



Core Group on the Consultative Forum
6th meeting
25 September 2014
London, United Kingdom

**World Bank/ICO compendium of case studies
related to improving risk management and
access to finance in the coffee sector
Request for advance review and feedback by
Core Group Members**

Background

1. The representative of the World Bank will introduce the attached draft compendium of case studies related to improving risk management and access to finance in the coffee sector at the Core Group meeting on 25 September 2014. It is circulated in an electronic format only in view of the length of the document. Core Group Members are requested to provide feedback at the meeting on the compendium and ideas on how best to disseminate it and achieve most impact, as follows:

- **Review:** The draft compendium requires detailed review and commentary from coffee sector peers prior to finalizing it. **To this end it is critical that Core Group Members consider it in detail, including whether the report is useful; whether it is accurate; and how it could be improved.** The authors appreciate that the report is quite large but would urge Members to review the case studies and opening sections in particular, to enable them to incorporate their feedback and suggestions.
- **Dissemination:** Traditionally final documents of this type are published and shared both electronically (using the ICO and World Bank websites) and physically (in document format), however at times these approaches may fail to maximize the readership (and hence the value) of the report. **What suggestions do Core Group Members have for maximizing the usage of this report and how may this be achieved?** Possible ideas may include creating a specific website dedicated to sharing knowledge on access to finance and risk management in the coffee sector; creating a forum online resource where interested parties may post information and exchange thoughts and ideas; and producing further case studies to build up the resource.

2. In addition to the Core Group, all ICO Members and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board are requested to review this document and provide feedback to the World Bank during the week of the 113th Council Session or by email to: rparizat@worldbank.org by **30 September 2014**.

Action

The Core Group is invited to provide feedback to the World Bank and ICO on this document.