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**120th Session of the
International Coffee Council
Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire
25 – 29 September 2017**

London, 17 July 2017 – The 120th Session of the International Coffee Council will be held in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, from 25 to 29 September 2017, marking the first time that a meeting of the ICO has been held in Côte d'Ivoire since 1969.

In addition to the International Coffee Council and committee meetings, a Workshop on Statistics and the 7th Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance will be held. Participants will have the opportunity to visit coffee farms and enjoy Côte d'Ivoire's coffee culture.

The Workshop on Statistics will allow officials responsible for providing data on exports and production of coffee to the ICO to exchange their experiences and the methodologies used to collate data in their relevant countries, and to receive advice on ways to improve compliance with the Organization's Rules on Statistics.

The theme of the 7th Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance is *Creating an enabling environment for high productivity in coffee farming*. Speakers representing coffee producing countries will present case studies on specific institutions, policies and initiatives that unlocked the potential of coffee producers. Participants will have the opportunity to become acquainted with best practices among Members of the ICO.

During the meetings, Members will also discuss the Organization's Strategic Review, national coffee policies, cooperation with other agencies and promotion activities.

Visit the website of the ICO at www.ico.org to download documents and the schedule for the various meetings.

About the International Coffee Organization

Founded in 1963, the International Coffee Organization (ICO) is the main intergovernmental organization for coffee, bringing together exporting and importing governments to tackle the challenges facing the world coffee sector through international cooperation. Its Member governments include 43 coffee-producing countries and 34 coffee consuming countries. Learn more at www.ico.org.