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| TO: | Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on the Environment |
| COPY: | National offices Coordinators of the new Copa-Cogeca member organisations |
| FROM: | Antonia ANDÚGAR |
| DATE: | 26th October 2011 |

Re: Invitation and draft agenda for the meetings of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on the Environment and the Advisory Group on Agriculture and the Environment on 15th and 16th November 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

The **Commission's services have confirmed** that the **Advisory Group on Agriculture and the Environment** will be held on **16th November from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m** [EN\(11\)7808 \(rev.1\)](#).

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Niels Peter NOERRING, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on the **Environment** which will be held on:

15th November from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
at the Copa-Cogeca Secretariat
61 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

Please **complete the enclosed attendance form and return it** to the Secretariat **by 15:00 p.m. on 28th October 2011 at the latest** so we can inform the Commission's services in time. Please note that **those members of the Working Party who do not return their form in time cannot be taken into account when forming the Copa-Cogeca delegation¹** that will attend the Advisory Group meeting. You will be informed of who has been included in the **Copa-Cogeca delegation by 2nd November 2011.**

Please regularly check the "Environment" section on Agri-Info for the latest available documents and to view the papers you will need for the meeting. Please pass this message on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Best regards,
Antonia Andúgar

¹ COPA-COGECA has 18 seats in the Advisory Group, which will be allocated in accordance with document [PR(04)72F1]/[P(04)166F1], which was approved by the COPA and COGECA Praesidia on 6 and 14 May 2004.

- 1. Adoption of the agenda [EN\(11\)7872](#).**
- 2. Elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair [EN\(11\)6769 \(rev.1\)](#).**
- 3. Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting [EN\(11\)6081 \(rev.1\)](#)**
- 4. The legislative proposals for future CAP focusing on the environmental and climate change related provisions. Exchange of views on:**
 - 4.1 the “greening”: payment for agricultural practises beneficial for the climate and the environment [COM\(11\)7861 \(rev.1\)](#)
 - 4.2 cross-compliance [COM\(11\)7864 \(rev.1\)](#)
 - 4.3 instruments/measures not primarily addressing environmental protection, but having the potential to benefit the environment
 - 4.4 debriefing on the working group meeting on rural development policy after 2013 on 11th November 2011 [COM\(11\)7863 \(rev.1\)](#)
- 5. Information on the Court of Auditors’ report on agri-environmental measures [NON\(11\)7050 \(rev.1\)](#).**
- 6. Reply of the Commission on letter of the Advisory Group of Agriculture and Environment: “Addressing serious problems with current CAP eligibility criteria and their impacts on farmers and the environment” – preparation of the discussion.**
- 7. Water – 2012 International Year of Water.**
 - 7.1 Exchange of views based on a Copa-Cogeca questionnaire on water and agriculture ([EN\(11\)7890 \(rev.1\)](#)) addressing:
 - Water Framework directive – enforcement of obligations for agriculture
 - water requirements under cross-compliance [EN\(11\)7946](#)
 - initiatives with member organisations’ participation (e.g. water efficiency, water pollution, management of water excess and deficit)
 - 7.2 Update on the EU water policy (e.g. 2012 Blueprint to safeguard European waters – by the Secretariat.
 - 7.3 Preparation of key messages on water and agriculture in view of the participation in the Green Week 2012.
 - 7.4 Conference on water pricing in agriculture (14th September 2011 in Poland) – information by the Secretariat
 - 7.5 EIP on water efficiency – information by the Secretariat
 - 7.6 Standards for sustainable Water Management (EWP) – information by the Secretariat
- 8. EU Climate policy**
 - 8.1 Follow up of the UNFCCC negotiations related to agriculture in view of the Durban summit in December 2011
 - 8.2 EC proposal on LULUCF
 - 8.3 Climate change adaptation
 - information by the Secretariat on the EC work; compilation of good practices;
 - initiatives involving member organisations’ participation[EN\(11\)411](#), [EN\(11\)574 \(rev.3\)](#)
 - 8.5 DG AGRI study on GGELS ([EN\(11\)1494](#)) – assessment by LRF
- 9. Brief update by the Secretariat – questions, clarifications and steps forward (air, waste, soil, biodiversity)**
- 10. AOB**

Provisional agenda for the advisory group (EN(11)8303)

1. The legislative proposals for future CAP:
 - cross-compliance in the future CAP
 - the “greening”
 - creation of green jobs
 - instruments/measures not primarily addressing environmental protection, but having the potential to benefit the environment
2. Reply of the Commission on letter of the Advisory Group of Agriculture and Environment: “Addressing serious problems with current CAP eligibility criteria and their impacts on farmers and the environment” (sent on 13/09/2011)
3. Court of Auditors’ report on agri-environmental measures
4. Debriefing on the working group meeting on rural development policy after 2013 , 11th November 2011
5. Water:
 - Follow up of the implementation of the WFD in agriculture:
 - water measures in agriculture (guidance for administration on making WFD agricultural measures clear and transparent at farm level, developed in the frame of the CIS EG “water and agriculture”)
 - water pricing in agriculture, debriefing of the 14th September 2011 Workshop in Poland
 - first outcomes of the assessment of the RBMPs with focus on agricultural sector
 - EIP on water efficiency – debriefing on the stakeholder event on 20th October 2011
 - Update on the preparation of the 2012 Blueprint to safeguard European waters
 - efficiency improvements in agriculture water use in the framework of the review of the strategy for water scarcity and droughts
 - measures to reduce vulnerability (of the agricultural sector to climate change)
 - WISE : discussion on further development of the system to the benefit of farmers
 - Standards for sustainable Water Management (presented by EWP)
- Climate policy
 - Follow up of the UNFCCC negotiations related to agriculture in view of the Durban summit
 - Follow-up of the EC proposal on LULUCF
 - Carbon sequestration in the agriculture sector – suitable measures

ATTENDANCE FORM

PLEASE RETURN TO SYLVIE LOPE BY 28TH OCTOBER 2011

(15:00 p.m. at the latest)

BY E-MAIL: **sylvie.lope@copa-cogeca.eu**

AND/OR BY FAX: 00. 32. 22. 87. 27. 00

WORKING PARTY ON THE ENVIRONMENT

15/11/2011 * 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION/COUNTRY:

E-MAIL:

am able to attend am unable to attend

WORKING LANGUAGE:

French English German Italian Spanish Polish

ADVISORY GROUP ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

16/11/2011 * 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

would like to participate as a reimbursed expert²

would like to participate as a non-reimbursed expert¹

NB: The Copa-Cogeca Secretariat will inform you of the composition of the Copa-Cogeca delegation that will participate in the Advisory Group **8 working days before the meeting is held**. Those members of the Working Party who do not complete and return their forms before the deadline will not be taken into account when the Copa-Cogeca delegation is composed.

² In accordance with the rules and criteria laid down by Copa/Cogeca in document [PR(04)72F1]/P(04)166F1