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**4<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum**  
**Proposal from the Chairperson of the Forum**

### **Background**

The attached proposal for the topic of the 4<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum has been received from the Chairperson of the Forum, Mr Juan Esteban Orduz of Colombia, to assist the Core Group in considering the preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum in September 2014. It should be considered together with document [CG-16/14](#) containing information on the preparations for the next Forum.

### **Action**

The Core Group is invited to consider this document.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> CONSULTATIVE FORUM PROPOSAL FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FORUM**

1. The Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance is an initiative by the International Coffee Organization to facilitate consultations on topics related to finance and risk management in the coffee sector. It has a particular focus on the needs and wellbeing of small and medium-scale producers and local communities in coffee producing areas.

2. The 4<sup>th</sup> Consultative Forum will take place at the ICO headquarters in London during the 113<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council from 22 to 26 September 2014. It will be open to all ICO Members and observers, private sector representatives and other interested parties.

### **Topic**

3. Given the current situation facing the global coffee sector, where the income of coffee growers all over the world has plummeted affecting millions of people in thousands of communities, the role of multilateral financial institutions is crucial. I should therefore like to propose the following as the topic for the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum: **“How producing countries can engage effectively with financial multilateral institutions and donors, and ensure that financing from those organizations meets the needs of producers”**. The objective would be to establish a direct dialogue with financial multilateral institutions and donors to discuss and implement concrete plans for poverty alleviation and wealth creation in rural communities which depend on coffee production.

### **Participants**

4. It is proposed that representatives from multi-lateral agencies and donors including the following institutions should be invited to participate in view of their extensive experience in coffee sector finance in coffee producing countries.

- African Development Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- Central American Bank of Economic Integration
- World Bank
- Inter-American Development Bank
- International Trade Centre
- International Fund for Agricultural Development
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- Common Fund for Commodities
- OPEC Fund for International Development

### **Bilateral development cooperation agencies**

5. ICO Members are invited to propose bilateral development cooperation agencies who could be invited to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum, and to provide contacts where possible.