



International Coffee Council
121st Session
9 – 13 April 2018
Mexico City, Mexico

**Request for observer status in
April 2018 and future years**

**Conservation International and the
Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce
and Industry**

Background

1. Rule 5 of the Rules of the Organization (see Annex I) provides that any organization referred to in Article 16 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, including private sector coffee associations and bodies, may request observer status at a session of the Council, by submitting such a request in writing to the Executive Director at least 45 days prior to the session (i.e. by 23 February 2018).
2. The Executive Director has received two requests to observe the 121st Council Session from 9 to 13 April 2018 and Council Sessions in future years from Conservation International (Annex II) and from the Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Annex III).
3. As provided for in Rule 5, comments and/or possible objections by Members to the above requests shall be communicated in writing to the Executive Director (eldred@ico.org) at least 15 days prior to the session (26 March 2018). At least 10 days prior to the session (i.e. 29 March 2018), the Executive Director shall distribute to all Members any comments on such requests and provide information to the interested applicants on this.

Action

The Council is invited to consider and, if appropriate, to approve observer status for Conservation International (Annex II) and for the Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Annex III).

RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION**RULE 5
Observers**

1. Any organization referred to in Article 16 of the Agreement, including private sector coffee associations and bodies, may request observer status at a session of the Council, by submitting such a request in writing to the Executive Director at least 45 days prior to the session.
2. The written request shall indicate the Agenda items of interest. If necessary, the Executive Director will request any additional information needed by the Council in considering such requests. At least 30 days prior to the session, the Executive Director shall circulate to all Members the names of organizations requesting observer status, along with additional information and a proposal for Council action on each request.
3. Comments and/or possible objections by Members to the above requests shall be communicated in writing to the Executive Director at least 15 days prior to the session. At least 10 days prior to the session, the Executive Director shall distribute to all Members any comments on such requests and provide information to the interested applicants on this. At the start of each Session, the Council shall decide on acceptance of observers and designate the items on the Agenda of the Council open to accepted observers.
4. The Council may also invite organizations and individuals to attend Council Sessions to make presentations or to make a contribution on a specific topic to be considered by the Council. Observers shall have no voice in the proceedings of the Council, its committees and subsidiary bodies, except by invitation of the respective Chairmen.



Brussels, October 27, 2017

Dear Mr. Sette,

Hereby, Conservation International (CI) is requesting an observer seat for the 121th Session of the International Coffee Council on 9 - 13 April in Mexico.

CI is globally working to improve human well-being through the care of nature. Under our guiding principle — nature doesn't need people, but people need nature for food, water, health and livelihoods — we work with more than 1,000 partners in 30 countries to ensure a healthy, more prosperous planet that supports human well-being. For over 20 years, CI has been working in partnership with coffee producers, industry players and conservation partners to promote sustainable practices that retain the rich biodiversity of coffee producing landscapes.

CI convenes and facilitates the [Sustainable Coffee Challenge](#), a growing global coalition of more than 85 partners from across the coffee sector, working to make coffee the first sustainable agricultural product. Partners in the Challenge are dedicated to ensuring that coffee is sustainable for the long term while protecting the prosperity and wellbeing of farmers and conserving forests, water and soil. The Challenge is a catalyst for meaningful sustainability commitments that ensure actions are linked to impacts by tracking the efforts of diverse actors across the sector and linking them via a common framework for defining and tracking outcomes.

We are particularly interested in the agenda item that will cover the proposal to formalize a collaborative partnership between the ICO and the Sustainable Coffee Challenge through an MoU.

Thank you for your consideration and questions you might have regarding this request.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Niels Haak", written over a light blue circular background.

Niels Haak

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Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Dear Mr José Sette,

Subject : Observer Status with the International Coffee Organization.

The **Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry- IICCI** has established on the basic aims of **"the collective voice of the Indian business, trade and economy vis versa OIC Nation's business, trade and economy relationship"** which promotes bilateral trade, investment and technology transfer, facilitates business collaborations, joint ventures, marketing tie-ups and strategic alliances through a set of proactive business-oriented initiative that would explore international Islamic market with India and works with (57 + 5 = 62) OIC Islamic nations and over 250 countries of the other World, with objectives "safeguard and protect the interests of the Indian business, trade and economic & OIC Muslim Nation's business, trade and economic in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony".

The **Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry- IICCI** is privilege to make an application for Observer Status with the International Coffee Organization in coming 121st Session of the International Coffee Council will take place on 9-13 April 2018 in Mexico City. We hope that the Coming ICO Council will discuss about our application and would grant Observer Status to IICCI.

We, therefore, request your kindly treat our request in the same spirit in which it has been made and be kind enough to send your positive reply.

Thanking You,
Yours Sincerely

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