IIR Working Group  
The Cold Chain in Hot Countries  
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At the Ministry of Industry and Trade (Montplaisir in Tunis)

1. **Presentation of the IIR Working Group on the Cold Chain in Hot Countries**  
Halima Thraya (Chairperson of the Working Group (WG)) presented the objectives of "The Cold Chain in Hot Countries" WG (see [WG Terms of References](#)).

2. Didier Coulomb (IIR Director General) explained the implication of the IIR in this WG such as the work undertaken with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the policy brief “Developing the cold chain in the agrifood sector in sub-Saharan Africa”. Ina Colombo (IIR Deputy Director General) explained the previous activities undertaken by the WG such as the meeting during the 24**th** IIR International Congress of Refrigeration (ICR2015) in Yokohama (Japan) and at the IIR-Gustav Lorentzen conference in August 2016. Discussion on the implementation of the ATP agreement in Tunisia  
Béchir Boujdai stated that the objective is to force the Tunisian authority to adapt the agreement according to what is applied in Europe. The agreement signed between Cemafroid and CETIME should be the benchmark. The Director of CETIME, Sofia Bahri, mentioned that they are not involved in the ISO WG in Geneva related to transport and that the Tunisian Minister of transport representatives attending these meetings do not report back to CETIME on the outcomes. Halima Thraya stated that there is a lack of funding to support the implementation of the ATP agreement. Béchir Boujdai replied that to raise funding is not a problem, adding that the related ministers should be involved in this project and that a Steering Committee should be formed including all the different ministries such as industry, transport, and trade and commerce with the implication of CETIME. Halima Thraya will prepare and send an order to develop a Steering Committee and associate all the different ministries by the end of November. The regulatory text of Cemafroid should be adapted taking into consideration the Tunisian social economic context. The IIR and the FAO will support the actions in Tunisia. 
Michael Schuster from GIZ Proklima stated that GIZ will be very pleased to invite Tunisian representatives to see how the ATP agreement has been implemented in South Africa.

3. **Next activities of the IIR Working Group on the Cold Chain in Hot Countries**  
The next meeting could take place at the World Cold Chain Summit in Singapore. Eric Prieur will try to schedule a date and venue during the event. 
Djibril Dramé mentioned potential sources of funding from the FAO such as the Technical...
Cooperation Programme (TCP) to make its know-how and technical expertise available to member countries upon request, drawing from its own resources, addressing critical gaps in hunger and malnutrition eradication, sustainable production, rural poverty reduction more efficient and inclusive food chains and building resilience to crisis. TCP projects have a budget of up to USD 500,000 and a maximum duration of 24 months.

Air Liquid is interested in getting involved in EU projects such as the CryoHub project as it may have potential for the Cryomixte research project which involved the cooling combination from Cryogenic and mechanics. Elie Adaimy would like more information on how to apply for an EU project.

The attendees will be invited to join the new LinkedIn group.

4. **Appointment of new vice presidents of the WG**

Eric Prieur, Tijani Turki, Christian Cesbron, Fabel, Djibril Dramé would like to be vice-chairs of the WG.