

International Coffee Council
112th Session
3 – 7 March 2014
London, United Kingdom

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 observers¹. 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](#)) 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 2013, 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 112th Session is attached as Annex I. Annex II contains the list of observers approved for admission in 2013/14 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 **16 January 2014** in the case of the 112th Session from 3 to 7 March 2014).
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 112th Session.

¹ 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 3 MARCH 2014

Intergovernmental organizations	Meetings / Items of interest
CABI	Council and committees
Common Fund for Commodities	Council and committees
InterAfrican Coffee Organisation	Council and committees
Inter-American Development Bank	Council and committees
International Women's Coffee Alliance	Council and committees
Non-member countries	
Algeria	Council and committees
Japan	Council and committees
Korea, Republic of	Council and committees
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Council and committees
Nepal	Council and committees
Peru	Council and committees
Russian Federation	Council and committees
Sri Lanka	Council and committees
Private sector associations²	
African Fine Coffees Association	Council and committees
All Japan Coffee Association	Council and committees
Coffee Association of Canada	Council and committees
Coffee Exporters Association of India	Council and committees
European Coffee Federation	Council and committees
Speciality Coffee Association of Europe (SCAE)	Council and committees
Statistical experts	
Euan Mann, Complete Commodity Solutions Ltd.	Council and committees
Judy Ganes-Chase, CEO, J. Ganes Consulting LLC	Council and committees
Steve Wateridge, Tropical Solutions	Council and committees
Consultative Forum experts and Core Group advisors	
Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)	Council and committees

² Not already included in Member or observer delegations.

OBSERVERS TO BE ADMITTED TO COUNCIL SESSIONS IN 2013/14

Non-member countries

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

Intergovernmental organizations

- African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
- 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)

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

Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB) associations

As designated by the Council for 2013/14 and 2014/15.

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 2013/14

As invited by the Executive Director.

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

- Judy Ganes-Chase (*J. Ganes Consulting LLC*)
- Euan Mann (*Complete Commodity Solutions Ltd.*)
- Neil Rosser (*Armajaro Holdings*)
- Rob Simmons (*LMC International Ltd., United Kingdom*)
- Andrea Thompson (*Coffee Network*)

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.