



### Post of Chief Economist

1. The Executive Director presents her compliments and wishes to inform Members and members of the Private Sector Consultative Board that the Organization is recruiting for the post of Chief Economist.
2. The Job Description for the post, together with the necessary information for applicants, is attached.
3. The ICO will only accept duly completed applications including a motivation letter, a curriculum vitae using the designated templates (see below) and two references. **The original deadline has been extended to 17 March 2025.** Due to the high volume of applications we receive, only applications shortlisted for the post will be acknowledged.
4. You are kindly requested to bring this vacancy notice to the attention of qualified candidates.



### Chief Economist P-04

<b>Posting Title:</b>	Chief Economist
<b>Grade Level:</b>	P-04
<b>Department/Office:</b>	Operations Division
<b>Duty Station:</b>	London, United Kingdom
<b>Type of contract:</b>	Fixed-term
<b>Estimated Start Date:</b>	As soon as possible
<b>Closing Date for Application:</b>	17 March 2025

#### About the International Coffee Organization

The International Coffee Organization (ICO) is a knowledge-based international organization. It was established in 1963 under the aegis of the United Nations following the approval of the first International Coffee Agreement in 1962. The ICO is the only intergovernmental organization for coffee bringing together exporting and importing governments. It currently represents 94% of world coffee production and 64% of world consumption. The mission of the Organization is to strengthen the global coffee sector and promote its sustainable expansion in a market-based environment for the benefit of all actors in the Global Coffee Value Chain (G-CVC). The ICO provides a unique forum for dialogue between governments, the private sector, development partners, civil society and all coffee stakeholders in order to tackle the challenges facing the sector through international cooperation and to nurture opportunities.

The Organization collects and compiles independent official statistics on coffee production, trade and consumption, supports the development and funding of technical cooperation projects and public-private partnerships, and promotes sustainability and coffee consumption. It helps the coffee sector contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): it aims to increase the resilience of local communities and coffee farmers, in particular smallholders, and enable them to benefit from coffee production and trade, which can in turn aid in the eradication of poverty by providing a living income for families.

#### The Operations Division

The Operations Division is responsible for day-to-day operations, for the execution of the ICO annual Programme of Activities and for servicing the International Coffee Council and related technical committees. It encompasses four main areas: i) statistics, including data collection, management, analysis and reporting; ii) economic research and analysis, including the publication of the ICO Coffee Development Report (CDR), the development, fundraising and monitoring of technical cooperation projects, as well as the promotion of coffee consumption; iii) Secretariat, External Relations and Communication, covering relations with ICO Member states and public and private coffee stakeholders, the organization of ICO annual conferences and meetings and external

communication to promote the ICO and its activities with Members, coffee stakeholders, development partners and the media; and iv) sustainability and partnerships, including the operation of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF) and its Technical Workstreams.

## Responsibilities

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible to the Head of Operations on all matters concerning the Economics and the Statistics Sections of the Organization, and within the framework of the delegated authority, the incumbent is assigned all or part of the following duties:

1. Taking a lead role in data analysis and economic research initiatives and conducting comprehensive economic analysis and forecasting on the global coffee market. Analysis of the coffee market should be based on in-depth expertise in global economic trends, particularly within the agricultural sector, as well as knowledge of the coffee sector or other soft commodities, hence helping to shape the Organization's strategies and policy recommendations.
2. Managing the design, execution, finalization and publication of research projects and studies and preparing reports. The incumbent will assess key topics related to challenges and opportunities in the coffee sector such as:
  - a. Coffee market fundamentals and industry trends, market dynamics and price fluctuations, global policies and socio-economic impacts on coffee production and trade, including value distribution;
  - b. Sustainability, climate change and environmental issues;
  - c. Access to finance, know-how and markets, value distribution and public-private partnership mechanisms;
  - d. Policies and strategies of governments, of the private sector and of non-governmental entities involved in the coffee sector.
3. Overseeing the preparation and revision of the Coffee Development Report and other related publications, including mandatory reports on coffee trade. Promoting and nurturing relations with key economic organizations and academic institutions, as well as other stakeholders within governments, the private sector and civil society, and organizing and delivering presentations in conferences, seminars and other coffee-related events.
4. Leading the development, execution, monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation projects.
5. In collaboration with the Economics and the Statistics Sections (in close liaison with the Statistical Coordinator), formulating the annual Programme of Activities and creating strategies the Organization can use to meet its objectives. The employee will also contribute to the preparation of the annual Budget.
6. Overseeing the work of, managing, guiding, coaching, and assessing the performance of staff assigned to the Economics and the Statistics Sections to ensure the smooth and effective use of financial and human resources.

7. Within the delegated authority, assuming responsibility for the Operations Division when the Head of Operations is absent.
8. Performing other related responsibilities, including replacing and/or backstopping for others within and outside the section as required.

**Level and purpose of contacts**

**Inside the Organization**

Contacts with staff at all levels throughout the ICO as part of leading the Economics and the Statistics Sections to ensure collaboration and to brief and provide guidance and advice on all aspects of economics and related issues; to facilitate mutual understanding and guarantee the smooth running of the Organization.

**Outside the Organization**

Contacts with a wide range of officials from Member countries, partners and other stakeholders to provide them with information and brief them on ICO activities in the field of economics and statistics in order to facilitate and ensure mutual understanding.

<b>Skill and Behaviour Requirement</b>	<b>Required Qualifications</b>
<b>Education &amp; Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advanced university degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics or Agriculture or related fields, preferably at PhD level.</li> <li>- Proven track record as a lead/senior economist in a public or private sector entity, preferably in an international environment, with knowledge of the soft commodity market, of the international trade situation and of stakeholders such as the FAO, UNCTAD/ITC, IFIs, etc.</li> <li>- Deep knowledge of the coffee sector will be highly advantageous.</li> <li>- Extensive experience in drafting reports and editing technical texts for publication.</li> </ul>
<b>Language(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Excellent command of the English language, oral and written, and a good knowledge of at least one of the other official languages of the Organization (Spanish, Portuguese and French).</li> </ul>
<b>Specialized Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ability to perform advanced analysis using knowledge of econometrics and other economic analysis tools.</li> <li>- Proven excellent communication, presentation and writing skills.</li> <li>- Ability to maintain good working relations with staff and external contacts.</li> <li>- Initiative, methodical approach, tact and ability to work under strict deadlines.</li> <li>- Good organizational and supervisory capabilities.</li> </ul>

### How to apply

The ICO only accepts duly completed applications sent to [ed@ico.org](mailto:ed@ico.org) by 17 March 2025 with:

1. A motivation letter,
2. A curriculum vitae using one of the following templates: <https://europa.eu/europass/en> or <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/editors/en/cv/compose> (online and saved),
3. Two references.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

For further information please refer to: <http://www.icocoffee.org>

#### **No Fee:**

The ICO does not charge a fee at any stage of its recruitment process (application, interview, processing, training or other fee).

The ICO does not request any information related to bank accounts.