

SEM(14)1054:1 – DDJ/mvs

TO:	Members of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Seeds
COPY:	National offices Coordinators of the new Copa-Cogeca member organisations
FROM:	<i>Dominique Dejonckheere</i>
DATE:	13.02.2014

Re: Invitation and agenda of the Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Seeds and the Advisory Group on Seeds on 12th and 13th March 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Commission's services have confirmed that the **Advisory Group on Seeds** will be held on **Thursday, 13th March from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (SEM(14)602 (rev.1))**.

On behalf of the Chairman, Mr Thor Kofoed, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the preparatory meeting of the Working Party on Seeds which will be held on:

**12th March from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 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 27th February 2014 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 3rd March 2014**.

Please regularly check the "Seeds" 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,

Dominique Dejonckheere

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.

Draft Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes from the meetings held on 8/3/14 [[SEM\(13\)8395 \(rev.2\)](#)] and 4/11/13 [[SEM\(13\)9135 \(rev.1\)](#)]
3. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair [[SEM\(14\)547 \(rev.1\)](#)]
4. State of Play regarding the new PRM law: lobbying Action Plan [[SEM\(14\)928 \(rev.1\)](#)]
5. Preparation of the meeting of the Advisory Group on Seeds
 - a) Approval of the agenda and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 08/03/2013 [[SEM\(13\)8383 \(rev.1\)](#)]
 - b) Reform of the Advisory Groups <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:338:0115:0117:EN:PDF>
 - c) Seeds Statistics
 - i. Eventually, ESA presentation on the market trends
 - ii. Copa-Cogeca presentation on the implications of losing tracks on EU statistics
 - d) SANCO package
 - i. Official controls
 - ii. PRM [[NPN\(14\)756 \(rev.1\)](#)] [[NEN\(14\)772 \(rev.1\)](#)]
 - iii. Plant Health Regime
 - e) Technical questions on the current seeds legislation: outcome of the debate in SC on seeds
 - i. Harmonised method for testing glucosinolate in oilseed rape seeds
 - ii. Revision of the purity level in spring oilseed rape seeds
 - iii. Common catalogue: delays to add vegetables seeds
 - f) Greening
 - i. Copa-Cogeca presentation on seed production practices and greening (Ecological focus Areas)- areas eligible on catch crops
 - g) Organic farming
 - i. Presentation of the impact assessment on organic seeds derogations
 - h) Plant Protection Products
 - i. Report on minor uses
 - ii. Guidance document
 - iii. Seed stocks treated with neonicotinoïdes-extension period grace [[SEM\(14\)549 \(rev.1\)](#)]
 - i) GMOs
 - i. Maize Authorisation
 - ii. The EC proposal to allow MS to ban GMO cultivation on their territory
 - iii. Low presence of GMOs in seed: testing sampling
 - j) Nagoya Protocol: implementation
 - k) AOB

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ATTENDANCE FORM
PLEASE RETURN TO MYRIAM BOULOGNE
BY 27TH FEBRUARY 2014

BY E-MAIL: myriam.boulogne@copa-cogeca.eu

AND/OR BY FAX: 00.32.22.87.27.00

WORKING PARTY ON SEEDS
12/03/2014 * 2:30 p.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 Romanian

ADVISORY GROUP ON SEEDS
13/03/2014 * 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 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]