



**INTERNATIONAL
COFFEE
ORGANIZATION**

**PARTICIPATION OF THE ACTING MANAGER
AT THE 15TH CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION OF THE
AFRICAN FINE COFFEES ASSOCIATION (AFCA)
IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA FROM 15 TO 17 FEBRUARY 2017**

The Acting Manager of the ICO, Mr David Moorhouse, was invited to address the 15th Africa Fine Coffees Conference and Exhibition of the African Fine Coffees Association which took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 15 to 17 February 2017. The Conference was opened by his H.E Mr Mulatu Teshome Wirtu, President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia.

In his opening speech Mr Moorhouse thanked the Executive Director of AFCA, Mr Samuel Kamau and the Chairman, Mr Abdullah Bagersh, for inviting the ICO to the event despite the sad period the Organization has been experiencing because of the untimely death of its Executive Director, Mr Robério Oliveira Silva. In a tribute to the life and work of Mr Silva, Mr Moorhouse mentioned that the presence of the ICO at this event despite this sad and challenging period for the Organization was a testimony to the particular interest of the ICO in the work of AFCA, which brings together not only members of the private sector of the African coffee community but also all stakeholders around the globe.

During the panel session on the world coffee market the Chief Economist, Dr Denis Seudieu made a presentation on the relationship between coffee prices in physical and futures markets.

Founded in July 2000, the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA) is a regional non for profit organisation representing the coffee industry in Africa, providing a platform for the private sector and coordinating its activities through the promotion of coffee trade and pursuing issues that affect the logistics and business environment related to coffee and which are of common interest to all Members.



David Moorhouse, Head of Finance and Administration, delivering a speech at the 15TH Conference and Exhibition of the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA)



Denis Seudieu, Chief Economist, presenting at the panel on the world coffee market at the 15TH Conference and Exhibition of the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA)