



International Coffee Council  
115<sup>th</sup> Session  
28 September – 2 October 2015  
Milan, Italy

## Admission of observers

### Background

1. Rule 5 of the Rules of the Organization provides that, at the start of each Session, the Council shall decide on the acceptance of observers and designate the items on the Agenda of the Council and Committee meetings which shall be open to accepted observers<sup>1</sup>. Meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee are only open to Members. The terms of reference for the Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) (Annex II of document [ICC-110-13 Rev. 1](#)) provide that non-members, relevant organizations and experts in coffee matters may participate at meetings upon the invitation of the PSCB. Observers should therefore submit requests to attend PSCB meetings through its Chairperson.
2. In September 2014, the Council approved a list of observers to be admitted to Sessions in the following coffee year. A list of observers approved for admission who have confirmed their attendance at the 115<sup>th</sup> Session is attached as Annex I. Annex II contains the list of observers approved for admission in 2015/16 and Annex III contains copies of Articles 15 and 16 of the 2007 Agreement and Rule 5 of the Rules of the International Coffee Organization.
3. Additional observers wishing to attend meetings should have submitted requests for observer status in writing to the Executive Director at least 45 days prior to the Session (i.e. by **14 August 2015** in the case of the 115<sup>th</sup> Session from 28 September to 2 October 2015).
4. It is suggested that items relating to finance and administration on the Council Agenda should be restricted to Members only at this Session.

### Action

The Council is invited to consider the admission of the observers in Annex I and the items and meetings that shall be open to them at the 115<sup>th</sup> Session.

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 5 of Rule 34 provides that the Rules of the ICO shall also apply to meetings of committees, other subsidiary bodies and advisory bodies.

## OBSERVERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL SESSION AND OTHER MEETINGS

AS AT 25 SEPTEMBER 2015

<b>Intergovernmental organizations</b>	<b>Meetings / Items of interest</b>
African and Malagasy Robusta Coffee Agency (ACRAM)	Council and committees
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	Council and committees
InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO)	Council and committees
International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA)	Council and committees
<b>Private sector associations</b>	
All Japan Coffee Association (AJCA)	Council and committees
<b>Other organizations concerned with coffee</b>	
4C Association	Council and committees
Coffee Quality Institute (CQI)	Council and committees
<b>Observers invited by the Executive Director</b>	
Morten Scholer, Independent author of coffee books and coffee articles	Council and committees
Irene Vieira, Trader, Atlântica Exportação e Importação Ltda.	Council and committees
Tereza Barbosa, Atlântica Exportação e Importação Ltda.	Council and committees
Andrea Franklin, InterBrasil Coffee Ltda.	Council and committees
<b>Presenters</b>	
Vítor Várzea, Researcher, Coffee Rust Research Center, Portugal	Council and committees

**OBSERVERS TO BE ADMITTED TO COUNCIL SESSIONS IN 2015/16****Non-member countries**

Algeria	Fiji	Mozambique	Syrian Arab Republic
Argentina	Iceland	Myanmar	The former Yugoslav
Armenia	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	Nepal	Republic of
Australia	Israel	New Zealand	Macedonia
Belarus	Jordan	Oman	Trinidad and Tobago
Belize	Korea, Republic of	Pakistan	Ukraine
Botswana	Kuwait	Peru	United Arab Emirates
Cambodia	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Saudi Arabia	Uruguay
Canada	Lebanon	Serbia	
Chile	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Singapore	
China	Malaysia	South Africa	
Egypt	Mauritius	Sri Lanka	
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Sudan	

**Intergovernmental organizations**

- African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
- African and Malagasy Robusta Coffee Agency (ACRAM)
- African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- CABI
- Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI)
- Codex Alimentarius Commission
- Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)
- Commonwealth Secretariat
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) – Regional Program for the Development and Modernization of the Coffee Industry in Central America, Panama, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica (PROMECAFÉ)
- International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)
- International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- International Grains Council (IGC)
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC)
- International Olive Oil Council (IOC)
- International Sugar Organization (ISO)
- International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC)
- International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA)

- League of Arab States
- North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
  - International Centre for Science and High Technology (UNIDO – ICS)
- World Bank Group
- World Trade Organization (WTO)

**Other organizations concerned with coffee (including scientific organizations)**

- 4C Association
- Association for Science and Information on Coffee (ASIC)
- Centre for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development (CIRAD)
- Coffee Quality Institute (CQI)
- International Coffee Genomics Network (ICGN)

**Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) associations**

As designated by the Council for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

**Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance presenters**

As invited by the Core Group and Executive Director.

**Core Group advisers**

As designated by the Council.

**Seminar and workshop presenters in 2015/16**

As invited by the Executive Director.

**Experts in statistics who may attend Statistics Committee meetings and Council Sessions**

- Keith Flury (BNP Paribas)
- Kona Haque (ED&F Man)
- Judy Ganes-Chase (J. Ganes Consulting LLC)
- Daniel Gibson (Complete Commodity Solutions Ltd.)
- Euan Mann (Complete Commodity Solutions Ltd.)
- Vincent Monteux (Touton S.A.)
- Steve Pollard (Marex Spectron)

- Neil Rosser (Armajaro Holdings)
- Rob Simmons (LMC International Ltd., United Kingdom)
- Jon Stephenson (Ecom Trading)
- Nicholas Strychalski (Noble Americas Resource Corporation)
- Andrea Thompson (Coffee Network)
- Oli Tritton (Armajaro Holdings)
- Steve Wateridge (Tropical Research Services)
- Ana Wilks (Neumann Kaffee Gruppe)

**INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2007****ARTICLE 15****Cooperation with other organizations**

(1) The Council may make arrangements for consultation and cooperation with the United Nations and its specialized agencies; other appropriate intergovernmental organizations; and relevant international and regional organizations. It shall take full advantage of the facilities of the Common Fund for Commodities and other sources of funding. Such arrangements may include financial arrangements which the Council considers appropriate for achieving the objectives of this Agreement. However, in respect of the implementation of any project under such arrangements the Organization shall not incur any financial obligations for guarantees given by individual Members or other entities. No Member shall be responsible by reason of its membership of the Organization for any liability arising from borrowing or lending by any other Member or entity in connection with such projects.

(2) Where possible, the Organization may also collect from Members, non-members, and from donor and other agencies, information on development projects and programmes focussing on the coffee sector. Where appropriate, and with the agreement of the parties concerned, the Organization may make this information available to such other organizations as well as to Members.

**ARTICLE 16****Cooperation with non-governmental organizations**

In pursuing the objectives of this Agreement, the Organization may, without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 15, 29, 30 and 31, establish and strengthen cooperative activities with appropriate non-governmental organizations having expertise in relevant aspects of the coffee sector and with other experts in coffee matters.

## **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.