

**INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE ON HARMONIZATION AND EQUIVALENCE
IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (ITF)**



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FIFTH MEETING

5 to 7 December 2005

Hammamet, Tunisia

Provisional agenda and timetable

Monday 5th December			Tuesday 6th December		Wednesday 7th December	
9:00	<i>Workshop of certification and accreditation bodies</i>	<i>Orientation for new members</i>	9:00	<u>2nd ITF Discussion Paper:</u> Objectives of Organic Standards Programs - Exploring approaches to Common Regulatory Objectives - Presentation (Jane Earley) - Clarification questions	9:00	<u>Closing session of the ITF:</u> - Summary by the Chair - Discussion - Recommendations
			9:30	- Discussion on regulatory objectives and judgment of equivalence in organic agriculture (ref. 1 st and 2 nd ITF papers)		
10:30	<i>Coffee</i>		10:30	<i>Coffee</i>	10:30	<i>Coffee</i>
11:00	<i>Workshop of certification and accreditation bodies (continued)</i>	<i>Orientation for new members (continued)</i>	11:00	<u>3rd ITF Discussion Paper:</u> Requirement for Certification Bodies – Situation and Scope for Harmonization - Presentation (Mildred Steidle) - Discussion	11:00	- ITF work plan for 2006-2007 (including funding) - Follow-up and next meetings
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>		12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	12:30	<i>End of meeting</i>
14:00	<u>Opening Session of the ITF</u> - Welcome from the Chair - Statement of the Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia - Report on the ITF work progress - Future ITF perspectives - Objectives of the 5 th ITF meeting		14:00	<u>4th ITF Discussion Paper:</u> Cooperation Between Conformity Assessment Bodies in Organic Certification - Presentation (Ong Kung Wai) - Discussion	<i>Note: A field trip is organized for Thursday 8 December 2005</i>	
15:30	<i>Coffee</i>		15:30	<i>Coffee</i>		
16:00	<u>1st ITF Discussion Paper</u> Equivalence and Recognition in the Regulation of Organic Agriculture - Presentation (David Crucefix) - Clarification questions		16:00	<u>Updates:</u> - Study on Consumer Sensitivity to Organic Standards - Feasibility Study for an International Comparative Database on Organic Norms		
17:00	<i>End of session</i>		17:00	Participants updates and country reports		
			18:00	<i>End of session</i>		