



Workshop on cotton by-products (CBPs)

7 June 2019, Geneva, Switzerland, 10 a.m., Room W

This workshop stems from the WTO-UNCTAD-ITC joint initiative on cotton by-products as endorsed by WTO Members at the November 2018 meeting of the Director-General Consultative Framework Mechanism on Cotton (WT/CFMC/58).

The objective of the workshop is twofold:

1. Collecting evidence and success stories on the contribution of cotton by-products to poverty reduction, food security, job creation, revenue diversification and the circular economy;
2. Collect comments and questions by potential donors and technical partners for the WTO-UNCTAD-ITC project on "Transferring technologies and know-how for the development of cotton by-products in eight pilot African LDCs". This project is a first key output of the WTO-UNCTAD-ITC joint initiative on cotton by-products.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introductory remarks by DDG Wolff (WTO), Ms Pamela Coke-Hamilton (UNCTAD) and Mr Anders Aeroe (ITC)

PART I – Evidence of the contribution of CBPs to poverty reduction, food security, job creation, revenue diversification and the circular economy

- **Unlocking CBPs' potential through value addition, innovation and the circular economy: the US experience**
 - Dr G. Holt, Research Leader, Cotton Production and Processing Research Unit, USDA and NCC
- **Cotton by-products utilization in China and future technical collaboration with Africa**
 - Dr Gong Xifeng, Chinese Mission to the WTO
- **Cotton by-products in Turkey and their marketing**
 - Mrs. Esma DOĞAN YALDIZ, Mediterranean Exporters' Association, Turkey

Open Q&As session

- **CBPs development as a gateway towards increasing income for all cotton value chain actors within a broader cotton development strategy: needs and lessons from Uganda**
 - Ms Damalie Lubwama, Cotton Development Organisation, Uganda
- **C-4 Countries: Poverty reduction, food security, circular economy and job creation through CBP development**
 - Representatives of cotton companies from the C-4
 - H.E. Amb. Eloi Laourou, Benin (moderator)

Open Q&As session

- CBPs as clean fuel substitutes to wood and fossil fuels – the experience of UNCTAD 2016-2019 project in Eastern and Southern Africa

- Mr Kris Terauds, Economist, Commodities Branch, UNCTAD
- Questions and Answers

PART II – Transferring technologies and know-how for the development of cotton by-products in eight pilot African LDCs: project preparation work by WTO, UNCTAD and ITC

-Project highlights and state of play: considerations on CBP development potential in the 8 pilot LDCs

- Fabrizio Meliado, WTO
- Kris Terauds, UNCTAD
- Matthias Knappe, ITC
- Dr. Alexis Hougni, responsible for the feasibility studies for the C-4 countries
- Mr Adalberto Banze, Director of Services, Mozambique Institute of Cotton

PART III – Comments and questions by potential donors and technical partners

- *Agence Française de Développement (Afd)*
- **Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)**
- **Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)**
- **African Cotton Foundation (ACF)**
- **Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC)**
- **Toyoshima Inc. (Japan)**
- **Comments and questions by other Members and participants**

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY DDG WOLFF AND NEXT STEPS
