



JOINT WORKING GROUP ON LABOR IN COCOA FARMING
December 2-3, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Opening Ceremony

Introduction of His Excellency the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana by Chairman, Mr. E.A. Akuffo, Chief Director, Ministry Employment Social Welfare

Welcome Address by Hon. Jacob Prince Hayibor, Chairman of Parliamentary Select Committee on Employment, Social Welfare and State Enterprises

Remarks from Head of Ivoirian Delegation, Djéhiffé Bi Bollou

Remarks from Global Cocoa Industry Representative, Jeff Morgan

Keynote speech by His Excellency, Vice President of Ghana, John Dramani Mahama

Official Opening of Meeting

Present:

Ghana: Rita Owusu-Amankwah, Hon. Dramani Egala, Prof. N. N. Nsowah-Nuamah, Eric Okrah

Côte d'Ivoire: Serge N'Cho, Djéhiffé Bi Bollou (representing Malick Tohe who was unable to attend), Dr. Joseph N'Guessan, Monnet Innocent Abi

Industry: Jeff Morgan, Jonathan Atwood

Secretariat: Mil Niepold, Allison Arbib

Expert Presentations on Trafficking

Ghana

- Stephen Adongo, Acting Director of Department of Social Welfare
- Kpebesaan Delle, Organization and Systems Development Intervener
- D.S.P. Patience Quaye, Deputy Superintendent, Ghana Police Service

Côte d'Ivoire

- Victor Koffi, Ministère Charge des Affaires Sociales
- Richard Gbhehri Sokohi, Commissaire de Police au Ministère de l'Intérieure
- Michel Amani, Directeur Regional Abidjan de l'Institut National de Statistique

Administrative

- ✓ Governments of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire shared commitment to fully complete weighting by December 14, 2009
- ✓ Weighting will be reviewed by FAFO, the Technical Committee of the ICVB, and posted publically by December 18, 2009.

Request for Proposal to Conduct a Meta-Analysis of Studies from 2000 - 2009 (RFP)

- ✓ Jeff Morgan will make the first round of edits to draft RFP for the Meta-Analysis and have the secretariat circulate to other JWG members for input
- ✓ Edited RFP will be sent to Serge N'Cho and Rita Owusu-Amankwah to distribute to their delegations for editing (including a translated document for Côte d'Ivoire)
- ✓ Final RFP will be posted by Secretariat in early 2010

Communications

- ✓ Email will continue to be the primary method of communication
- ✓ Conference calls will also be used for issues needing group work. Both Rita Owusu-Amankwah and Serge N'Cho have landlines in their office that can be used for conference calls

Meeting Outputs

- ✓ JWG will issue a letter to key stakeholders requesting lists of indicators and proposing a meeting to discuss ways to achieve agreement on a common set of indicators to measure progress in WFCL and FAL
- ✓ The secretariat will keep a file copy of notes from the expert presentations

Next Meeting

The next JWG meeting will be in Spring of 2010 (in either Abidjan or Accra).