



الفريق الدولي لدراسة مسائل الجوت
国际黄麻研究组
GRUPE D'ÉTUDE INTERNATIONALE DU JUTE
INTERNATIONAL JUTE STUDY GROUP

RESTRICTED
CB/(XIII)/2
05 December 2012

International Jute Study Group (IJSG)

**Record of Recommendations/Decisions taken at the
Thirteenth Meeting of the Private Sector Consultative
Board (PSCB) of the International Jute Study Group (IJSG)**

Brussels, Belgium
17 November 2012

Record of Recommendations/Decisions Adopted by the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) at its Thirteenth Meeting held in Brussels, Belgium on 17 November 2012

A. Opening of the meeting

1. The Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) reviewed the status of the Associate Members of the IJSG and suggested that the PSCB should have more Associate Members to include exporters, importers, traders, market experts, manufacturers and NGOs to make the Board more effective. The Board further suggested that request letters may be sent from the Chairman of the PSCB to all prospective Associate Members, particularly in consuming countries to join as Associate Members. **(Agenda item A4)**.
2. The Board in the absence of existing Chairman and any of vice chairman chairing the meeting elected Major General Humayun Khaled (Chairman-BJMC) as the Chairman of PSCB.
3. The Board set up a target for itself for a total of 200 associate members to join the Board before the next PSCB meeting. Currently the number of associate members is 177.
4. The Board noted the position of renewal of Associate Membership. The PSCB decided to send letters of request and reminders to all Associate Members to renew their membership on time **(Agenda item A4)**.
5. The Board noted the financial statement of the PSCB **(Agenda item A5)** and suggested to send reminders to the associate members for the timely payment of associate membership fee.

B. Review and discussions on ideas and recommendations made in the twelfth meeting of the PSCB

a) Sharing of information generated including technologies developed by R&D Institutions on jute and jute goods and related matters

1. The Board noted with satisfaction the successful holding of the Conference on "Application and Commercialization of the Natural Fibers Composites in Automobiles and Infrastructure Sectors" in New Delhi, India on August 7, 2012.
2. The Board requested the concerned Associate Members to send the reports of any important news, study undertaken by their respective R&D Institutions/Organisations/Associations to the IJSG Secretariat so that the Secretariat could inform all the Associate Members of these reports/studies and also upload it on its website.

b) Tariff and non-tariff barriers relating to jute and jute products

1. The Board decided to take necessary steps to compile a database of tariffs on Jute and Jute products and non-tariff barriers as well as logistic barriers relating to Jute and Jute products in different producing and importing countries. The Board requested all Associate Members to

submit information in this regard to the IJSG Secretariat for compilation and also inform if they have any issues with any country in such matters.

c) Strategy for promotion of marketing of technical textiles including jute geo-textiles

1. The Board noted with satisfaction the initiative taken by the IJSG Secretariat in implementing a project on jute geo-textiles involving Bangladesh, India and UK.

d) Improvement of processing machinery and Productivity

1. The Board noted the comments of the delegates and expressed the necessity to appropriately address the issue of improvement of jute processing machinery for increasing productivity and producing quality products.

e) Cooperation with buyers'/consumers' organisation

1. The Board noted the comments of the delegates and emphasized on the necessity of increasing cooperation among the buyers' and consumers' organisations.

f) Promotional activities including Disposal Protocol for Jute Products

1. The Board noted the comments of the delegates and emphasized on the necessity of taking up a project on this issue.

g) Training of Jute Mills personnel and others associated with making of jute products

1. The Board appreciated the initiative taken by the IJSG in organizing a training program to develop skills of the rural women in producing jute based handicraft products in collaboration with the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka.
2. The Board noted the comments of the delegates and decided that similar training programmes may be organized in future for the skill development of jute mills personnel of Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Nepal and other countries. The necessary funds for organizing the training programmes may partly be provided from the PSCB fund and partly by the interested associations/mills.

i) Improvement of the Fibre Quality and Fibre Yield

1. The board noted the comments of the delegates and emphasized on the necessity of improvement of fibre quality and yield of fibres.

j) Overall Strategy for the Jute Sector

1. The board appreciated the strategy being followed by the IJSG.

D. Date(s) of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Private Sector Consultative Board

1. The Board suggested holding the Fourteenth PSCB meeting in one of the countries: Sri Lanka, Vietnam or Malaysia and authorized the Chairman to fix a suitable date for the Fourteenth PSCB meeting in consultation with the PSCB Chairman and the Secretary General of the IJSG.

F. Adoption of the Record of Recommendations/Decisions of the Twelfth Meeting of the PSCB

1. The Board authorized Mr. Rajib Jones Mitra, Secretary-PSCB to finalize the record of Recommendations/Decisions of the Thirteenth meeting of the PSCB with the approval of the Chairman which will be circulated at the Fifteenth Session of the Council of IJSG.