conclude its work at 17:00 on Friday, 17 November 2017. The provisional timetable will be tabled at the meeting.

Annex 1

Visa Application Information for IGG/HFJU Delegates

Country		At Arrival	Home Country
1	Angola	✓	
2	Bangladesh		✓
3	Benin	✓	
4	Brazil	✓	
5	China	✓	
6	Colombia	✓	
7	Ecuador	✓	
8	Egypt	✓	
9	Ethiopia		✓
10	France	✓	
11	Germany	✓	
12	Ghana	✓	
13	Greece	✓	
14	Haiti	✓	
15	India	✓	
16	Indonesia	✓	
17	Kenya	✓	
18	Madagascar	✓	
19	Malawi	✓	
20	Malaysia	✓	
21	Mexico	✓	
22	Mozambique	✓	
23	Nigeria	✓	
24	Pakistan	✓	
25	Philippines	✓	
26	Poland	✓	

Country		At Arrival	Home Country
27	South Africa	✓	
28	Sri Lanka		✓
29	Sudan	✓	
30	Sweden	✓	
31	Uganda	✓	
32	United Kingdom	✓	
33	United States of America	✓	
34	Venezuela	✓	
35	Zambia	✓	
36	Zimbabwe	✓	
37	The European Union	✓	
Observers		At Arrival	Home Country
1	Asian and Pacific Coconut Community,	✓	
2	Coir Association	✓	
3	Common Fund for Commodities	✓	
4	COMESA	✓	
5	ECOWAS	✓	
6	SADC	✓	

Annex 2

LIST OF HOTELS IN DAR ES SALAAM AND TANGA CITIES

HOTELS IN TANGA CITY		
Hotel name	Contact information	Rates (USD) per night
<i>Tanga Beach Resort and Spa</i> Preferred Hotel which is also the Venue for the Meeting.	TEL: +255-27-2645 424/5 FAX: +255-27-2645 426 Email: info@tangabeachresort.com Website: www.tangabeachresort.com	100 - 250
<i>Mkonge Hotel</i>	Tel: +255 (0)27 264 3440 Tel: +255 (0)27 264 4446 Mobile: +255 (0)753 248 611 Fax: +255 (0)27 264 4444 Email: info@mkongehotel.com mkongehotel@kaributanga.com	80 -120
<i>Nyumbani Hotels Ltd</i>	Tel: +255 (0)27 2645411/3 Mobile: +255 (0)759 463 578 Fax: +255 (0)27 2645414 Email: infotanga@nyumbanihotels.com ggm@nyumbanihotel.com	70 - 90

HOTELS IN DAR ES SALAAM		
Hotel name	Contact information	Rates (USD) per night
<i>Double Tree by Hilton</i>	Slipway Road Msasani Peninsular, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania TEL: +255-22-221 0000 FAX: +255-22-2602 357	200 - 250
<i>Harbour View Hotel</i>	Harbour View Towers Samora Avenue Dar es Salaam Tel: +255 (022) 2124040 Fax: +255 (022) 2120333 Mobile +255 (0) 784564848 Mobile +255 (0) 754789000 Email: reservations@harbourview-suites.com	150 - 250
<i>Hyatt Regency Hotel</i>	24, Kivukoni Front P.O. Box 9574, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: +255 764 70 1234 Fax: +255 22 212 0777 Email: daressalaam.kilimanjaro@hyatt.com	250 - 860
<i>Serena</i>	12 Ohio Street, 11101 Kivukoni, Dar es salaam, Tanzania TEL: +255-22-221 2500 FAX: +255-22-211 3981 Email: daressalaam@serena.co.tz	180 - 350
<i>New Africa Hotel</i>	Azikiwe Street/Sokoine Drive Dar es Salaam, Telephone Lines +255 22 2117050/51 +255 22 2117131/32 +255 658 222 220 +255 677 023 236 Fax: +255 22 2113558 Email: fom@newafricahotel.com	150 - 250