



# COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON OILSEEDS, OILS AND FATS

4-5 March 2021

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## **AGENDA NOTES**

1. At the 72nd Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), held on 26 -28 September 2018, the Republic of Indonesia put forward a proposal to convene the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats to formulate voluntary guidelines on vegetable oils in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Committee took note of the proposal and agreed that it would be submitted for consideration by the CCP Bureau. The Report of the 72nd Session of the CCP was subsequently endorsed by the Council at its 160th Session in December 2018. Following consideration and agreement by the CCP Bureau and approval by the Director-General, it was agreed to hold the 31st Session of the IGG on Oilseeds, Oils and Fats on 4 -5 March 2021, hosted by the Government of Indonesia. Arrangements for the meeting, including preparation of the provisional agenda and other logistical aspects, were made in close collaboration with the CCP Bureau.

2. The meeting will be held via a virtual platform on Thursday 4 March (morning and afternoon sessions CET) and on Friday 5 March (afternoon session CET).

### **I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

#### **A. Opening and appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chairs**

3. The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the CCP, who will a) summarize the process followed for convening the 31st Session of the IGG, and b) oversee the appointment of a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons for the Session.

#### **B. Adoption of Provisional Agenda and Timetable**

4. The newly appointed Chair will illustrate the rationale and objective for convening the Session and invite the Members to adopt the Provisional Agenda.

### **II. RECENT MARKET AND POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

5. The Secretariat will report on recent developments in the global oilseeds, oil and meals markets, including the short-term outlook, medium-term projections as well as recent relevant policy changes and industry initiatives. Two papers summarizing, respectively, the market prospects and recent policy developments will be circulated to Governments prior to the Session (CCP:OOF 21/CRS 1 and CCP:OOF 21/CRS 2). Delegates will be invited to review the Secretariat's assessment and provide insights on their country's situation.

### **III. DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON SUSTAINABLE VEGETABLE OIL IN SUPPORT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

6. The Chair will illustrate the rationale for the proposed development of voluntary guidelines on sustainable vegetable oil in support of the SDGs and explain how the deliberations will be conducted.

#### **A. Indonesia Position Paper**

7. Indonesia will present a 'White Paper' (CCP:OOF 21/2) a) reviewing the opportunities and addressing sustainability challenges faced by the vegetable oil sector in supporting SDGs and policy measures implemented to date to address them; b) illustrating the scope for developing intergovernmental guidelines for improving sustainable management of vegetable oils based on the

three pillars of sustainable development, namely economic, social and environment; and c) outlining possible processes for the formulation of voluntary guidelines under the aegis of FAO.

#### **B. Expert presentations and panel discussion**

8. Invited experts will examine the important role of vegetable oil sector in supporting the achievement of the SDGs, across the 3 (three) dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environment). They will also review the emerging trend and challenges in the vegetable oil industry, including relevant sustainability issues faced by the global vegetable oil industry, as well as the key responses and tools implemented or under consideration to address them – at governmental, intergovernmental, private sector/civil society level. Subsequently, in a panel discussion, delegates are invited to examine the presentations provided and discuss about major findings.

#### **C. Members' deliberations and decisions**

9. Delegates are invited to examine and discuss the assessments provided and the proposal tabled by Indonesia, with a view to reaching consensus on the way forward.

### **IV. ADOPTION OF THE SESSION REPORT**

10. The Chair will present the draft report, summarizing the results of the deliberations of the Group, for adoption. The report will be submitted to the 74th Session of the CCP for consideration and guidance on the way forward.