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3rd Meeting
5 March 2013
London, United Kingdom

**3rd Consultative Forum – communication from
Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)**

Background

The attached communication has been received from Noemi Perez, Executive Director of FAST, an advisor to the Core Group for 2012/13.

Action

The Core Group is invited to consider this document.



Montreal, Qc, Canada. 4 March 2013

Re: Core Group on the Consultative Forum

MS.AMY KARPEL
CHAIR OF THE CORE GROUP ON THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

Dear Ms. Chairman,

I trust that this letter will find you well.

First of all, I would like to present my regrets, as I will not be able to attend the 3rd Meeting of the Core Group on the Consultative Forum in London on March 5th, 2013. This is due to the fact that I received my permanent resident status in Canada and I am unable to travel until I get my official resident card. Unfortunately, our next in line will not be able attend either due to an unforeseen circumstance.

In relation to the above mentioned meeting. I would like to present the following contributions:

In relation to the following points of the Agenda:

- 1.- No comments
- 2.- No comments
- 3.- Based on the previous consultative forums my suggestions are:

Topics: Financing coffee renovation

Participants:

- A representative of the Government of Costa Rica, we might want to ask Ronald who would be the best person to present.
- One of the banks of Costa Rica applying the policy, as per recommendation of the Government of Costa Rica
- One of the beneficiaries of the coffee renovation fund, as per recommendation of the Government of Costa Rica

Sponsorship: Government of Costa Rica is suggested as potential sponsors

Materials and information: Summary of the policies for coffee renovations and ppt presentation of national coffee operation fund renovation.

- 4.- Typology of best practices

Suggested cases:

- a) Financing Coffee Renovation by the Government of Costa Rica
- b) Moving to increase access to sustainable producers for long-term finance: Root Capital



c) Financing coffee in Africa: The Coffee Development Fund

5.- Dissemination:

- a) Suggested to also use the members newsletters and websites
- b) Present results by getting a slot of space in the different coffee conferences: Sintercafe in Costa Rica, November 2013, AFCA International Conference in Burundi in 2014 and others.

6.- Considerations for future Forum events:

Suggest to draw from what we discussed in the 2nd Core Group on the Consultative Forum

7.- Core Group:

Suggest organizing a conference call among Core Group members previous to the meeting to best organize future meetings.

8.- Advisors 2013/2014

The Coffee Development Fund of Kenya is recommended: <http://www.codf.co.ke/>

Dr. Richard Belo Kipsang, Managing Trustee and CEO of the Coffee Development Fund (CoDF). The CoDF was established under the provisions of the Coffee Act, 2001 as amended by the Finance Act, 2005. As a state corporation under the Ministry of Agriculture, the Fund is mandated to provide sustainable, affordable credit facilities to coffee farmers for farm development, farm inputs, farming operations and coffee price stabilization.

FAST will be willing to continue to be a member of the Core Group. Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade: Currently working on tool development for the coffee sector as well as building a network of consultants to improve access to finance to sustainable coffee SMEs. www.fastinternational.org

I appreciate the opportunity to contribute.

Respectfully,

Noemi Perez
Executive Director
Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)

Cc: Mr. Robério Oliveira Silva, Executive Director, ICO