

22.2 JTC has discussed on this proposal and considered that the outcome of this framework will take some time to set up. It was agreed that the MCA would lead discussions with stakeholders comprising of MCIA / MSIRI, FAREI, BoI and others stakeholders.

23.0 Climate change

23.1 Proposal was also made to tackle the issue of climate change, there is need to set national target for cane production and the evaluation of the impact on the cane industry of the carbon balance and assess its economic value with a view to consider the possibility to trade on carbon credit.

24.0 Certification of sugar / Organic sugar.

24.1 In view of the evolution of the market trends, there is an increasing demand among sugar buyers for the origin to be certified sustainable and this requirement is increasingly becoming a key element in their buying decisions. Moreover, with the sophistication of the consumer needs, there is increasing demand for organic sugars (double digit growth in certain destinations). Given limited supplies, these organic sugars are more remunerative and can represent a significant outlet for part of local production. It is thus recommended that technical and financial support be sought with the view to enabling producers to shift from traditional operations to sustainable sugar production practices, including for the production of organic sugars.