



Madrid, 3 July 2017

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 4619 / 2017

SUBJECT: PORT INSPECTION EXPERT GROUP FOR CAPACITY BUILDING AND ASSISTANCE

Further to Circular #8383/2016 of 14 December 2016, I have the honour to inform you that the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance will be held at the ICCAT Secretariat, Calle Corazón de María, No. 8, Madrid, Spain, 9-10 October 2017.

The tentative agenda for the meeting and a registration form have been published on the ICCAT web site. We kindly request participants to carry out their hotel reservations directly. For hotel information, please visit the [web site](#).

Please note that in accordance with Rec. 16-18 *...All CPCs with an interest in port inspection capacity building are encouraged to provide an expert to participate in the Group. **The Expert Group will consist of no more than one participant from each CPC, participating as experts in port inspection and/or developing CPC needs, and not representing the interests of their respective CPCs...***

In order to advance intersessional work, the Secretariat requested CPCs to nominate their experts, and the list of nominees to date is attached. CPCs which did not respond to circular # 8341/2016 may nominate one expert at this time. The name and contact details should be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible. Similarly, the Secretariat should be informed as soon as possible in the event of any change in the participants already nominated.

Nominated delegates from developing countries may be eligible for funding to attend this meeting. Those eligible should make their application, by completing the [travel invitation form](#) and submitting it in accordance with the ICCAT procedures no later than **10 August 2017**.

The Tentative Agenda for the meeting is attached. Those who wish to submit documents to the Working Group are requested to do so as far in advance as possible. Anyone wishing to share background information and materials in advance with the Group should send these to the Secretariat, where they can be made available through the own cloud site.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,



Driss Meski
Executive Secretary



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Attachment: Participants and Tentative Agenda.

PORT INSPECTION EXPERT GROUP FOR CAPACITY BUILDING AND ASSISTANCE

List of Working Group participants nominated to date

Albania	Ali BAZE
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and logistical arrangements
2. Review of available assessment tools, training materials, and programmes related to port inspection
3. Overview of IOTC Port Inspection training and related activities
4. Input for the development of self-assessment forms for port inspection capacity building needs
5. Identification of CPCs with possible existing capacity building programmes that may be able to provide assistance to developing CPCs
6. Consideration of next steps and assignation of tasks
7. Other matters
8. Adoption of report and adjournment