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DRAFT AGENDA - DAC BRIEFING : THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSIONS OF AFRICAN COTTON

**Friday 28 January 2005,
OECD, La Muette, Room 1
from 09h15 to 18h00**

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DAC BRIEFING

THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSIONS OF AFRICAN COTTON

**A contribution to the follow-up of the WTO African Regional Workshop on Cotton
held in Cotonou 23-24 March 2004**

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09.15-18.00**

**OECD Headquarters,
19, rue de Franqueville, 75016
Paris, France**

BACKGROUND

Introduction

The DAC Briefing on the Development Dimensions of African Cotton aims to bring together key stakeholders from headquarters and field offices of donor and multilateral agencies, international financial institutions (IFIs), regional organizations and development banks, as well as representatives of African countries involved in cotton production and trade. The main objectives are:

- In light of the importance of cotton production and trade for the development of some African countries, *to examine* whether the cotton sub-sector is appropriately reflected in their development policies and poverty reduction strategies;
- In the light of the **WTO** July Framework Decision, *to share information* on emerging approaches to development assistance programmes and examine the extent to which the latter are incorporated in agency Country Assistance Programmes;
- In order to increase aid effectiveness, *to discuss* how to apply lessons of alignment and harmonization to the design and delivery of assistance programmes for the cotton and other related sectors.

The briefing will be structured as follows:

- **Session I** will set the scene by providing (1) an update on the status of the WTO agricultural negotiations **and (2) EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)**; and (3) an overview of global market trends in cotton production and trade, as well as a reflection of the possible impact of changes in the external trade environment on African cotton producers and exporters.
- **Session II** will then examine (1) the economic and social importance of cotton production and trade for key African countries and their strategies and reform approaches in the cotton and related sectors; and (2) assess how these are reflected in country-owned development policies and poverty reduction strategies, as well as in regional trade and/or development frameworks e.g. the West Africa PRS; the EU-ACP EPAs and the ECOWAS agriculture policy (ECOWAP).
- **Session III** will focus on recent evolutions in the design of assistance programmes for promoting the sustainable development of the cotton sector in Africa and assess how to apply lessons of alignment and harmonization to that area of development assistance, in order to increase aid effectiveness.

Participants to be invited

Representatives from :

- Bilateral donor agencies: DAC Members;
- Multilateral agencies and IFIs: the World Bank, IMF, FAO, UNIDO, UNCTAD and ITC (including those that are involved in the Integrated Framework and JITAP);
- Regional development banks: the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD);

- Regional organisations: the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA);
- Cotton producing countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Chad, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda;
- African producer associations and the private sector: the Union Nationale des Producteurs de Coton du Burkina Faso (UNPCB), the Association Cotonnière d'Afrique (ACA) and the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP);
- The WTO Secretariat;
- The WTO Agricultural Negotiations Group (i.e. the Chairman, Tim Groser).

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Presentations by speakers will be limited to **10 minutes**, in order to leave time for discussion

WELCOME SESSION

9.15 – 9.30 Welcome by Dr. Rana, WTO Deputy Director General

SESSION I – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN COTTON PRODUCERS AND TRADERS IN LIGHT OF THE WTO AND OTHER NEGOTIATIONS

9.30 – 10.30 This session will set the scene by providing an update on (1) the status of the WTO agricultural negotiations; and (2) EU-ACP EPAs in West Africa; as well as (3) an overview of global market trends in cotton production and trade and a reflection of the possible impact of changes in the external trade environment on African cotton producers and exporters.

Chair: Jean-Marie Metzger, Trade Directorate, OECD

Lead speaker: Tim Groser, Chairman of the WTO Agriculture Committee Meeting in Special Session (WTO Agriculture Negotiating Group) on (1)

ECOWAS and EC on (2) - TBC

World Bank on (3)

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion

SESSION II – COTTON: HOW IMPORTANT IS IT AND HOW IS IT REFLECTED IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES?

11.00 - 11.45 This session will aim to (1) build a better understanding of the economic and social importance of cotton production and trade for key African countries, regional development and intra-regional trade; (2) examine national and regional cotton sector development and policy reform programmes; and (3) assess how these are reflected in country-owned development policies and poverty reduction strategies.

Chair: Stefan Tangermann, Agriculture Directorate, OECD

Lead speakers: Karim Hussein, SWAC, OECD on (1)

Burkina Faso and Mali representatives on (2) - TBC

Benin representative on (3) - TBC

11.45 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

SESSION III – DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THE AFRICAN COTTON SUB-SECTOR : MAXIMIZING AID EFFECTIVENESS

14.00 – 15.00 This session will provide the opportunity to (1) share information on recent evolutions in the design of assistance programmes for promoting the sustainable development of the cotton sector in Africa and examine in what measure such programmes are included in agencies' Country Assistance Programmes; and (2) consider how to apply lessons of alignment and harmonization in order to increase aid effectiveness.

Chair: *Richard Manning, DAC Chair, OECD*

Lead speakers: *Chiedu Osakwe, WTO Secretariat- status update on (1)*

USAID, EC and AfDB on (1)- progress since the Cotonou Workshop

Richard Carey, OECD on (2)

15.00-15.45 Discussion

15.45 -16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.30 Discussion on ways forward

17.30 – 18.00 Conclusions