

Minutes of the 16th BioTrade Stakeholders Forum held virtually on 10th May 2022

1. Virtual Arrival

2. Welcome and Purpose of meeting

The Chairperson welcomed the participants. The purpose of the meeting was to share information and update Stakeholders on progress made by the different organizations/institutions supporting the BioTrade Sector. In addition, a presentation will be made on the I-GO Assistant and Network – Resource efficiency solutions for SMEs and Supporting Organizations by Mr Hannes Mac Nulty, Manager, Green Industry Platform.

The draft agenda was presented and adopted with no changes. Proposer – Anna Reyneke, SIPPO; Secunder – Serole Mketsu, ABioSA. A list of attendees and apologies received is given in Appendix 1.

3. Minutes of the 15th meeting held on 15th February 2022

Correction made to Para 6, page 2, 3rd bullet: Change National GenBank to National Gene Bank. The minutes of the 15th BioTrade Stakeholder Forum Meeting were approved. Proposer – Karen Swanepoel, SAEOPA; Secunder – Daniel Matshwane, CECOSA.

4. Matters Arising

Moloko Mojapelo, Scientist Production, Directorate Plant Production at the DALRRD gave a brief update on progress on the national strategy for indigenous food crops review. Involvement of the private sector in the review is considered to be premature.

The Chair indicated that the possibility of having hybrid meetings in Q3/4 of 2022 is under consideration.

5. Presentations by Hannes Mac Nulty, Manager, Green Industry Platform

Hannes Mac Nulty, Manager, Green Industry Platform, presented on I-GO Assistant and Network – Resource efficiency solutions for SMEs and Supporting Organisations. The presentation and supplementary materials were circulated directly after the meeting to participants.

6. Q & A on I-GO presentation

It was clarified that the I-GO does not support SMEs directly. The I-GO Assistant is a self-assessment tool for the use of SMEs. Depending on the outcome of the self-assessment, guidance is provided as to how to proceed. Participants were encouraged to register on the platform which is free of charge in order to stay abreast of developments. A workshop is being planned by I-GO in the next 6 months and will be communicated via the platform: www.thegreenforum.org/smesupport-centre.

7. General feedback from other Stakeholders

- 7.1 SECO-funded, UNIDO implemented, Phase I of the GQSP-SA project ends on 30 November 2022. Phase II scoping commences on 01 June 2022;

- 7.2 The SECO-funded, GIZ implemented, ABioSA project is now in Phase II. Further details will be communicated as it becomes available.
- 7.3 The SIPPO project is in Phase II as well. This phase continues to support BSOs to support their members on export promotion using trade fairs, seller/buyer missions etc. The 2nd phase has a strong focus on cross-cutting themes of sustainability and digitalization.
- 7.4 The She-Trade programme was launched on 5th May 2022. It is an ITC initiative and provides access to export opportunities. Ms Patricia Masanganise, The Palladium Group, EDSE, will provide contact details.
- 7.5 EDSE volunteered to do a presentation on the programme at the BioTrade Stakeholders Forum.
- 7.6 GEF 6 project speaks to the Development of Value Chains for Products derived from Genetic Resources in Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and the National Biodiversity Economy Strategy. The project has 3 outcomes.
Outcome 1 aims at supporting the completion of critical steps in many R&D processes and overcoming context-specific barriers;
Outcome 2 is focused on value-chain development; and,
Outcome 3 is aimed at building the national stakeholders' capacity for understanding ABS issues, compliance with national and international legislation and for better handling the inherently complex relationships between providers and users of genetic resources, as well as the implications of their economic activity for conservation.
- 7.7 IDC is partnering with TIA to fund BioTrade Initiatives viz., marula wine in collaboration with University of Limpopo, Setsong Tea and Machaba Herbs.

8. Wrap-up and way forward

Three offers were received for doing presentations viz., She-Trade, GEF 6 and EDSE. GEF 6 and EDSE can be scheduled for the 18th meeting in November 2022 (15th November 2022 – TBC). The possibility of including the She-Trade in the 17th meeting scheduled for August 2022 will be considered.

9. Date and theme of 17th meeting and Closure

The 17th meeting will be held on 16th August 2022 at 10:00, chaired by ABioSA. A save the date to be sent to all members of the forum. The format of the meeting (virtual or in-person) will be confirmed closer to the time.

Action List

No.	Agenda item no.	Action	Responsible	Due date
1.	4. Format of meetings in Q3/4			ASAP
2.	7.4 The She-Trade programme was launched on 5 th May 2022. It is an ITC initiative and provides access to export opportunities.	Ms Patricia Masanganise, The Palladium Group, EDSE, will provide contact details to ABioSA for possible inclusion in next BT SH Forum meeting	Ms Patricia Masanganise ABioSA to confirm arrangements with the She-Trade programme	ASAP June 2022
3.	7.5 EDSE volunteered to do a presentation on the programme at a BioTrade Stakeholders Forum.	Schedule for BT SH Forum in November 2022	GQSP-SA to confirm arrangements with EDSE for November 2022 meeting	October 2022
4.	7.6 GEF 6 project volunteered to do a presentation at a BioTrade Stakeholders Forum.	Schedule for BT SH Forum in November 2022	GQSP-SA to confirm arrangements with EDSE for November 2022 meeting	October 2022

Appendix 1 List of attendance and apologies

	First & Surname	Organisation	E-mail	Signature
1.	Adrie El Mohamadi	ABioSA: GIZ	adrie.elmohamadi@giz.de	Apology
2.	Ingeborg Adelfang-Hodgson	GIZ	ingeborg.adelfang-hodgson@giz.de	Apology
3.	Serole Sehona	ABioSA: GIZ	serole.sehona@giz.de	Attended
4.	Bridget Macdonald	COSCHEM	bridget@coschem.co.za	Apology
5.	Lara Kotzé	CSIR: BIDC	LKotze@csir.co.za	Attended
6.	Phatheka Ndzotoyi	CSIR	PNdzotoyi@csir.co.za	Attended
7.	Nomusa Dlamini	CSIR	NRDlamini@csir.co.za	Attended
8.	Carina Dewar	CTFA	carina@ctfa.co.za	Attended
9.	Adelia Pimentel	CTFA	adelia@ctffa.co.za	Attended
10.	Idah Manduna	CUT	imanduna@cut.ac.za	Attended
11.	Moloko Mojapelo	DALRRD	MolokoMo@Dalrrd.gov.za	Attended
12.	Thembisile Zimu	DFFE	tzimu@dffe.gov.za	Attended
13.	Joseph Mulders	DFFE	JMulders@dffe.gov.za	Attended
14.	Claren Chan	IDC	ClarenC@idc.co.za	Attended
15.	Stephen Nel	IDC	stephenn@idc.co.za	Attended
16.	Hannes Mac Nulty	I-GO	hmacnulty@ggkp.org	Attended
17.	Keoagile William Modisakeng	Innovation Hub	kmodisakeng@theinnovationhub.com	Attended



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29.	Anna Reyneke	SIPPO	anna.reyneke@sippo.co.za	Attended
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32.	Magdaleen van Wyk	Swiss Intellectual Property Program	magdaleen.vanwyk@ipi-projectpartners.ch	Attended
33.	Patricia Masanganise	The Palladium Group	patricia.masanganise@thepalladiumgroup.com	Attended
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43.	Daniel Motshwane	Cosmetics Export Council of SA	afriquerising@gmail.com	Attended