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A Roadmap

- Definition of a “common” product classification to collect information more comprehensively:
  - Establishment of a pluri-institutional working group ?
  - Interaction with the World Customs Organization ?
- How could competent authorities define a regulation framework conducive (at the national and regional levels) of sustained and sustainable hemp sectoral development?
  - Based on robust scientific evidence
  - Primary objective/scope: consistency of legal rules with a whole-plant approach?
- In depth analysis of existing production/value chains to identify best (and possibly reproducible) practices may be desirable:
  - How to compare experiences across countries (and time)?
  - How to identify the role played by the regulatory framework and its evolution over time?
  - How to access relevant data?
  - Dissemination and practical implications?
  - Establishment and governance of a pluri-institutional working group ?

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- Establishment of a multi-stakeholders working group to define and promote best practices?
  - Support to governments willing to promote hemp sectoral development
  - Support the integration of hemp cultivation and transformation into sustainable development strategies
  - Enhances exchange of best practices and repository of sectorial analysis on a sound socio-economic-environmental basis
  - How can trade of (processed) hemp products from developing countries be promoted? e.g. Geographical Indications and Appellation of Origin
  - "Universality" of hemp varieties available
  - Would there be an ideal institutional mechanism to make this happen?

- Any other suggestion: panelists ? participants ?

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Thank you!

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