



ICO/VA-1/20 – Consultant/Economist

Job Opening

Posting Title:	Economist
Department/Office:	Operations Division/Economics Section
Duty Station:	London, United Kingdom (with possibility of travel)
Type of contract:	Consultant
Duration	April-September 2020 (with possibility of extension)
Estimated Start Date:	As soon as possible
Closing Date for Application:	22 March 2020

About the International Coffee Organization

The International Coffee Organization (ICO) is an intergovernmental body, set up in 1963 under the auspices of the United Nations, responsible for implementing the International Coffee Agreement (2007) to strengthen the global coffee sector and promote its sustainable development in economic, social and environmental terms.

The ICO provides a unique forum for the global coffee community, working actively with its Member governments, international organizations, the private sector and all other stakeholders to address the challenges and opportunities facing the global coffee community, including the development and implementation of strategies to enhance the livelihood and the capacity of local rural communities and smallholder farmers to benefit from coffee production.

The ICO Five-Year Action Plan 2017-2021 which identified as strategic goals: I. Delivering world-class data, analysis and information to the industry and policy-makers; II. Using the Organization's convening power to provide a forum for dialogue between and within the public and private sectors; and III. Facilitating coffee sector development projects and promotion programmes through public-private partnerships.

ICO Member Governments represent 98% of the world's coffee production and two-thirds of world consumption, providing a unique forum for the global coffee community.

The position is established within the framework of ICO's Five-Year Action Plan, with a particular emphasis on Strategic Goal 1: Delivering world-class data, analysis and information to the industry and policy-makers.

The Operation Division

The Operation Division is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the ICO. It encompasses three main functions: a) statistics including data collection, management, analysis and reporting; b) economic research and analysis including the publishing of the ICO Coffee Development Report (CDR) and technical cooperation projects development, fund raising and monitoring; and c) Secretariat and Communication covering the relations with ICO member states, public and private coffee stakeholders, the organization of ICO annual conferences and meetings and the external communication to promote the ICO and its activities with members and stakeholders.

Responsibilities

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The position is located within the Operations Division and its Economics section. The incumbent will work under the direct supervision of the Head of Operations and under the guidance of the Chief Economist on matters concerning research on coffee-related issues and of the Senior Economist for the ICO Coffee Development Report 2020.

Main responsibilities:

1. Conducting quantitative economics research on the global coffee market, in particular socio-economic aspects of coffee production, processing and trade.
2. Assisting in formulating recommendations on agricultural and sector policies that foster the sustainable growth of global coffee value chains.
3. In order to complement ICO statistical data identifying, collect, and summarize relevant data on the coffee sector from other sources (World Bank, WTO, UNCTAD, USDA, etc.).
4. Performing independently and with minimal supervision/guidance quantitative economic research including time-series and panel data analyses based on ICO data on coffee trade as well as data from other sources.
5. Orally presenting (or participate in orally presenting) research results to internal and external clients and stakeholders.
6. Preparing write-ups and visualising results to be included in the Coffee Development Report.
7. Contributing to scientific stature activities by participating in internal presentations/seminars, and presenting work/papers at conferences.
8. Proactively collaborating with other sections throughout the Organization as required to perform his/her functions including the organization of sessions of the International Coffee Council and other meetings and contributing to the preparation of documents.

The incumbent may be required to perform other related responsibilities, as requested by the Executive Director or the Head of Operations, including replacing and/or backstopping for others within and outside the section as required.

Level and purpose of contacts

Inside the Organization –

Daily contacts with the Chief Economist and the Senior Economist, with the Statistics section and ICO staff at all levels to exchange information advice and briefings as required.

Outside the Organization –

Contacts with partners and other stakeholders related with the above-tasks, to provide/exchange information, respond to queries; as related to the Coffee Development Report or other studies, research and analytical work, organization of meetings, seminars and workshops and communication activities.

	Required Qualifications
Education & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced degree/PhD in Economics, Agricultural Economics, Development Economics or related field. - Proven experience in conducting quantitative economic research and formulating policy recommendations in the field of agriculture and rural development/commodities is required. - Proven experience in econometric analysis (time series and/or panel data analysis) using statistical software (e.g. STATA, R, SPSS) is required. - Knowledge of global agricultural commodity markets with knowledge of the coffee market will be an advantage. - Experience in drafting reports and editing technical texts for publication.
Language(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent communications skills, both oral and written, in English (preferably as mother tongue). Fluency in Spanish would be an asset, as well as knowledge of other official languages of the Organization (Portuguese and French).
Specialised Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative, methodical approach, tact and ability to work under pressure and subject to strict deadlines. - Good organizational skills and innovation and creativity capabilities. - Ability to establish and maintain good working relations with staff and external contacts, including academia and research community, government representatives, international organizations. - Experience in working in a multi-cultural environment is an asset.

How to apply
<p>Interested candidates are invited to submit their CVs to the Head of Operations: patacconi@ico.org, by 22 March 2020 at the latest, referring to this vacancy ICO/VA-1/20.</p> <p>Posting period: From 28.02.2020 to 22.03.2019</p> <p>ICO only accepts duly completed applications with a motivation letter and a Curriculum Vitae and 3 references using: (downloaded) https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/sites/default/files/ecv_template_en.doc (or online and saved) https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/editors/en/cv/compose</p> <p>Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</p> <p>For further information please refer to: www.ico.org</p>
<p>No Fees: ICO does not charge a fee at any stage of its recruitment process (application, interview, processing, training or other fee). ICO does not request any information related to bank accounts.</p>
<p>The ICO is committed to achieving 50/50 gender balance in its staff. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.</p>