



International Coffee Council
113th Session
22 – 26 September 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 (see document [ICC-111-3 Rev. 1](#)). A list of observers approved for admission who have confirmed their attendance as at 8 September 2014 is attached as Annex I. The Annex will be updated during the Council Session to reflect the latest status of observers who have advised us that they wish to attend the Council.
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 **7 August 2014** in the case of the 113th Session from 22 to 26 September 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.

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.

5. Additional organizations and individuals invited to attend Council Sessions to make presentations or to make a contribution on a specific topic are listed in Annex I and will attend for the relevant agenda item only.

Sessions in 2014/15

6. As was the case in 2013/14, with a view to streamlining the process of accepting observers and encouraging attendance by non-member countries and other observers, it is proposed that the Council should approve a list of observers who may be admitted to Sessions in March and September 2014/15. A list of observers who have been invited to previous Council Sessions and who could be considered for admission in the next coffee year is attached as Annex II. It is also proposed that presenters at Seminars and workshops in 2014/15 should be admitted as observers, and that experts in the field of statistics invited to attend either Statistics Committee meetings or the round-table on statistics should also be admitted as observers to Council Sessions.

7. Observer countries and organizations not included on this list should submit requests for observer status in writing to the Executive Director at least 45 days prior to the Session (i.e. by 15 January and 30 July 2015). In the case of additional organizations and individuals invited to attend Council Sessions to make presentations or to make a contribution on a specific topic the Council would be informed about this at the start of the Session and they would attend for the relevant agenda item only.

8. The Council will decide at each Session specific items which would be open to observers in these categories. Annex III contains copies of Articles 15 and 16 of the 2007 Agreement and Rule 5 of the Rules of the International Coffee Organization.

Action

The Council is invited to consider the admission of the observers in Annex I and II and the items and meetings that shall be open to them at the 113th Session, and to further consider and approve observers who may be admitted to the Council Session in coffee year 2014/15.

**OBSERVERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL SESSION AND OTHER MEETINGS
STATUS AS AT 22 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Intergovernmental organizations	Meetings / Items of interest
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Council and committees
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)	Council and committees
CABI	Council and committees
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	Council and committees
InterAfrican Coffee Organisation (IACO)	Council and committees
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	Council and committees
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	Council and committees
International Sugar Organization (ISO)	Council and committees
International Trade Centre (ITC)	Council and committees
International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA)	Council and committees
World Bank	Council and committees
Non-member countries	
Japan	Council and committees
Korea, Republic of	Council and committees
Peru	Council and committees
Russian Federation	Council and committees
Private sector associations²	
African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA)	Council and committees
All Japan Coffee Association (AJCA)	Council and committees
European Coffee Federation (ECF)	Council and committees
Organizations concerned with coffee	
4C Association	Council and committees
Consultative Forum presenters and Core Group advisors²	
Massimo Battaglia, Programme Officer, Coffee Projects in Central America, Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare, Italian Cooperation, Foreign Office Ministry, Italy	Council and committees
Renee Boelaars, Region Manager Team, Latin America, Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries (CBI), Netherlands	Council and committees
Gaëlle Bonnieux, Head, Agriculture Debt Financing, ResponsAbility Investments AG	Council and committees
Pablo García Camacho, Trustee, Neumann Foundation	Council and committees
Femke de Jong, Programme Manager Team Latin America, Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries (CBI), Netherlands	Council and committees

² Not already included in Member or observer delegations

Eberhard Krain, Advisor, Sustainability and Standards in Agricultural Value Chains, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany	Council and committees
Ian Lachmund, Project Director, Coffee Partnership for Tanzania, Deutsche Investitions und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH (DEG), Germany	Council and committees
Ángel Mario Martínez García, Executive Director, Progreso Foundation	Council and committees
Noemí Pérez, President and CEO, Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)	Council and committees
Carles Puigmartí Borrell, Programme Officer, Office for Technical Cooperation, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)	Council and committees
José Luis Rhi-Sausi, Socio-Economic Secretary, Istituto Italo-Latino Americano (IILA), Italy	Council and committees
Anton Timpers, Senior Investment Officer, Agribusiness Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO), Netherlands	Council and committees
Ted van der Put, Programme Director, Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH)	Council and committees
Peter Veening, Investment Manager, Rabobank Rural Fund	Council and committees
Nelleke Veenstra, Senior Investment Officer Trade Finance, Triodos Investment Management BV	Council and committees
Elisabeth Wilson, Business Development Manager, Shared Interest	Council and committees
Presentations / contributions on specific topics	
Kimberley Easson, Coffee Quality Institute (CQI)	Council and committees
Prof. Giorgio Graziosi, University of Trieste	Council and committees
Michael Opitz, Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung	Council and committees
Tim Schilling, Executive Director, World Coffee Research	Council and committees
Francesco Tramontin, Chair of the Vision 2020 Task Force	Council and committees
Head of Communications, Oxfam	Council and committees
Requests from new observers at this Session	
African and Malagasy Robusta Coffee Agency (ACRAM) (see document ICC-113-3 Add.1)	Council and committees

OBSERVERS TO BE ADMITTED TO COUNCIL SESSIONS IN 2014/15

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 and Malagasy Robusta Coffee Agency (ACRAM)
- 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)

- 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 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 2014/15

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 Mouteux (*Touton S.A.*)
- Steve Pollard (*Marex Spectron*)
- Neil Rosser (*Armajaro Holdings*)
- Rob Simmons (*LMC International Ltd., United Kingdom*)

- Nicholas Strychalski (*Noble Americas Resource Corporation*)
- Jon Stephenson (*Ecom Trading*)
- 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.