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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The second session of the Technical Committee (TC) of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (APCAEM) will be held in Suwon, Republic of Korea from 20–21 November 2006. The invited members of the TC will be welcomed and will share their knowledge and experiences in the discussion of the programme of work and other technical matters connected with the operation of the Centre.

2. Election of officers

Pursuant to Article 22 of the revised Statute of APCAEM, the Technical Committee (TC) will elect a chairperson and a rapporteur for the meeting.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The TC will consider and adopt the provisional agenda for the second TC session of APCAEM.

4. Statement of the Director/Senior Economic Affairs Officer, APCAEM

A brief statement highlighting the current activities of the Centre and the future programme of work will be presented. The organizational details relevant to the session and schedule will also be explained.

5. Report on the activities of the Centre during the period from December 2005 to November 2006; presentation of the Operational Work Plan for 2007; and Programme of Work for the biennium 2008-2009

The TC will have before it a document providing details of the activities completed during the period from December 2005 to November 2006, as well as the work plan for 2007.

The TC will also have before it a document on the Programme of Work 2008–2009 and will be invited to review and approve the document.

The Director of the Centre will introduce these documents. The members may provide their advice on the work completed and may also suggest, in the light of the experience gained, whether any follow-up action, particularly in their respective countries could be undertaken. They may also suggest the support of any organization in their country that would be able to help promote the activities/work undertaken in their countries.

6. Presentation of the Study Report based on the project "Agro-Biotechnology-Based (Green) Enterprise Development for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods and Economic Growth"

The Director of the Centre will introduce the project. An international consultant will present a study report based on the project. The members of the TC will be invited to provide comments/feedback on the Second Phase of the Project.

7. Country presentations

According to the suggestions of the first TC/GC session held in New Delhi, India from 21–24 November 2005, the activities of the Centre has focused on three thematic areas, i.e., agricultural engineering, food chain management and agrobased enterprise development. The inputs from the member countries particularly the specific needs pertaining to the above areas will be taken into consideration in the formulation of future programming activities. Experts of the member countries are expected to ascertain the requirements from the relevant national agencies and organizations related to the above-mentioned three thematic/focus areas and indicate areas of cooperation and specific programme activities that could be undertaken jointly with APCAEM.

8. Discussion on future work programme and project formulations

The TC members may provide their ideas and suggestions on the work programme proposed based on their professional/country experiences. Ideas for new project formulation may also be provided.

9. Other matters

The TC may wish to consider any other matters that may be brought to its attention, with the approval of the Chairperson and in collaboration with APCAEM for its consideration and endorsement at its Second Session.

10. Adoption of the report

The TC will consider and adopt its report on 21 November 2006. The adopted report will be submitted to the Governing Council of APCAEM for its consideration and endorsement at its second session, which will be held back to back with this TC session in Suwon ROK from 23 - 24 November 2006.
