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THE FIVCRT SITS FOR THE SECOND TIME IN PRETORIA.

The first bulletin (March 2014) announced adoption of the Fruit Industry Social Compact (FISC) as a point of departure for the work of the FIVCRT as well as the establishment of five working groups (i.e. employment and worker welfare, trade, transformation, resources, and research and development) based on the six work streams identified in the FISC. The bulletin also outlined the work that was to be undertaken by the working groups ahead of the second sitting of the FIVCRT. This bulletin aims to update industry stakeholders regarding proceedings and key decisions of the second sitting of the FIVCRT.

The FIVCRT welcomed three new members which are the Deciduous Fruit Development Chamber (DFDC), Citrus Processors Association (CPA) and Department of Labour (DoL). The new members were invited to form part of the FIVCRT on the basis of their expertise on the type of work that needs to be done by the FIVCRT and its working groups.

RECORD OF DECISIONS

The second sitting of the Fruit Industry Value Chain Round Table was held in Pretoria on the 29th of May 2014. During that sitting three of the five working groups (i.e. Employment and Worker Welfare, Trade, as well as Resources) presented their Terms of Reference (TOR) for consideration and endorsement by the FIVCRT.

The FIVCRT noted the TOR for the Employment and Worker Welfare working group as presented by Mr. Nosey Pieterse. The TOR, which focused mainly on

industrial relations, employee wellness programme, training and development, social wage, employment equity, BBBEE, and housing & land reform, was accepted by the FIVCRT as a good starting point for the working group.

A presentation by Mr. Justin Chadwick, a leader of the Trade Working Group, focusing mainly on Markets for Development of South African Citrus Exports was also noted. During his presentation, Mr. Chadwick identified barriers to entry into selected global markets and outlined key actions that need to be undertaken in order to overcome the identified barriers. The FIVCRT resolved that the analysis undertaken by the Trade Working Group must be broadened to include other fruits and also to include the local market dynamics.

The FIVCRT also noted and accepted the TOR for Research and Development working group and highlighted the importance of including DAFF, Department of Science and Technology as well as Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in the working group.

The TOR for other two working groups (i.e. Transformation and Resources) will be presented during the upcoming meeting (08 August 2014). All Working Groups will develop Action Plans and identify five priority areas per working group, from which the FIVCRT will select the most critical ones to focus its efforts on.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 08 August 2014.

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