

**TRADE AND AGRICULTURE DIRECTORATE  
COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE**

**OECD Seed Schemes**

**DRAFT AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL  
DESIGNATED AUTHORITIES**

**to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand**

**Thursday 25 March 2010, 09h00 - 18h00**

**Friday 26 March 2010, 08h30 - 18h00**

*The Draft Agenda is circulated to Delegations, National Designated Authorities and Observers participating in the 2010 Annual Meeting and to all delegates for information.*

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<b>2010 OECD Seed Schemes Meetings</b>		
<b>22-26 March 2010 – Christchurch, New Zealand</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>22 March</b>	<b>09:00-13:00</b>	<b>Bureau Meeting</b>
<b>22 March</b>	<b>14:00-18:00</b>	<b>Technical Working Group Meeting (TWG)</b>
<b>23 March</b>	<b>09:00-17:00</b>	<b>Technical Working Group Meeting (contd.)</b>
<b>23 March</b>	<b>17:00-19:30</b>	<b>Ad hoc WG – Certification of Seed for Trials</b>
<b>24 March</b>	<b>Whole day</b>	<b>Field Trip</b>
<b>25 March</b>	<b>09:00-18:00</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
<b>26 March</b>	<b>08:30-10:30</b>	<b>Workshop on Seed Certification in Asia</b>
<b>26 March</b>	<b>11:00-18:00</b>	<b>Annual Meeting (contd.)</b>
<b>26 March</b>	<b>After Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Bureau Meeting</b>

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**Hosted by:** New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) &  
New Zealand Seed Quality Management Authority (SQMA)

**Place:** Rydges Hotel Christchurch  
170 Oxford Terrace Cnr Worcester Street  
Christchurch 8140  
New Zealand

**Language:** English and French

**NB:** For practical and budgetary reasons, **no paper copies** of the documents mentioned below will be made available to participants in the Meeting room. Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them their own copies.

**THURSDAY 25 MARCH, 09h00-18h00**

1. **Opening remarks**
2. **Confirmation of Officers**
3. **Adoption of the draft Agenda** [TAD/CA/S/A(2010)1]  
*For adoption*
4. **Report on the Bureau Meeting held on 22 March 2010** *Oral report*
5. **Summary Records**
  - 5.1 *Annual Meeting of the Seed Schemes, 11-12 June 2009* [TAD/CA/S/M(2009)4/REV2]  
*For approval*
  - 5.2 *The 7th TWG Meeting, 10 June 2009* [TAD/CA/S/M(2009)3]  
*For approval*
  - 5.3 *The 8th TWG Meeting, 4-5 November 2009* [TAD/CA/S/M(2009)5]  
*For approval*
  - 5.4 *The EAG Meeting, 5-6 November 2009* [TAD/CA/S/M(2009)6]  
*For approval*
6. **Secretariat activities and budget report**
  - 6.1 *Activity and Budget Report* [TAD/CA/S(2010)2]  
*For information*
  - 6.2 *Preparation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2011-2012* *For information*
7. **Development of the Action Plan for the OECD Seed Schemes** [TAD/CA/S(2008)18/REV3]  
*For discussion and approval*
8. **Report on the implementation of the OECD Seed Schemes in a number of countries** *For information and discussion*
9. **Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Technical Working Group Meeting held on 22-23 March 2010** *Oral report*
10. **Revision of Guidelines for Post-control Plot Tests and Field Inspection**
  - 10.1 *Draft revised Guidelines, General Parts I, II, III* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)3/REV5]  
*For approval*
  - 10.2 *Draft revised Guidelines, Part IV* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2009)11]  
*For approval*

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1. Welcome cocktail hosted by New Zealand and OECD, at 18h00 on 25 March.

11. Draft Amendment to the Rules for Acceptance of Varieties [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)14/REV3]  
*For approval*

12. Certification of seed for trials

*12.1 Report on the Ad Hoc WG held on 23 March 2009*

*Oral report*

**FRIDAY 26 MARCH, 08h30-10h30**

**13. Workshop on Seed Certification in Asia**

**FRIDAY 26 MARCH, 11h00-18h00**

14. Participation in the Schemes

*14.1 Participants, applicants and interested countries*

[TAD/CA/S(2010)1]

*For information*

*14.2 Extension of countries' participation – South Africa*

[TAD/CA/S(2010)3]

*For discussion  
and approval*

15. Draft proposals amending the Rules for admission  
of new countries to the Schemes

[TAD/CA/S(2009)9/REV2]

*For discussion  
and approval*

16. Revision of the Rules & Regulations of the Seed Schemes

[TAD/CA/S(2009)6/REV2]

*For approval*

17. Report from the OECD Co-ordinating Centre

*17.1 List of Varieties 2009/2010 – written report*

[TAD/CA/S(2010)4]

*For information*

*17.2 Summary of the 2008/2009 post control and weights statistics*

[TAD/CA/S(2010)5]

*For information*

18. Revised draft of the Different Regulatory Aspects  
affecting World Seed Trade

[TAD/CA/S/RD(2009)14/REV2]

*For discussion*

19. Recent changes in seed legislation in Member  
Countries of the Schemes and in the EU

*For information*

20. Review of significant seed related developments in International  
Organisations since the last Annual Meeting (FAO, ISF, UPOV, ISTA ...)

*For information*

21. Future meetings

22. Other business

**NOTES TO THE DRAFT AGENDA**

**Item 1. Opening remarks**

- Senior officials from MAF & SQMA;
- OECD Secretariat.

**Item 2. Confirmation of Officers**

**Item 3. Adoption of the draft Agenda**

[TAD/CA/S/A(2010)1]

**Item 4. Report on the Bureau Meeting held on 22 March 2010**

Oral report by Mr. Peter Johnston.

**Item 5. Summary Records**

For approval

***Item 5.1 Annual Meeting of the Seed Schemes, 11-12 June 2009***

[TAD/CA/S/M(2009)4/REV2]

The summary record of the 2009 Annual Meeting was revised by the Secretariat to include the changes requested by delegates.

***Item 5.2 The 7th TWG Meeting, 10 June 2009***

[TAD/CA/S/M(2009)3]

***Item 5.3 The 8th TWG Meeting, 4-5 November 2009***

[TAD/CA/S/M(2009)5]

***Item 5.4 The EAG Meeting, 5-6 November 2009***

[TAD/CA/S/M(2009)6]

**Item 6. Secretariat activities and budget report**

For information

***Item 6.1 Activity and Budget Report***

[TAD/CA/S(2010)2]

***Item 6.2 Preparation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2011-2012***

**Item 7. Development of the Action Plan for the OECD Seed Schemes** [TAD/CA/S(2008)18/REV3]

For discussion and approval

At the last EAG Meeting, delegates discussed the projects listed in the Revised Action Plan for the OECD Seed Schemes and were invited to send their further comments on the Draft Action Plan by 29 January 2010.

Following the comments Member countries made at the EAG Meeting and received written comments, the Secretariat has revised the document for discussion and approval at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

**Item 8. Report on the implementation of the OECD Seed Schemes in a number of countries**

For information and discussion

**Item 9. Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Technical Working Group Meeting held on 22-23 March 2010**

Oral report by Mr. Perry Bohn, Chair of the TWG, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group.

**Item 10. Revision of Guidelines for Post-control Plot Tests and Field Inspection**

For approval

*Item 10.1 Draft revised Guidelines, General Parts I, II, III* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)3/REV5]

*Item 10.2 Draft revised Guidelines, Part IV* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2009)11]

**Item 11. Draft Amendment to the Rules for Acceptance of Varieties** [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)14/REV3]

For approval

**Item 12. Certification of seed for trials**

*Item 12.1 Report on the Ad Hoc WG held on 23 March 2009*

Oral report by the Chair of the Ad hoc WG on the meeting held on 23 March 2010.

**Item 13. Workshop on Seed Certification in Asia**

A separate Agenda will be provided for this Workshop.

**Item 14. Participation in the Schemes**

*Item 14.1 Participants, applicants and interested countries* [TAD/CA/S(2010)1]

For information

*Item 14.2 Extension of countries' participation – South Africa* [TAD/CA/S(2010)3]

For discussion and approval

**Item 15. Draft proposals amending the Rules for admission of new countries to the Schemes** [TAD/CA/S(2009)9/REV2]

For discussion and approval

At the last Extended Advisory Group Meeting, delegates discussed at length the draft proposals amending the Rules for admission of new countries to the Schemes [TAD/CA/S(2009)9/REV1], revised previously by the Bureau. Delegates were invited to send further written comments on the proposed amendments to the Secretariat by 24 December 2009.

Following the received written comments, the Secretariat has revised the document for discussion and approval at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

**Item 16. Revision of the Rules & Regulations of the Seed Schemes** [TAD/CA/S(2009)6/REV2]

For approval

At the last EAG Meeting, delegates discussed the Revised Rules and Regulations of the Seed Schemes, amended by the Co-ordinating centre in order to include comments received from Member countries. The Compacted Rules of the Schemes were recommended for approval at the next Annual Meeting. Any further editorial comments would be sent to the Secretariat by 31 December 2009.

**17. Report from the OECD Co-ordinating Centre**

For information

*Item 17.1 List of Varieties 2009/2010 – written report* [TAD/CA/S(2010)4]

*Item 17.2 Summary of the 2008/2009 post control and weights statistics* [TAD/CA/S(2010)5]

**Item 18. Revised draft of the Different Regulatory Aspects affecting World Seed Trade** [TAD/CA/S/RD(2009)14/REV2]

For discussion

Delegates at the last EAG Meeting had a lively discussion on the first draft of the paper summarising the different regulatory aspects affecting World Seed Trade.

TAD/CA/S/A(2010)1

The meeting agreed that the paper should be used as an internal document of the Seed Schemes and delegates were invited to send their written comments to the Secretariat by 28 February 2010.

Following the received written comments, the Secretariat has revised the document for discussion at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

**Item 19. Recent changes in seed legislation in Member Countries of the Schemes and in the EU**

For information

**Item 20. Review of significant seed related developments in International Organisations since the last Annual Meeting (FAO, ISF, UPOV, ISTA ...)**

For information

**Item 21. Future meetings**

**Item 22. Other business**