

DRAFT AGENDA

ESCAP - OECD Joint Workshop

"International Trade of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables The role of Standards and Quality Inspection systems"

UNESCAP Headquarters, Bangkok, Thailand

20-21 November 2017 (9:00-18:00)

This draft provisional agenda is circulated to Delegations, National Designated Authorities and Observers for information.

The joint ESCAP-OECD Workshop is hosted by UNESCAP.

The workshop will focus on OECD explanatory brochures, UNECE/CODEX standards, EU regulations and inspection procedures.

A field trip will be organised on 21 November 2017.

All logistical information is enclosed.

Registrations should reach the Secretariat **by 3 November 2017**.

MEETINGS

Monday 20 November	8:30	Registration of participants
	09:00 - 12:30	Morning session
	12:30 - 14:00	Lunch break
	14:00 - 17:30	Afternoon session
	18:30 - 20:00	Dinner
Tuesday 21 November	8:00 - 15:00	Field trip to in situ quality inspections

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

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(*Chair: Dr Ulrike Bickelman, Germany*)
 20-21 November 2017 (9:00-18:00)

The registration desk will be open on Monday 20 November from 8:30 to 9:00.

Monday 20 November 2017

Training session

Convenor: OECD

Background Documents

1	8:30	Registration	
2	9:00	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome address by UN-ESCAP ▪ Opening remarks by the OECD Secretariat 	
ESCAP AND THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TRADE IN ASIA			
3	9:15	Agricultural Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific <i>By Maame Agyeben,</i> ESCAP will provide an overview of the agriculture in Asia and will highlight the role of ESCAP in facilitating trade in Asia with a focus on agriculture and more particularly on fruit and vegetables. Discussion and conclusion	
4	9:40	Introduction to the Sustainable Agro Food Platform and the Agricultural and Food Marketing Association for Asia and the Pacific (AFMA) <i>By Pisuth Suvannasankha, Programme Manager, AFMA</i>	
5	10:00	Standards for traceability, food safety and sustainable agricultural supply chains <i>By Patrik Jonasson, Director, Public Policy International Asia-Pacific, GS1</i>	
6	10:20	Facilitating Compliance to Food Safety and Food Quality in Asia and the Pacific <i>By Shashi Sareen, Food Safety and Food Quality Advisor</i>	
	10:45	Tea break	
OECD AND UNECE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRADE OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES			

7	11:00	International standards <i>By Ulrike Bickelmann (Chair of the Specialized Section on Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables of the UNECE)</i> Dr Bickelmann will give an overview of the use and development of international standards for the quality of fruit and vegetables. Discussion and conclusion	
8	11:30	What is OECD and how it works. Fruit and Vegetables Scheme <i>By Marie Russel, Senior Programme Officer (OECD Secretariat)</i> The OECD will present the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and will focus on the mandate and activities of the OECD Fruit and Vegetables Scheme. Discussion and conclusion	
9	12:00	Quality inspection systems in EU and OECD <i>By Emilie Maire, Inspector, DGCCRF (Department of Competition, Consumption and Fraud Repression), Ministry of Economy, France</i> Ms Maire will give an overview on how quality inspection systems are organised in the EU and in OECD participating countries. Discussion and conclusion	
	12:30	Lunch break	
OECD EXPLANATORY BROCHURES			
10	13:45	OECD explanatory brochures. General overview and use <i>By Marie Russel, Senior Programme Officer (OECD Secretariat)</i> The OECD Secretariat will introduce the structure of the OECD explanatory brochures. Discussion and conclusion	
11	14:00	OECD explanatory brochure on Melons <i>By Emilie Maire, Inspector, DGCCRF (Department of Competition, Consumption and Fraud Repression), Ministry of Economy, France</i> France was the rapporteur of the OECD explanatory brochure on Melons. The speaker will go through the quality criteria of Melon and explain how to apply the related notes and illustrations. Discussion and conclusion	
12	14:45	OECD explanatory brochure on Watermelons <i>By Viera Baricicova, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and</i>	

		<p><i>Rural Development, Slovakia</i></p> <p>The Slovak Republic was the rapporteur of the OECD explanatory brochure on Watermelons. The speaker will go through the quality criteria of Watermelon and explain how to apply the related notes and illustrations.</p> <p>Discussion and conclusion</p>	
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	15:30	Tea break	
SUSTAINABLE PROCEDURES AND RISK MANAGEMENT			
13	15:45	<p>OECD explanatory brochure on Garlic</p> <p><i>By Ulrike Bickelmann (Head of Inspection Service Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE), Germany)</i></p> <p>Germany will go through the quality criteria of Garlic and explain how to apply the related notes and illustrations.</p> <p>Discussion and conclusion</p>	
14	16:30	<p>Ensuring food quality and traceability</p> <p><i>By Viera Baricicova, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Slovakia</i></p> <p>Discussion and conclusion</p>	
15	16:55	<p>Food safety strategies - Private standards</p> <p><i>By Viera Baricicova, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Slovakia</i></p> <p>Discussion and conclusion</p>	
16	17:15	<p>Risk management in inspection - authorised traders</p> <p><i>By Emilie Maire, Inspector, DGCCRF (Department of Competition, Consumption and Fraud Repression), Ministry of Economy, France</i></p> <p>Discussion and conclusion</p>	
17	17:45	Final discussions and conclusions	
18	18:00	Closure of the training session	
19	18:30	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Convenor: OECD</p> <p>The dinner is hosted at the UNCC premises</p>	

Tuesday 21 November 2017 Field trip <i>Convenor: ESCAP</i>			
20	08:00	Pick up at UNCC	
21	09:00	Visit to Central Chidlom Foodhall Supermarket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How fruit and vegetables are displayed and classified (ie. Country of origin, quality grading, etc) for the supermarket • Any internal quality controls and assessments undertaken for the supermarket • Storage of the fruit and vegetables • Procedures for classification and quality control • Geographic indication products & OTOP / SME's • History of Central Group 	
22	12:00	Return to UNCC	

VENUE/LOGISTICS

The meeting is hosted by Un-ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand.

Registrations: Delegates should return their registration forms by 3 November 2017 to isabelle.braud@oecd.org, with copy to agyeben@un.org

Important: Participants are requested to register by showing a copy of their passport to obtain meeting badges at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC, from 08:30 am to 08:45 am on the first day of the event.

The registration desk will be open on Monday 20 November from 8:30 to 9:00.

Accommodation and travel fees are **not** covered by OECD.

The coffee breaks, lunch and dinner on 20 November are offered by OECD.

Accommodation:

Important: Participants have to deal with their own hotel booking.

Suggested hotel:

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Price, cancellation policy and way of payment: please see hotel.