

**3rd JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE ORANGE HOUSE
PARTNERSHIP (PMB) AND THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE ORANGE HOUSE TRUST
FUND FOUNDATION (TMB)**

NOTES TO THE AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting, adoption of the draft agenda

[documents: JM/M/A(2013)1; JM/M(2013)RD1]

This Room Document comprises a brief summary of the various agenda items for your advanced information and refreshment of your memory. With these agenda notes, hopefully discussions on agenda items 1-5 in particular could be limited to clarifying questions or comments, thus using our time in the most economical manner. The meeting will start with the introduction of Ms Kalimi Mworira, member of the OH Trust Fund Foundation, as this is her first meeting.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2nd Joint Meeting of the PMB and TMB, including action points

[Document: JM/M/MIN(2012)1]

The draft minutes were sent to you on 28 June 2012 with the request to comment or approve the minutes by the 6th of July 2012. In the covering email you were also requested to take note of the Action Points and follow-up on these as appropriate. No comments were received which was taken as your approval of the draft minutes. With respect to the action points, the following can be said:

Action Point 1: see under agenda item 5

Action Point 2: no action taken yet

Action Point 3, 5, 6, 9: see under agenda item 8

Action Point 4: done, see also under agenda item 9

Action Point 7: no action taken

Action Point 8: unsuccessful, we are kept dangling.

Action Point 10: no comments received: note is considered as an appropriate explanation.

Action Point 11: no comments received: Documents TFF/MB(2011)5/REV and TFF/MB(2011)6/REV are approved.

3. List of all projects from May 2009 to January 2013

[Document: JM/M(2012)1/REV2]

This updated overview of all projects was announced on 21 December but not yet circulated. Observations: the last ZT project was finished in April 2011. Currently there are 5 RT projects still running (marked in yellow in the document): see agenda item 5 and 6. There were 2 FT projects in 2012: both are completed, bringing in a total of €18,000 (see also agenda item 4).

4. Financial account: state of affairs on 21 December 2012

[Document: JM/M(2012)3]

The document was circulated on 21 December 2012. As mentioned in the covering email, all figures that are new or revised are marked in blue for easy review. Most relevant observations are: (i) the capital in the bank has grown from 9,846 euro to 21,283 euro which is largely because of Project FT(2012)1 and FT(2012)2, and (ii) one new project RT(2012)1 was added in December this year. Meanwhile, in January another project was added [RT(2013)1] which will be introduced under agenda item 6.

5. Update on project RT(2010)6 : food labelling

[No documents]

This project is currently in an impasse. Efforts have been made to partner with other organisations

including the Medical Center of the University of Groningen (UMCG), TNO and Friesland-Campina to combine food information with human diseases linked to food and healthy ageing issues. OHP is invited to have a booth at an Information Market in May this year in the European Parliament under the umbrella "healthy ageing".

In September 2012 I had a meeting in Rome with the Scientific Committee of CAOBISCO, the European association of chocolate, confectionary and pastry products. Despite enthusiastic responses, the association confirmed a month or so later that they prefer the GS1 approach of the Consumer Goods Forum (which is a copy of our project but with less info and involving only private sector experts).

There has been a series of meetings with DG Environment and DG CONNECT on cooperation in the area of sustainability and carbon footprints of food but money for the work is not available.

There have been meetings with UEAPME, an association of SME's which very supportive but cannot actively participate (or provide funding). There have several more meetings, all with the same result: enthusiastic but no money.

Next steps could be: (i) continue with the public sector only; (ii) keep trying to find parties willing to fund; (iii) broaden by combining food info with health and ageing info; (iv) stop the project and take our loss.

Investment in this project in terms of time spent is very high but not seriously at the expense of other OHP activities. The expenses so far amount to €13,344 (see JM/M(2012)3, page 3 and 11/12. OHP is still in depth with Bureau Brussels (€1,600) and with Caesar Experts (€1,620). Taking into account the financial support received from the Netherlands government of €20,000 (See JM/M(2012)3, page 3), there is still a surplus of €3,400.

6. Developments and initiatives

- Project RT(2011)4: Cooperation with the University of Khartoum.
[Documents: D/RT(2011)4/1, flyer]

The MOU with the University of Khartoum (UoK) was signed in June 2011 and since then there has been no follow-up activity. Initiatives to obtain funding to cover a 2-year MSc course for a student of the UoK have also been unsuccessful so far, despite many efforts. Currently a new initiative was taken for a project (explained in document: D/RT(2011)4/1 and attachments) jointly with the GUE/NGL (European United Left/Nordic Green Left) group of the European Parliament (see weblink: <http://www.guengl.eu>). In this project the MSc part and the regular training at the UoK are combined. The aim of building capacity is in line with the core OHP objective.

- Project RT(2012)1: Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP)
[Documents: L92012)07; D/RT(2012)1/1]

OHP was invited to attend the 1st Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP), an initiative of the World Bank. The meeting was in Paris from 10-12 December. OHP actively participated in the meeting of approximately 90-100 participants from 50+ organisations/associations. The objective was to provide a platform for the many initiatives aiming at food safety capacity building in developing countries in a manner that is more efficient as the many individual activities that we have today. Whereas the private sector representatives, dominated by CGF, GS1, GFSI, prefer a top-down approach (making efforts for developing countries to adopt or adhere to food safety standards applied by the high income countries), OHP and others (academia) strongly prefer a bottom-up approach (start to educate the people so they become level partners in the discussion to harmonise food safety approaches). OHP has volunteered to participate in working group 3 [see page 2 of D/RD(2012)1/1].

- RT(2013)1: Cassava project evaluation
[Document: D/RT(2013)1/1]

At the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs I was invited to participate in a small project evaluation team of 3 experts. The objective was to evaluate the output of a 3-year project aiming at: (i) increasing cassava production by improved agriculture, (ii) improve cassava conservation processing, and (iii) finding new ways of using cassava products. The mission was scheduled to take place from 4-17 February but, at the last minute, the composition of the team was disapproved at the political level (one of the expert participants is also a senator at the Dutch Senate. The mission is postponed for an undetermined time period.

- RT(2010)1: EUCTP2

[No documents]

OHP was not called upon for any project carried out in 2012. It appears that all experts needed are offered by EU member countries' food and animal health agencies.

- International visitation of the Ctgb (for info only)

[Documents: ToR; Letter from Ctgb, L(2013)1, L(2013)2]

HK was invited on personal title to establish and chair a small international visitation committee of 5 independent senior experts in pesticides and biocides to evaluate the quality and up-to-dateness of the scientific output of the Dutch Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides. The activity is expected to be completed by 21st July 2013. There is a strong political interest in this project by the Dutch Congress. Although this is not an OHP project, the name of OHP is regularly mentioned which will help to put OHP on the map.

- Qatar offer

[Documents: L(2012)16, L(2012)17, L(2012)18, Annex to the letters]

No response was received to our letters: L(2012)16, 17 and 18 of 15 October 2012. It appeared that Dr Jasim Al-Jedah had left the government. Alternative approaches?

7. Future of OHP: initiatives, suggestions, approaches

[No documents]

Considering the rather low level of activities, in particular with respect to the core objectives of OHP (ZT projects), we should discuss a realistic way forward and not losing the momentum. New acquisition approaches? Parties not considered before?

8. Activities of MB Members relevant for OHP

[No documents]

Apart from actions as listed under Action Points 3, 5, 6 and 9 as agreed at the 2nd Joint Meeting, members may have been involved in activities of interest to OHP. An example is the activity in which Alan is heavily involved and which was explained in the 'Additional Note' to the minutes of the 2nd Joint Meeting.

9. OHP Website update

[Reference: www.orangeOhouse.eu]

In November last year the OH TFF part of the OHP website was further completed and the 2 Management Boards were informed on 20 and 22 November. No feedback has been received so far. For discussion: what more can be done to put OHP on the web? A newsletter? More info on the web? More attention to Board members?

10. Any other business

[No documents]