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Dear Madam / Sir

INVITATION TO THE 1ST WORKING PARTY ON SOCIO-ECONOMICS MEETING (WPSE01)

I have the honour of extending to you an invitation to participate in the 1st meeting of the Working Party on Socio-Economics, which will be on **Friday 25 October 2024**.

The meeting will be held back-to-back with the 13th Meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC13) in Bangkok, Thailand. The exact location of the meetings is currently being finalised and will be communicated as soon as possible.

The Terms of Reference for the WPSE are found in Annex 1 of [Resolution 23/10](#) "Terms of Reference for a Working Party on Socio-Economics". Information and documents will be uploaded to the [meeting webpage](#) in due course.

Composition

In accordance with Res 23/10, the WPSE will be technical and scientific in nature and should be composed of stakeholders, experts and practitioners, in particular the following:

- a. social scientists;
- b. economists;
- c. fisheries officers;
- d. invited experts.

The participation of the Chair of the Scientific Committee (or designee) in the WPSE shall be mandatory.

We strongly urge all interested participants to register online [here](#) as soon as possible to aid with the planning and logistical arrangements for the meeting. As this is a Working Party, no Letters of Credentials are required, and participation will not be by Delegation.

Paper submissions

Papers must be relevant to the agenda of the meeting. Titles must be provided thirty (30) days before the meeting (25 September) and full working papers must be submitted fifteen (15) days ahead of the meeting (10 October), at the latest.

Meeting Participation fund (for developing IOTC Contracting Parties Members only)

The participation of one representative from developing Members of the IOTC may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF). The applications for the IOTC MPF, must be received by the IOTC Secretariat (iotc-secretariat@fao.org) no later than 45 days in advance of the meeting (**10 September**).

Applications must include:

- i) an official nomination letter;
- ii) a detailed abstract of the paper to be presented; and
- iii) the contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his/her passport).

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Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure. Click [here](#). Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF.

Information on the host country

An information document, providing details on logistical aspects of the venue and local conditions, will be made available on the meeting webpage once the location has been finalised.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. de Bruyn', with a long, sweeping underline.

Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- None