



Projects Committee

8th Meeting

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London, United Kingdom

Draft Agenda

Item

Document

1. Draft Agenda – *to adopt*

PJ-74/14 Rev. 1

2. Project activities

2.1 Projects in the pipeline – *to consider*

PJ-76/14

As requested by the Committee, the ICO has set up a task force of Members to review all projects in the pipeline. The Committee will consider the outcome of this review in September 2014.

2.2 Project procedures – *to consider*

[PJ-34/12 Rev. 2](#)

[PJ-17/11 Rev. 5](#)

PJ-75/14

The Committee will consider the revised terms of reference for the Virtual Screening Subcommittee (VSS), a revised project assessment document incorporating suggestions made by the Committee in March 2014, and other procedures for projects including guidelines for the submission of project proposals to the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) and other donors. The Chief Economist will report.

2.3 ICO Development Strategy for Coffee – *to consider*

[ICC-105-16 Rev. 1](#)

The Committee will consider the revised ICO Development Strategy for coffee.

3. Coffee development projects

3.1 Projects under consideration by the ICO – *to consider* PJ-79/14

New and revised project proposals for consideration in March 2015 should reach the ICO by **12 December 2014**. The Secretariat will introduce the report of the VSS on one new project proposal received from Members.

- **Promotion of a sustainable coffee industry in the Central African Republic** – new proposal submitted by the Government of the Central African Republic PJ-77/14

3.2 Projects under consideration by donors – *to note* PJ-78/14

The Chief Economist will report on projects under consideration by the CFC and other donors.

3.3 Approved and recently concluded projects – *to note* PJ-80/14

Document PJ-80/14 contains a progress report on the implementation of projects approved by the CFC and other donors. The representative of the Project Executing Agency will make a presentation on the 'Building capacity in coffee certification and verification for specialty coffee farmers in AFCA countries' project.

4. Cooperation with other agencies – *to consider* verbal

Common Fund for Commodities (CFC): The representative of the CFC will report on CFC policies and coffee projects funded by the Fund through its open call for proposals.

Brazilian Agency for Cooperation (ABC): The representative of Brazil will report on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding to promote triangular technical cooperation in coffee producing countries.

Microinsurance Catastrophe Risk Organisation (MiCRO): The representative of MiCRO will make a presentation on the Central America Disaster Microinsurance Expansion (CADME) Programme in Nicaragua.

Low interest rates for projects: As requested by the Council, the Head of Operations will report on discussions with multilateral financial institutions on the possibility of below-market rates for projects dealing with the livelihoods of people working in the coffee sector.

5. Challenges for ICO projects

5.1 Added value of projects – *to consider*

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The Head of Operations will report on follow up to discussions at the last meeting on challenges for ICO projects, including the added value of project activities such as screening and designing projects or acting as Project Executing Agency, developing its role in holding workshops and disseminating knowledge, and assisting countries in considering the impact of new proposals on the coffee chain.

6. Other business

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Reports by Members – to note: Members may wish to report on the rehabilitation of their coffee sectors, as well as progress on dealing with coffee diseases and pests.

Review of scientific research and development in coffee – to consider: The Committee will consider a proposal to provide for the review of scientific research and developments on coffee either by the Projects Committee or by establishing a new Technical Committee as appropriate.

Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2014/15 – to note: The Council will approve the composition of the Committee for 2014/15 during its 113th Session in September 2014. At its first meeting in March 2015, the Committee will appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2014/15.

7. Date of next meeting – *to note*

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The next meeting will take place in London at the time of the 114th Council Session from 2 to 6 March 2015.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS
<u>Terms of reference for the Projects Committee (Annex III)</u>
<u>Terms of reference for the Virtual Screening Subcommittee</u>
<u>Development strategy for coffee</u>
<u>Action Plan</u>
Technical presentations