122ND SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS

DONORS FORUM: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT/ FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIP FAIR

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BACKGROUND

Member countries of the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and all coffee stakeholders face many challenges affecting their livelihood, sustainability and businesses, including price pressure and volatility, cost of inputs, access to market, knowledge and finance, gender gap, ageing workforce and plantations, productivity, quality, standards compliance, as well as climate change.

To address these challenges, Members are increasingly seeking ICO support for the identification, design, funding, monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation and investment projects. Emphasis is placed on opportunities to promote Public-Private Partnerships.

Against this background, the ICO has aligned its activities with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and Goals, and has recently engaged in renewed cooperation with Governments, key private sector actors and initiatives as well as bilateral, regional and multilateral financial, technical, and research organizations.

Furthermore, a Coffee Sustainability Projects Trust Fund has been established by the International Coffee Council. The objective of the Trust Fund is to meet the challenges of the coffee sector, and of smallholder farmers in particular, by sensitizing potential donors and mobilizing adequate financial, technological and human resources to enhance the sector's social, economic and environmental sustainability.

New efforts are also being made to assist Members to access the Global Environment Facility (GEF) that, in its current replenishment cycle (GEF-7) includes coffee as one of its targeted commodities. As a result, the ICO has developed a "Guide to access green and climate funding for the coffee sector: the Global Environment Facility (GEF)" to help countries to prioritize coffee in the current GEF-7 allocation of funds.

As mandated by the International Coffee Agreement 2007 and as defined by Goal III "Facilitating the development of projects and promotion programmes through public-private partnerships" in its Five-Year Action Plan (2017-2021), the ICO is not directly involved in project implementation or execution. The Organization acts as a catalyst, facilitator and honest-broker to assist Members in project identification, design, fundraising and monitoring and by linking public and private coffee stakeholders with international organizations, institutions, donors and the private sector.

DONORS FORUM: PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Donors Forum is within the scope of the ICO's Projects Committee, which has the mandate to consider all matters relating to the submission, appraisal, approval, ranking, and funding of projects, including proposals for cooperation activities, as well as their implementation, monitoring and evaluation, with provision for wide dissemination of results, and submission of recommendations to the International Coffee Council.

Special attention will be placed on reducing the gender gap and the impact of climate change in the coffee sector - the ICO's thematic focus for coffee years 2017/18 and 2018/19 respectively.

PROGRAMME

To support a positive exchange of ideas and information, a panel of high-level international speakers will explore the following topics:

Opening of the Forum
H.E. Ambassador Iván Romero-Martínez - Chair, Projects Committee
José Sette - Executive Director, International Coffee Organization

How to access funding for coffee sustainability projects
Gerardo Patacconi - Head of Operations, International Coffee Organization

Overview of funding to the coffee sector
Michael Roberts - Head, Aid for Trade Unit, Development Division, World Trade Organization (WTO)

EU funding for development
Leonard Mizzi - Acting Director, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, DEVCO Directorate C - Planet and Prosperity, European Commission

The Global Environment Facility (GEF): GEF7 and coffee:
Mohamed Imam Bakarr - Lead Environmental Specialist, Strategic Programming Initiatives, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) - tbc

Why Development Financial Institutions allocate funds to the coffee sector
Nathan M. Belete - Practice Manager, Agriculture Global Practice East Asia and the Pacific, World Bank - tbc

Bilateral funding and PPPs, Italian Cooperation success for coffee in Ethiopia
Giorgio Marrapodi - Director General, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Questions and Answers

Conclusions

REGISTRATION

Please register to attend and share this event within your network:
https://icodonorsforum18.eventbrite.co.uk

Registration closes on 10 September 2018.

PARTNERSHIP FAIR - 19 SEPTEMBER: 09:30-12:30

To complement the Donors Forum, Members will also have the opportunity to take part in the Partnership Fair, to hold face-to-face meetings with donors, international organizations and partners.