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AFRICAN REGIONAL ROBUSTA COFFEE MEETING

« Post Covid – 19, which approach for Robusta coffee resilience in Africa ? »

Hôtel 2 Février, Lomé (Togo) 2021, 26 – 30 of April.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 9TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ACRAM





Resolution N° 01/9Ga/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Following the reading of the Administration and Finances Committee Report adopted in plenary,

Considering the absence of several statutory members which has failed to achieve the quorum,

Decided to call for an Extraordinary General Assembly for the adoption of 2021 Administrative budget and Agenda.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lomé , 30 April 2021


The Chairman of ACRAM





Resolution N° 02/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Following the reading of the Administration and Finances Committee Report adopted in plenary,

Considering the Resolution N°01/9GA/2021 adopted in that plenary,

Asks The Executive Secretary to communicate, in consultation with the Chairman of ACRAM, a date and Agenda relating to the Extraordinary General Assembly.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lomé, 30 April 2021



The Chairman of ACRAM

Resolution N° 03/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Aware of the need for an efficient implementation of the ACRAM Development plan,

Considering the current context related to COVID 19, which did not allow the Executive Secretary to implement his action plan in 2020,

Considering that the initial mandate of **the Executive Secretary, Mr. NDJEWE NDOMBA Ismaël expires in August 2021**

Decides to renew the contract of **the Executive Secretary Mr NDJEWE NDOMBA Ismaël for a period of two years.**

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lomé, 30 April 2021



The chairman of ACRAM



Resolution N° 04/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Following the communication of the Delegate of Côte d'Ivoire, **HE Mr. Aly TOURE**, Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to International Commodity Organizations,

Considering the involvement of African countries in the Coffee Value Chain in the world,

Decides to support the candidacy of Côte d'Ivoire for the position of International Coffee Organization (ICO) Executive Director.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lomé, 30 April 2021

The Chairman of ACRAM





Resolution N° 05/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Following the reading of the Report of the Chairperson of Youth, Promotion and Marketing Committee adopted in plenary;

Wishing to improve the incomes of producers, in the context of great competition of origins;

Aware to the need of maintaining a permanent proximity with consumers;

Decides:

- To encourage the President and Executive Secretary of ACRAM to explore all opportunities for resource mobilization,
- To promote local transformation in the ACRAM area, while encouraging deployment on the regional market through the African Free Trade Area (FTAC).
- To encourage ACRAM members to develop electronic marketing alternatives to address constraints on conventional trade;
- To encourage ACRAM members to invest in the marketing of African Robusta to make them more competitive in the market;
- To create an African and Malagasy Robusta Economic Forum;
- To ask Côte d'Ivoire to organize the first meeting for the Economic Forum of the African and Malagasy Robusta (FERAM).

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lomé , 30 April 2021



The Chairman of ACRAM



Resolution N° 06/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Following the reading of the Report of the Chairperson of Cooperation and transfer of Technology Committee adopted in plenary,

Wishing to preserve cooperation in favour of sustainable agriculture that respects the environment and development goals,

Considering the need to motivate the interest of the Youth and to professionalize them in the Coffee Value Chain,

Considering relationship between the University of Zurich (ZHAW), the International Trade Centre (ITC) and ACRAM,

Considering the ACRAM COFFEE ACADEMY project presented by the University of Zurich (ZHAW) and adopted in plenary,

Authorizes the President of ACRAM to sign a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ACRAM – ITC – ZHAW.

Invite ACRAM members to facilitate the implementation of the ACRAM COFFEE ACADEMY.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lome, 30 April 2021


The Chairman of ACRAM



Resolution N° 07/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lome Togo,

Wishing to improve the productivity of ACRAM's member's coffee farms;

Encourages ACRAM's countries to facilitate possible exchanges between them on specific diversity for the creation of an exchange databank;

Solicit ACRAM Chairman Leadership for inviting the political Authorities of ACRAM countries to sign a Charter for the promotion of coffee research;

Encourages ACRAM members to take ownership of the 2021 Café Guide published by the International Trade Centre (ITC) to adequately respond to the market requirements.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lome, 30 April 2021


The chairman of ACRAM

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Resolution N° 08/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lome Togo,

Considering the need to increase coffee production in ACRAM area countries,

Having approved the Regional Coffee Program developed by a group of ACRAM researchers,


Considering the quality of communications made by CIRAD Researchers on Robusta, in cooperation and transfer of technology committee meeting,

Considering the signing of an Agreement between CIRAD and ACRAM in December 2020;

Agrees to establish a bipartisan ACRAM-CIRAD working group to develop a Research Program based on the Regional Coffee Program.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lome, 30 April 2021


The chairman of ACRAM

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Resolution N° 09/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lome Togo,

Following the reading of the report of the Chairwoman of the Gender Committee adopted in plenary,

Considering the presentation of the programme on women's economic empowerment in coffee by the Executive Secretary,

Considering the various presentations of gender focal points on the issues of women in the coffee sector in their country,

Considering, the experience and expertise of the NGO LadyAgri and International Women Coffee Alliance presented during the gender committee session,

Invites the President of ACRAM and the Executive Secretary to look for the necessary ways and means to put in place concrete actions in support of women's resilience in the coffee sector in collaboration with international specialized structures;

Encourages women's representation across the coffee value chain,

Asks ACRAM partners to support the implementation of the Women's Economic Empowerment in Coffee Program,

Encourages the establishment of a college of women coffee producers in each ACRAM's Countries,

Calls on the umbrella structures to encourage national, public and private bodies to support women coffee producers, for access to services and resources needed for their empowerment,

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lome, 30th April 2021

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The Chairman of ACRAM

Resolution N° 10/9GA/2021

The General Assembly for the Robusta Coffee Agency of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM), on its ninth regular session held on 30 April 2021 in Lomé Togo,

Following the intervention of the Delegate of Côte d'Ivoire, **HE Mr. Aly TOURE**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to international commodity organizations, paying a moving tribute:

- To the President of ACRAM, Mr. Enselme GOUTHON
 - To the Executive Secretary of the Cocoa and Coffee Interprofessional Council of Cameroon, Mr. Omer MALEDY
 - To the Managing Director of CAISTAB Gabon, Mr Thierry Prospère MBOUTSOU,
- For their personal and unreserved commitment to the smooth running of ACRAM,

Expresses his gratitude to their Excellences:

- **Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE**, President of the Republic, Head of State of Togo,
- **Paul BIYA**, President of the Republic, Head of State of Cameroon,
- **Ali BONGO ONDIMBA**, President of the Republic, Head of State of Gabon,

For their commitment for to the developpement of cash farming in general, and their support for the promotion of coffee as an instrument for reducing poverty in the ACRAM area in particular.

This resolution has been adopted unanimously.

Lome, 30 April 2021

The Chairman of ACRAM

