

UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative - Linking trade, biodiversity and sustainable development

Third Stakeholder Steering Committee (3 SSC) Meeting
Cisco Webex Meetings, 5 May 2020

Time:	South East Asia (Lao PDR, Viet Nam)	India	Europe	Canada	Latin America (Colombia, Peru)
	17:45 – 22:30	16:15 – 21:00	12:45 – 17:30	6:45 – 11:30	5:45 – 10:30

Note: For specific city information, visit: <https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>

Facilitation and Moderation: UNCTAD

Agenda (time refers to CET)

12:45 – 13:00 **Registration**

13:00 – 13:10 **Welcoming remarks and introduction by the organizers**

Introductory remarks:

- UNCTAD
- SECO

13:10 – 14:30 **Session I: Highlights of past activities and plan for upcoming months, including new projects**

This session will consist of a brief overview on main past activities as well as planned activities from May 2020 onwards. It will start with a short overview by UNCTAD on main past and future activities followed by partners to present new projects that are being or will be implemented including: the BioInnovation Africa project by ABS I; future activities in Mekong by Helvetas; EU funded project for green businesses by MADS; and Blue BioTrade by UNCTAD. Finally, participants will then provide a 2-3 minutes overview of other future planned activities for the upcoming months.

Discussants:

- UNCTAD – Overview of past and future activities
- ABS I, Helvetas, MADS, UNCTAD – presentation each of new projects
- 2-3 minutes interventions by the partners on main upcoming activities

Open discussion

14:30 – 14:40 **Break**

Further information at biotrade@unctad.org

14:40 – 15:00

Session II: Process to and results of the updated BioTrade Principles and Criteria (P&C)

This brief session will illustrate the step-by-step process that has been made on updating the BioTrade P&C that started in May 2018 which involved several consultation activities with partners and other stakeholders. This session will also present the main changes and the potential implications of the update for partners and beneficiaries.

Presentations:

- UNCTAD – Overview of the P&C updating process and the main changes and implications for partners (10 min.)

Open discussion (5 min.)

15:00 – 16:00

Session III: COVID-19 and its implications for BioTrade (emerging issue)

This session will discuss the impacts, both positive and negative, arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, (e.g. from consumption, production and trade patterns, and the environment) which have been directly affecting BioTrade partners, practitioners and stakeholders. The effects and implications vary widely within value chains, businesses and stakeholders, ongoing or future projects, and in partners operations. Participants will discuss the perceived impacts of COVID-19 for partners and the BioTrade community; share experiences of actions taken; and discuss/prioritize areas of work that may be taken in the upcoming year to address the challenges and seize the opportunities.

Presentation:

- UNCTAD – brief introduction (5 min.)

Open discussion (45 min.)

- Interactive discussion based on partners answers to the survey
- Definition of next steps

16:00 – 16:10

Break

16:10 – 17:10

Session IV: BioTrade and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF)

The post 2020 GBF was identified as one of the emerging issues during the second SSC meeting. In light of this, UNCTAD has been engaging with partners and other stakeholders to mainstream and advocate for BioTrade, sustainable use and sustainable trade and private sector engagement into this new framework. This session aims to inform partners on the state of post 2020 negotiations, and discuss possible contributions and actions points by BioTrade partners to be coordinated by UNCTAD. It will start with an overview introduction made by CBD Secretariat, followed by UNCTAD BioTrade strategy and highlights of implemented activities. An interactive discussion will follow, which will be based on participants’ survey responses.

Presentations:

- CBD Secretariat – updates on the negotiation process and entry points for the BioTrade/trade & biodiversity community support the new framework (10 min.)
- UNCTAD – presentation of the strategy implemented, including main topics address and work undertaken (5 min.)

Open discussion:

- Interactive discussion based on partners answers to the survey (30 min.)
- Definition of next steps (15 min.)

17:10 – 17:30 **Next steps and concluding remarks**

- SECO
- UNCTAD

Annex 1 –Participants invited

Programme partners	
UNCTAD	Teresa Moreira
SECO	Christian Robin and Daniel Lauchenauer
ITC	Mathieu Lamolle and Ana Patricia Batalhone
UEBT	Rik Kutsch Lojenga and Valerie Normand
ABS Initiative	Andreas Drews and Suhel Aljanabi
Helvetas	Andrew Wilson
FLEDGE	Balakrishna Pisupati
BioTrade beneficiary countries	
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One representative from a financial entity	
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CITES	David Morgan, Yuan Liu and Martin Hitziger
CBD	Bianca Brasil
Expert	
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