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Legal Structures for Agricultural Enterprises**

Tenth session (hybrid)
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ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the session and welcome
2. Adoption of the agenda and organisation of the session
3. Update on developments and activities since the ninth Working Group session
4. Consideration of the Draft UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Collaborative Legal Structures for Agricultural Enterprises
 - a) Feedback received during the public consultation
 - b) Feedback received from partner organisations (FAO and IFAD) and Working Group participants
5. Discussion of practical tools to support implementation and next steps
6. Closing of the session

ANNOTATIONS

Item No. 1 Opening of the session and welcome

1. The tenth Working Group session will take place on **5, 6, and 7 October 2026**.
2. The meeting will be held at the seat of UNIDROIT (Via Panisperna, 28 – Rome, Italy). Experts are encouraged to attend in person, though remote participation will be possible via Zoom. A link to join the session remotely will be sent prior to the meeting.
3. The meeting will be opened on **Monday, 5 October at 13:30 CEST**.

Item No. 2 Adoption of the agenda and organisation of the session

4. It is proposed that discussions be held as per the below tentative timetable (Rome, CEST). The Chair may propose adjustments as needed.

Monday 5 October

Opening	13:30 – 13:45	15 minutes
1 st Discussion (Draft Preface & Introduction)	13:45 – 15:15	90 minutes
2 nd Discussion (Draft Chap. Multiparty Contracts)	15:15 – 16:30	75 minutes
Coffee break	16:30 – 16:45	15 minutes
3 rd Discussion (Draft Chap. Cooperatives)	16:45 – 18:00	75 minutes

Tuesday 6 October

1 st Discussion (Draft Chap. Companies)	09:00 – 10:30	90 minutes
Coffee break	10:30 – 10:45	15 minutes
2 nd Discussion (Draft Chap. Digital Platforms)	10:45 – 12:15	90 minutes
3 rd Discussion (Remaining issues for discussion on Draft Chapters)	12:15 – 13:15	60 minutes
Lunch break	13:15 – 14:15	60 minutes
4 th Discussion (Draft Chap. Comparing and Combining Legal Structures)	14:15 – 16:00	105 minutes
Coffee break	16:00 – 16:15	15 minutes
4 th Discussion (Remaining issues for discussion on Preface & Introduction)	16:15 – 17:30	75 minutes

Wednesday 7 October

1 st Discussion <i>(Discussion of practical tools to support implementation)</i>	09:30 – 11:00	90 minutes
Coffee break	11:00 – 11:15	15 minutes
2 nd Discussion <i>(Next steps for finalisation of draft and closing of the session)</i>	11:15 – 12:45	90 minutes
Lunch break	12:45 – 14:00	75 minutes
3 rd Discussion <i>(Drafting meeting with Members of the Working Group)</i>	14:00 – 16:00	120 minutes

Item No. 4 Consideration of the Draft UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Collaborative Legal Structures for Agricultural Enterprises

5. It is proposed to consider the draft instrument chapter-by-chapter, taking into account (i) the comments received during the public consultation, and (ii) feedback from FAO, IFAD and Working Group participants.

Item No. 5 Discussion of practical tools to support implementation and next steps

6. The Working Group may consider discussing the development of an executive summary of the draft Legal Guide and other practical tools to support implementation (e.g., development of checklists relating to the topics developed in the comparative analysis to support the choice of collaborative legal structure.

7. The next steps for the Working Group will be determined based on the progress made during the session. In principle, it is envisaged that this will be the final Working Group session. The draft UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Collaborative Legal Structures for Agricultural Enterprises are expected to be submitted for approval within FAO and IFAD and presented for adoption by the UNIDROIT Governing Council at its session in December 2026.

8. It is proposed that the Members of the Working Group meet directly after the Working Group session, on Wednesday 6 October (14:00 – 15:30 CEST) to organise its work.