



**Report of the Core Group on the
Consultative Forum on the meeting
held on 15 March 2017**

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1. The Core Group held its 10th meeting on Wednesday 15 March 2017 under the Chairmanship of Mr Juan Esteban Orduz of Colombia.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

2. The draft agenda contained in document [CG-29/17 Rev. 1](#) was approved.

Item 2: Report of the 9th meeting of the Core Group held in September 2016

3. Members of the Group approved the report contained in document [CG-28/16](#).

Item 3: 6th Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance

4. The Group approved document [CF-14/17](#) containing the report of the 6th Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector held on 21 September 2016 in London.

Item 4: 7th Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance

5. The Chairman invited Members to comment on the following two topics for the 7th Forum which will be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in September 2017:

- (a) Challenges to coffee sustainability: the idea is to explore the challenges of the value chain with particular focus on production challenges (labour costs, climate change, environment, etc.)
- (b) How technology can support the coffee community in addressing the above challenges. For example, how to improve crop monitoring, productivity, data management, etc.

6. Experts from these areas will be invited to present new technologies and the Secretariat was encouraged to seek potential sponsors for the 7th Forum.

7. The forthcoming World Coffee Producers Forum in Colombia will also provide input for the next forum.

8. The Committee took note of these reports.

Item 5: Other business

9. There was no other business.

Item 6: Date of the next meeting

10. The Group noted that the next meeting of the Core Group would take place in London, United Kingdom at the time of the 121st Council Session in 2018.