International Coffee Council
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Draft Agenda

Item Document

1. Draft Agenda and schedule of meetings – to adopt
ICC-98-0 Rev. 2
Guide to meetings

2. Votes and credentials

2.1 Votes in the Council for coffee year 2006/07 – to approve
EB-3918/06 Rev. 4

The Secretary will report.

2.2 Initial distribution of votes in the Council for coffee year 2007/08 – to approve
ED-2017/07
ED-2018/07
EB-3934/07 (to follow)

Paragraph (5) of Article 13 of the Agreement provides that the distribution of votes shall be determined by the Council at the beginning of each coffee year. Under the provisions of Article 13, the votes of exporting Members and of importing Members are based on their exports and imports respectively in the preceding four calendar years. Documents ED-2017/07 and ED-2018/07 contain the statistical basis for the proposed distribution of votes. The initial distribution of votes for coffee year 2007/08 will be circulated.

2.3 Credentials – to approve
verbal

The Chairman will examine the credentials with the assistance of the Secretariat.
to consider and, if appropriate, to approve


The Council will consider draft Resolutions extending the 2001 Agreement and adopting the text of a new Agreement.

4. Membership of the ICA 2001

4.1 Current situation – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

As at 6 September 2007, there were 77 Members of the Organization, comprising 45 exporting and 32 importing countries. The Council will consider two draft Resolutions respectively extending the time limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, and for the deposit of instruments by Governments which are provisionally applying the Agreement. The Executive Director will report on the current situation of membership and on contacts with non-member countries.

4.2 Accession of Timor-Leste – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

In May 2007, the Council approved Resolution 428 extending the time limit for the accession of Timor-Leste to 25 September 2007. As the Government of Timor-Leste may require additional time to complete the procedures, the Council may wish to consider a draft Resolution extending this deadline.

5. Coffee market situation – to note

The Executive Director will introduce an analysis of the market situation.

6. Coffee development projects

6.1 Projects already approved by the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) – to note

The Head of Operations will report on projects approved by the CFC. Progress reports on the following projects will be circulated:

- Coffee market development and trade promotion in Eastern and Southern Africa
- Improvement of coffee production in Africa by the control of coffee wilt disease – tracheomycosis
- Integrated white stem borer management in smallholder coffee farms in India, Malawi and Zimbabwe
• Improving coffee quality in East and Central Africa through enhanced processing practices
• Robusta quality and marketing improvement by optimal use of coffee terroirs
• Pilot rehabilitation of the coffee sectors in Honduras and Nicaragua
• Pilot rehabilitation of neglected coffee plantations into small family production units in Angola
• Diversification of production in marginal areas in the State of Veracruz, Mexico
• Short and medium term finance for small-scale coffee farmers in Kenya

6.2 Projects for approval by the Council – to consider and, if appropriate, to approve

The Chairman of the Executive Board will report on the following projects which have been reviewed by the Virtual Screening Committee (VSC) (see document EB-3935/07) and will be considered by the Board in September 2007:

• Revitalizing productivity, quality and trade in coffee from Africa
• International research and development services for the durable genetic control of two destructive diseases affecting Arabica coffee
• Renovation of CATIE’s international coffee collection
• Coffee Berry Borer – the need for a review of the status and knowledge of a serious coffee pest

7. Programme of activities for 2007/08 – to consider and to approve

The Executive Director will report.

8. Private Sector Consultative Board

8.1 Report by the Chairman of the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) – to note

The Chairman of the PSCB will report on the meeting of 26 September 2007.

8.2 Membership of the PSCB for coffee years 2007/08 and 2008/09 – to approve

The term of office for members of the PSCB who were appointed by the Council at its 94th Session in September 2005 will expire in September 2007. The Executive Director circulated ED-2014/07 to all Members in June 2007 requesting them to inform him of nominations for representatives and alternates for coffee years 2007/08 and 2008/09.
9. Report by the Chairman of the Statistics Committee – to note/approve

The Chairman of the Statistics Committee will report on the meeting of 26 September 2007.

The Council will consider the recommendation of the Statistics Committee on the market share of each group and their weightings in the calculation of ICO group and composite prices from 1 October 2007.

10. Promotion – to note

Article 34 of the Agreement provides that the Promotion Committee shall report regularly to the Council. The Chairman of the Promotion Committee will report.

The representative of Brazil will report on developments in Coffee and Health activities in Brazil, particularly with respect to the Pan-American Games held in Rio de Janeiro in July 2007.

11. Cooperation with other agencies – to note

The Executive Director will report.

12. National coffee policies – to note

Member countries are invited to report on changes in coffee policies in their countries and to provide copies of statements and other information for circulation to Members.

13. Financial and administrative matters

13.1 Draft Administrative Budget for the financial year 2007/08 – to approve

The Chairman of the Executive Board will report.

13.2 Payment of arrears – to consider

The Executive Director will report on compliance by Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo with the provisions of Resolutions 429 and 430.

13.3 Other financial and administrative matters – to consider/note

The Chairman of the Executive Board will report on other financial and administrative matters considered by the Board, including the appointment of the Head of Operations, proposals for salary scales, dependency allowances and the basis for contributions to the Provident Fund for staff in the General Service category, and proposals for the basis for contributions to the Provident Fund for staff in the Professional and higher categories.
14. Elections for coffee year 2007/08

14.1 Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Council – to elect

According to Article 11 of the Agreement the Chairman and first Vice-Chairman this year should be elected from among the representatives of exporting Members. The second and third Vice-Chairmen should be elected from among the representatives of importing Members. Previous Chairmen from exporting Member countries were from Mexico (2003/04) and Côte d’Ivoire (2005/06).

14.2 Executive Board – to elect

Voting procedures are outlined in Article 18 of the Agreement and Rule 46 of the Rules of the Organization.

14.3 Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board – to elect

Article 17 of the Agreement provides that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should both be from the same category of membership. For 2007/08, precedent indicates that this should be from the category of importing Members. Previous Chairmen from importing Member countries were from Switzerland (2003/04) and Italy (2005/06).

15. Other business

15.1 Sustainability – to consider

The representative of UNCTAD will report on the meeting of the Sustainable Coffee Partnership.

15.2 Retirement of Mr. Pablo Dubois, Mr. Richard Marks, Ms. Lucía Pérez-Valdés and Mr. George Valls-Jové – to note

16. Future meetings – to note/to consider

The next Session of the Council will take place at the headquarters of the Organization in London during the week of 19 to 23 May 2008. Members are invited to suggest topics for presentations during these meetings, for inclusion on the Agenda, and improvements to future meeting arrangements.