

## **Fourteenth Meeting of the Committee on Projects (COP)**

**May 15, 2013 (Wednesday)  
IJSG Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

### **Record of Recommendations/Decisions**

#### **Status of On-going Projects**

- 1. Agenda item B.1.I Development and Application of Potentially Important Jute Geotextiles (CFC/IJSG/21)**

The Committee noted the progress of the project and advised the project partners to complete the project as per schedule.

- 2. Agenda item B.1.II Increased Production Efficiency in Small-holder Kenaf Production Systems for Specific Industrial Applications (CFC/IJSG/25)**

The Committee took note on the progress of the project.

- 3. Agenda item B.1.III Small Scale Entrepreneurship Development in Diversified Jute Products (CFC/IJSG/18)**

The Committee noted the status of the project.

#### **Updates of the Approved Unfunded Projects**

- 4. Agenda item B.2.I.I Commercial Application of Effective Simultaneous Dyeing and Finishing Method for Jute, Jute-Cotton Union and Jute-Cotton Blended Fabrics with Reactive Dyes**

Noting comments of the members, the Committee suggested to drop the project.

- 5. Agenda item B.2.I.II Development of Innovative Jute Carry Bags through Adoption of Non-conventional Technologies**

The Committee noted the status of the project and seeing its importance, suggested IJSG to take up the project with respective governments. The Committee also decided not to continue with the project at IJSG and CoP forum.

- 6. Agenda item B.2.I.III Development of Jute Seed Entrepreneurs through Regional Cooperation**

The Committee noted the comments of the delegates and suggested IJSG to send the project proposal to the Government of Bangladesh and India for implementing it as a country specific project with the assistance of possible funding sources like JICA, GAFSP etc.

- 7. Agenda item B.2.I.IV Development of Marketing Strategies for Natural Fibre-based Products in view of Changing Global Demand: Special Focus on Jute Products of Bangladesh and India**

The Committee decided to drop the project.

- 8. Agenda item B.2.I.V Development of Rapid Test Method for Determination of Unsaponifiables in Food Grade Jute Products**

Noting comments of the delegates, the Committee decided to drop the project.

- 9. Agenda item B.2.I.VI Life Cycle Assessment towards Establishment of Drivers for Greening the Supply Chain and Addressing Emerging Sustainability Market Drivers**

The Committee decided to drop the project.

- 10. Agenda item B.2.I.VII Strengthening of Jute Bags Value Chain and its Market Promotion**

The Committee noted the status of the agenda and kept the project under consideration till USAID decision is done.

- 11. Agenda Items B.2.II New operational guidelines and programme of Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)**

Noting comments of the delegates and status of the agenda, the Committee advised IJSG to circulate the guidelines formally to member governments so that govt. organizations and private entities could submit their projects directly to CFC.

<b>Consideration of New Proposal for Projects</b>
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- 12. a) Agenda Item C.I Adapting Sustainability in Jute Supply Chain**
- b) Agenda Item C.II. Development of Jute-composites for Construction and Automotive Sectors**

Noting comments of the delegates and status of the agenda, the Committee suggested the IJSG Secretariat to develop the 'Strategy Action Paper' on the mentioned issues and forwarded to the Governments and relevant stakeholders for implementation.

- 13. Agenda item D Review of the Special Account**

The Committee took note of the position of the Special Account.

- 14. Agenda item F Consideration of Recommendations to be submitted to the Council of IJSG**

The Committee on Projects:

- a) Requested the Secretariat to place the record of recommendations/ decisions of the Fourteenth meeting of the COP [Doc. IJSG/CP(XIV)/7] before the Council at its next Session for information.

**15. Agenda item G Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson for the jute year 2013-2014**

The Committee unanimously elected the present Chairperson, Additional Secretary (Policy), Ministry of Textiles & Jute, Government of Bangladesh and the Vice-Chairperson, Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India to continue for the jute year 2013-2014.

**16. Agenda item H Dates of the Fifteenth meeting of the COP**

The Committee authorised the Secretary General to fix a suitable date for the Fifteenth Meeting of the COP in consultation with the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the COP and inform all in due time.

**17. Agenda item I Adoption of the Record of Recommendations/ Decisions of the Fourteenth meeting of the COP**

The Committee adopted the Record of Recommendations/ Decisions of the **Fourteenth** meeting of the COP as contained in **Doc. IJSG/CP(XIV)/7**. The full report of the meeting will be circulated in due course by the Secretariat for information of Members, Associate Members and Observers in **Doc. IJSG/CP(XIV)/8**.