

Africa Honey Trade Group

Summary of discussions held during the African Honey Trade Workshop, Kampala, 10-13 October

During the breakout sessions, participants of the Africa Trade Forum specifically deliberated on the issue of the Trade group formed in Dublin. After lengthy discussions, the following resolutions were made:

1. The aims and objectives

The overall objective:

To get African bee products in the global market as quickly as possible.

Specific Objectives:

- Promoting sufficient production of bee products
- Promoting good practices and conduct among members
- Identifying and building markets for African bee products
- Development and implementing a market strategy for African Bee products
- Lobbying and advocating on matters that build a competitive sector/industry in Africa. This includes linkages and networking with relevant sector specialists.

2. Membership

Two membership categories were identified: the **core members** of the group are traders, marketers and processors; and **associate members** being service providers in bee products market development. The membership to the organisation shall be voluntary. There will be membership fees for the different categories of membership.

Specific rules of engagement shall be formulated in detail, alongside membership qualification criteria.

3. Main activities

Several ideas concerning activities of the forum were floated. These include:

- Marketing—matching supply and demand
- Promoting good practices/ conduct
- Marketing strategies/ market development
- Lobbying and advocacy

4. Task Force

To complete the process of formation of the organisation, a decision was taken to appoint a smaller team, a Task Force, for this purpose. Members of the Task Force:

Tito Arunga	SNV, Kenya
Robert Nyambaka	SNV, Rwanda
Maria Odido	Bee Natural Products, Uganda
Alice Kangave	MAAIF, Uganda
Harun Baiya	SITE Enterprise Promotion, Kenya
Robert Ndyabarema	TUNADO, Uganda
Mulufird Ashagrie	SOS Sahel, Ethiopia
Paulinus Mpuya	Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania
Elizabeth Ssemwanga	Ssemwanga Research Ltd Uganda
Bob Malichi	North West Bee Products, Zambia
Nicola Bradbear	Bees <i>for</i> Development, UK
Dominic Kihwele	Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania
Bosco Okello	UEPB, Uganda.

The Task Force can co-opt other members as need be. Harun Baiya was nominated as the Chair of the Task Force.

Main Responsibilities of the Task Force

- Institutionalisation of the group
 - Development of a Constitution and organisational structure
 - Finalisation of legislation and launch of the group
 - Strategy and working documents (identified members and focal points)
 - Organise a 40th Apimondia Team (what, how, what, etc).
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- Drafting of the Constitution for the group
 - Strategy for the group by February 2007
 - Organise a first Business meeting in February 2007
 - Drawing a list of members who will participate in the February meeting
 - Some of the key tasks to be shared e.g. drafting the membership criteria, membership

5. Suggested name for the association

Several names were suggested and after voting, the majority adopted the interim name, **ApiTrade Africa**. Any further views on this may be discussed by the Task Force.