

Bees *for* Development

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Resolution 1

Increasing honey trade opportunities for small-scale African beekeepers

It is recognised that the beekeeping sector holds a significant potential of creating sustainable incomes for Africa's rural beekeepers. This potential is hardly tapped largely because these producers do not have access to infrastructural and organisational systems to allow them reach the niche/speciality markets their products would otherwise reach, especially in the EU. The last few years have seen an increasing number of small-scale private sector firms that are opening market access to small beekeepers in Africa. Many of these firms are aware of the ethos of Fair Trade and would wish to register, working with a defined number of producers.

In order to open new market opportunities for these beekeepers, a resolution is hereby made for FLO to take cognisance of the Africa situation and put in place a system of recognising and registering small-scale private sector firms that are linking the producers to buyers in fair trade market. A detailed proposal on how these firms will address the principle guidelines of FLO will be submitted to FLO for action.

Resolution 2

Establishment of the Africa Regional Working Group on Honey Trade

The Eastern and Southern Africa representatives have resolved to start a regional forum aimed at promoting honey trade in Africa and the world market. The forum has set-up an interim steering committee that will facilitate the organisation of the meeting to be held in Uganda in May 2006 under the auspices of the *Apimondia Standing Commission Beekeeping for Rural Development*. This first meeting will formalise the operations and functions of the working group.