



## Agenda of the 18<sup>th</sup> COGENT Steering Committee Meeting Nadi, Fiji, 31st Oct – 4th Nov 2017

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To determine how best to sustain the conservation and use of coconut genetic diversity for the Asia-Pacific region and globally

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- i) finalise and launch a new *Global Strategy for Conservation and Use of Coconut Genetic Resources (the Strategy)*, particularly exploring how this relates to the Pacific region
- ii) help assure the technical and organizational underpinning for conservation and use of coconut genetic diversity in the Pacific and globally,
- iii) marshal international efforts to address key biotic (pests and diseases) and abiotic (climate change) threats to coconut diversity in the Pacific

**30/10/17 from 15h00 Pre-registration of all delegates with Mrs Sonal Dsouza and Mrs Reapi Masau**

## Day 1 – Opening ceremony and information session (all delegates)

Date	Time	Session type/ Delegates	Session	Chair/facilitator	Presenter	approach
	9h00-10h00		Opening Session	MC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Delegates settle</li> <li>ii. Play National anthem of Fiji (&amp; any other traditional opening event)</li> <li>iii. Welcome speech SPC (Jan Helsen)</li> <li>iv. Welcome speech ACIAR/DFAT (Richard Markham)</li> <li>v. Welcome speech by APCC (Uron Sallum)</li> <li>vi. Welcome speech by COGENT Chairman (Lalith Perera)</li> <li>vii. Welcome speech by Bioversity International (Krishna Kumar)</li> <li>viii. Welcome speech by COGENT Coordination team (Alexia Prades and Vincent Johnson)</li> <li>ix. Cultural event (as per local tradition)</li> <li>x. Speech by the Guest of honour (The Official delegate from Fiji ministry/government)</li> <li>xi. Tea/Coffee + Group Photo (inauguration ends)</li> </ul>	Verbal
	10h30-11h00		Introduction of delegates	A Prades	Self-introduction (1 min per person)	Verbal
	11h-12h	Information / all delegates	Report on the activities of COGENT (2014-2016)	K Kumar	A Prades/V Johnson	Presentation and Verbal
	12h-13h30	Lunch time				
	13h30-17h		The current status of International gene-banks in the five regions	L Perera	Regional representatives of the 5 ICGs : LAC (Brazil), AIO (Côte d'Ivoire), SAME (India), SEA (Indonesia), SP (PNG)	Presentations 30 min + open discussions 10 min
	17h00-17h50		Updating activities	A Prades	Observers (ACIAR; APCC, SPC, CIRAD, The Trust)	Verbal (10 min each)

## Day 2 - Information sessions (all delegates)

Date	Time	Session type/ Delegates	Session	Chair/facilitator	Presenter	approach
	8h00-9h00		Multilateral System promoted by the Treaty (Art 15)		Elly Barrett (AGDT) and/or Daniele Manzella (AGDT) and Isabel Lopez Noriega (Bioversity International) – <i>Videoconference Or Charlotte Lusty (tbc)</i>	Presentation by videoconference 40 min +20 min questions
	9h00-9h30		Using Standard Transfer Material Agreements – Practical Aspects		Charlotte Lusty (Trust) and JL Konan (CNRA)	Practical work on paper
	9h30-9h50		Seedlings systems (production and nurseries management) + Quality Certification		M Raam (Umapathy Farms, Indian Private sector company)	Presentation 10 min + 10 min discussion
	9h50-10h10		Tissue culture: how to transfer the technology?		C Oropeza (CICY)	Presentation 10 min + 10 min discussion
	10h10-10h30	Coffee break				
	10h30-10h50		Cryopreservation genebank in South Korea		V Johnson with inputs from Bart Panis (Univ. Leuven) and Juhee Rhee (RDA)	Presentation 10 min + 10 min discussion
	10h50-11h10		Recent genomic development		L Maggia (CIRAD) with inputs from L Baudouin (CIRAD)	Presentation 10 min + 10 min discussion
	10h50-11h10		An overview of the international databases for managing data on conserved germplasm		R Bourdeix (CIRAD) + with inputs from M. Rouard & M. Ruas (Bioversity International)	Presentation 5 min and demonstrations 15 min

	11h10-11h30		Exchanging germplasm (focus on safety problems of Pacific Region)		D Tenakanai (NAQIA)	Presentation 10 min + 10 min discussion
	11h30-13h30		Lunch break			
	13h30-13h45		Official launching the Strategy	L Perera	V Johnson (Bioversity International)	Presentation 10 min + questions 5 min
	13h45-14h00		Launching 6 International Thematic Action Groups (ITAGs) to guide implementing the Global Strategy (inputs for recommendations)	A Prades	L Perera (CRI)	Presentation 15 min (Previous and new composition + ToRs) and discussions for the group's composition
	14h00-16h00 with coffee self-service		Develop methodology to obtain a roadmap for implementing the Strategy for next decade, including monitoring its implementation	V Johnson	Group facilitators : C Lusty (Trust) and J Kaiulo (KIK) (tbc)/alternative A Ebert, L Maggia, I Maskromo (tbc)	Work in 2 breakout groups
	16h00-17h00		Debriefing of the 2 groups and inputs for recommendations	L Perera and W Millicent	Two group's facilitators	Reporting of the 2 groups 20 min (10 min each) and 40 min discussion

### Day 3 – SC Meeting (Closed sessions)

Date	Time	Session type/ Delegates	Session	Chair/facilitator	Presenter	approach
	9h00 – 9h15		Opening SC session and endorse recommendations from previous SC meeting	V Johnson		Verbal
	9h15-9h30		Welcome new member Panama (if official letter/demand OK)	V Johnson		Verbal
	9h30-9h45		Activities and financial reports of the COGENT Secretariat by the Coordination team (2014-2017)	L Perera	A Prades (CIRAD)	Presentation and discussion
	9h45-10h00	Internal (closed) SC members and observers only	Current situation of existing of COGENT within Bioversity and Bioversity's proposals for future of COGENT	L Perera	V Johnson (Bioversity International)	Verbal + questions
	10h00– 10h30	Internal (closed) SC members and observers only	Presentation of the different proposals for hosting and/or support COGENT by the different organizations (session 1)	K Kumar	U Salum (APCC), J Helsen or A Ebert (SPC)	Verbal + questions
	10h30-11h00	Coffee break				
	11h00-12h00	Internal (closed) SC members and observers only	Presentation of the different proposals for hosting and/or support COGENT by the different organizations (session 2)	V Johnson	L Maggia (CIRAD), P Chowdappa (CPCRI), V Johnson for CATAS	Verbal + questions
	12h00-14h00	Lunch time				

14h00-16h30	Internal (closed) SC members and observers only	Discuss options for hosting COGENT secretariat and agree on most viable option (bearing in mind criteria...) and propose mechanisms to sustain COGENT (or its functions to support the 'Global Strategy') for the future, in the Pacific and at the global level	K Kumar	All delegates + observers (they are involved in the discussion but are not allowed to vote)	Discussions /show hands if needed
16h30-16h45		Endorse (or not) the MoUs with APCC and SPC (if any?) + letter of intention of CIRAD	L Perera		Verbal
16h45-17h30		Publish the new recommendations	V Johnson		Verbal
17h30-17h45		Elect new Chair & Vice-Chair	V Johnson		As per COGENT constitution- show of hands

## Day 4 – Workshop on how to address biotic stress in the Pacific and Globally (all delegates)

Date	Time	Session type/ Delegates	Session	Chair/facilitator	Presenter	approach
	8h50-9h00		Introduction of the day	R Markham (ACIAR)		
	9h00-9h30		Quick overview of the Pacific projects on coconut	V Johnson (Bioversity)	R Markham (ACIAR), S Adkins (UQ) for Cryopreservation, K Mapusua (SPC) for CIDP, inputs from A Aku (KIK) on research project on Bogia insect vector in PNG, private companies if any	Verbal 5 min with 1 slide + 5 min questions each
	9h30-10h00		Overview of the biotic stress threatening the Global and Pacific coconut genetic resources	J Helsen (SPC)	R Markham (ACIAR) and/or Samoa specialists or David Tenekalai (NAQIA) for Pacific + inputs from M Dollet on the threats at Global scale presented by A Prades (tbc)	Presentation 30 min + questions
				R Markham (ACIAR)		Working group for Pacific Region
				A Ngereza (Mikocheni Research Institute)		Working group for Africa and other regions
	12h00-14h00	Lunch time				
	14h00-15h00		Debriefing of the group and Draft an Action Plan for addressing biotic threats to coconut diversity (and concomitantly coconut cultivation) in the Pacific region and at the global level	J Helsen (SPC) + R Markham (ACIAR)		Verbal + drafting directly on the computer (projection)
	15h00-16h00		Vote of thanks of the delegates and closing ceremony	New Chairman, Alexia Prades,		Verbal

				Vincent Johnson, and SPC		
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## Day 5 - Field Visit

Date	Time	Session type/ Delegates	Session	Chair/facilitator		approach
04/1 1	Half to all day	Field trip/ all delegates	Labs and/or coconut processing or production sites (smallholder and commercial)	SPC and Government of Fiji		Site visits

Meeting report will be published including set of recommendations and finalized workplan. This will be available on the COGENT website.

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