

INFORMATION PAPER

Regional Round Table Meeting on Commodity Development in the Middle East and Arab Region Dubai, United Arab Emirates Al Bustan Rotana Hotel 24 and 25 August 2008

Introduction

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), an international financial institution established by the United Nations and with 107 Member countries, will hold a Regional Round Table Meeting for the Middle East on commodities of importance to countries in the region. The Round Table is organized in co-operation with the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD) and with the kind assistance of the Ministry of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Round Table Meeting will address aspects associated with production, processing, diversification and trade of the main agricultural and mineral commodities of the region.

The central element of this meeting will be the role of commodities in the economic development of the Middle Eastern and Arab countries, and to discuss, in a participatory manner, problems facing the commodity and to elaborate solutions, including possible interventions to be considered for financing by the CFC under the Third Five-Year Action Plan 2008 to 2012.

Meeting Venue

The Regional Round Table Meeting will take place on 24 and 25 August 2008 at the **Al Bustan Rotana Hotel**, Dubai, UAE. The hotel is located in AL Garhoud Area Markesh Street.

Language

The meeting will be held in English and Arabic. Interpretation service will be available for both languages.

Hotel

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has arranged preferential rates for delegates attending the Round Table Meeting. The hotel of the conference will be the **Al Bustan Rotana Hotel (5*)**, Dubai, UAE. The preferential negotiated rate for a

delegate is USD 214 per night (or DHS 780), including breakfast, taxes, service charge and fees.

Programme

Programme is attached.

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Airport Arrival and Hotel Transfer

Participants arriving on Friday, 22 August and Saturday, 23 August will be received at the airport and transfer to the hotels will be organised. To ensure that transportation can be scheduled, participants are kindly requested to send a copy of the hotel form to the Common Fund by e-mail: psc@common-fund.org.

Visas

Delegates are asked to check whether they require an entry visa to the United Arab Emirates. The Government of the United Arab Emirates will facilitate issuing of visa on arrival for participating delegates. In this regard, a scanned copy of the passport with arrival information details needs to be sent to the Secretariat of the Common Fund by e-mail: psc@common-fund.org no later than **12 August 2008**.



REGIONAL ROUND TABLE MEETING
ON
COMMODITY DEVELOPMENT IN
MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB REGION



Dubai, UAE
24 and 25 August 2008
Al Bustan Rotana Hotel

HOTEL BOOKING FORM

Kindly please fill in the form and send it by fax to the hotel and CFC:

Al Bustan Rotana Hotel (5 stars)
AL Garhoud Area Markesh Streert
P.O.Box 30880 Dubai, UAE
Telephone: 00971(0)4 2820000
Fax: 00971(0)4 2828100

Common Fund for Commodities
Stadhouderskade 55
1070 BR Amsterdam
Telephone: 00 31 20 575 4949
Fax: 00 31 20 676 0231

Special preferential rate: USD 214 per night or DHS 780

PARTICIPANT DETAILS

FULL NAME: _____

NATIONALITY: _____ PASSPORT NUMBER: _____

CITY AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____

TRIP DETAILS

ARRIVAL DATE TO DUBAI: _____

FLIGHT NUMER AND NAME OF AIRLINE: _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM DUBAI: _____

FLIGHT NUMBER AND NAME OF AIRLINE: _____

WOULD YOU NEED TRANSFER:

AIRPORT/HOTEL YES NO

HOTEL/AIRPORT YES NO

PAYMENT INFORMATION: | MASTER | VISA | AMERICAN EXPRESS
| DINERS | OTHER (kindly specify

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

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24 and 25 August 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Please enter my registration* for the "Round Table Meeting in the Middle East and Arab Region" to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 24 and 25 August 2008. Fax No.: 00 31 20 676 0231

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Position: _____

Organization: _____

Office Address: _____

(please give full address

including postal code, city,

state and country) _____

Office Telephone: _____

Office Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I wish to participate in the Working Group(s) indicated below. (The number of participants per Working Group is limited. Please tick no more than one Group per half day).

Sunday afternoon: 24 August 2008

- Working Group I: Fisheries and aquaculture products
OR;
 Working Group II: Oil-bearing Fruits, seeds and by-products (various oils, Olive Oil, Dates and other Oils and Deoiled Cakes), horticultural products (fruits and vegetables)
OR;
 Working Group III: Livestock (including small ruminants, beef and poultry meat, eggs, dairy products, hides and skins etc)

Monday morning: 25 August 2008

- Working Group IV: The role of research and development for commodity development and to boost productivity.
OR;
 Working Group V: The role of investments to ensure regular supply for importing markets.
OR;
 Working Group VI: The role of value addition for income generation for commodity producers and processors

I wish to participate in the Field trip Yes

No

*Registration entitles participation in all meetings of the Workshop, the Lunch, the Reception and the Field Trip.
Note: Please fax your registration form to the Common Fund for Commodities as soon as possible but no later than 15 August 2008.