



COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

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AGENDA NOTES

The 76th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) will be held on 11, 12 and 13 September 2024. The Committee will adopt its Report on Friday, 13 September 2024.

1. Procedure of the Session

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (CCP 24/1 Rev.1; CCP 24/INF/1)

The Committee will adopt the Agenda for the Session. The Provisional Timetable is presented in document CCP 24/INF/1.

1.2 Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

The Committee will designate the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee for the preparation of the draft Report of the Session.

1.3 Statement by the Director-General (CCP 24/INF/5)

The Director-General will address the Committee. The statement will be published as soon as possible, as document CCP 24/INF/5.

2. World Agricultural Commodity Markets

2.1 Developments in international agricultural commodity markets (CCP 24/2; CCP 24/INF/6; CCP 24/INF/7)

Under this agenda item, the Committee will discuss the major developments in the world agricultural commodity markets and their impacts, particularly in the context of the ongoing conflicts and trade disruptions in several parts of the globe. Document CCP 24/2, entitled “Developments in international agricultural commodity markets”, will inform the discussion. The deliberations will be further supported by documents CCP 22/INF/6 and CCP 22/INF/7.

2.2 Developments in international fertilizer markets (CCP 24/3)

The Committee will review and discuss the developments in international fertilizer markets, particularly in the context of the developments in energy markets globally. It will also be an occasion to provide feedback and guidance on FAO’s new workstream on global fertilizer markets. Document CCP 24/3, entitled “Developments in international fertilizer markets”, will inform the deliberations.

2.3 Medium-term agricultural outlook 2024-2033 and emerging issues (CCP 24/4)

The Committee will examine market trends and prospects for the major agricultural commodities over the next 10 years (2024-2033). The projections cover production, utilization, trade and prices. Delegates will also discuss the drivers of these markets and the major factors expected to influence them over the next decade. Document CCP 24/4, entitled “Medium-term agricultural outlook 2024-2033 and emerging issues”, prepared based on the 2024 edition of the *OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook*, will serve as background for deliberation by the Members.

3. Policy Matters

3.1 The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO) 2024 (CCP 24/5)

Under this item, the Committee will discuss the findings of the 2024 edition of the flagship report *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO)* on the theme “Trade policy space for better nutrition”. The report explores the complex relationship between trade and nutrition using a

combination of econometric modelling and country case studies targeted to provide evidence on different aspects of the trade-nutrition relationship. Delegates will have the opportunity to discuss how trade openness, trade policies, non-tariff measures, as well as multilateral and regional trade agreements can contribute to improved nutrition and healthy diets. Document CCP 24/5 will serve as background for the deliberations by the Members.

3.2 Update on the World Trade Organization (WTO) agricultural negotiations and developments in regional trade agreements (RTAs) related to agriculture (CCP 24/6)

The Committee will receive an update on the latest developments in agricultural trade negotiations under the WTO, including the major issues under discussion, taking into consideration the outcomes of the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC13) held in Abu Dhabi from 26 to 29 February 2024. An update will also be provided on RTAs and their main substantive provisions, with a focus on Environmental Related Provisions (ERPs). The Committee will also be updated and discuss FAO's activities in supporting Members in trade-related policies and agreements. Document CCP 24/6 will guide the discussions under this agenda item.

4. Programmatic Matters

4.1 FAO's programme of work in commodity markets and trade under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 (CCP 24/7)

Under this item, the Committee will consider FAO's work in the area of agricultural commodity markets and trade, namely in the context of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31. The Committee will be informed about the major achievements in the previous biennium under the *four betters – better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life*, and provide guidance on work priorities under its terms of reference, considering new global developments. The Committee will be assisted in its deliberations by document CCP 24/7. The guidance of the Committee will feed into the preparation of the FAO Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2026-27.

4.2 The significance of efficient and inclusive agricultural supply chains to promote resilient and sustainable agrifood systems for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and FAO's support to Members (CCP 24/8)

Global value chains have become an essential component of agrifood systems. The FAO flagship report *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO) 2022* showed that about one third of the world agrifood exports are traded within global value chains that involve at least three countries. At the same time, a rising number of governments have introduced policies to reduce the risk of adverse environmental and social impacts in global supply chains by requiring companies to establish mandatory risk-based due diligence systems. While such policies can support supply chains, they can create additional challenges for small-scale actors, particularly in developing countries, and reduce their participation in global markets and supply chains. FAO supports its Members in addressing these challenges through the implementation of several activities and the production of practical tools and publications. The Committee will discuss the challenges and ways to ensure that the new regulations and policies benefit agricultural producers and support the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems. The Committee will also review the work of FAO and provide guidance on future activities. Document CCP 24/8 will serve as background to inform the discussion by the Members.

5. Governance Matters

5.1 Report of the 25th Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea (CCP 24/9)

The Committee will receive the report of the 25th Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea, held in Guwahati, India from 31 January to 2 February 2024.

5.2 Report of the Joint Meeting of the 41st Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Hard Fibres, the 43rd Session of the IGG on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres, and the 22nd Session of the Sub-Group of Sisal and Henequen Producing Countries (CCP 24/10)

The Committee will receive the report of the Joint Meeting of the 41st Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Hard Fibres, the 43rd Session of the IGG on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres, and the 22nd Session of the Sub-Group of Sisal and Henequen Producing Countries, held in Bahia, Brazil from 27 to 29 May 2024.

5.3 Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) (CCP 24/11)

The CCP has developed a MYPOW since 2012 with the aim to serve as a tool for improving the work effectiveness and governance of the Committee. Under this item, the Members will receive a progress report on the implementation of the MYPOW 2022-24 and consider the Committee's MYPOW for the period 2024-26. Document CCP 24/11 will present this item, with supporting documents CCP 24/INF/8, CCP 24/INF/9 and CCP 24/INF/10.

6. Proposal for an International Coffee Day

The Committee will consider the proposal by the Federative Republic of Brazil to establish an International Coffee Day. Background document CCP 24/12 refers for this agenda item.

7. Other Matters

7.1 Election of the new Bureau

In line with its Rules of Procedure, the Committee will elect a Chairperson and six Members, which will collectively constitute the Bureau of the Committee. The representatives of the elected Members shall act as Vice-Chairpersons. The Chairperson and Members of the Bureau will be elected for a period of two years and remain in office until the election of a new Bureau at the end of the next Session.

7.2 Arrangements for the 77th Session

Under this agenda item, the Committee will consider the dates of its next Session and any relevant organizational matters.

7.3 Any other business

The Committee Members may wish to raise any issue related to the present CCP Session as well as propose possible topics and agenda items for the next Session in 2026.

8. Adoption of the Report

The Committee will consider the draft Report of the Session for adoption. The Report will be submitted for endorsement by the Council at its 176th Session in December 2024 and the Conference at its 44th Session in June/July 2025.