



Projects Committee
9th Meeting
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London, United Kingdom

**Report of the
Virtual Screening Subcommittee (VSS)
on one coffee project proposal**

Background

1. This report contains the assessment provided by the Virtual Screening Subcommittee (VSS) on the following project proposal which will be considered by the Projects Committee and Council in March 2015: Revitalization of the coffee sector of Zimbabwe through enhancement of the coffee value chain.
2. The VSS is currently composed of Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala and Indonesia (exporting Members) and Italy, Spain and the USA (importing Members).
3. One VSS Member completed the assessment form for the proposal and made specific recommendations about the eligibility of the project.

Action

The Projects Committee is requested to consider the report of the VSS and to submit recommendations on the above proposals to the Council.

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ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT FOR PROJECTS

	Yes/No	To be completed by the VSS
ICO Criteria ¹		Analysis: for each criterion explain why it is adequately met, or why it is not relevant. Please do not cut and paste text from the project document.
1. Country eligibility: Are the intended beneficiaries of the project consistent with the type of beneficiaries described in paragraph 30 of ICC-105-16 Rev. 1 ?	Yes	There are 1,000 smallholder farmers directly dependent on the coffee sector.
2. Aims and purposes: Are they consistent with the 2007 Agreement and ICC-105-16 Rev. 1 ?	Yes	It will enhance farmer capacity, production, quality, access to finance and contribute to improving the income of smallholder farmers.
3. Is the project consistent with country or regional priorities?	Yes	It will contribute to achieving the MDGs which are eradicating poverty and hunger.
4. Are there critical gaps or problems with the project?	Yes	The document does not provide evidence of how to generate money from the project to pay off the loan as required by the new funding policy of the CFC.
5. Is the project likely to have sustainable impacts for project beneficiaries?	Yes	Enhancing capacity of small farmers and applying GAP at farm level will contribute to sustain their production.
6. Is the scale and scope, including budget, of the project appropriate?	Yes	The budget is adequate for five years.
7. Is the timeframe of the project appropriate?	Yes	Five years could be an adequate timeframe to achieve the goal and purpose of the project.
8. Government commitment: Is the counterpart contribution committed by the government appropriate?	Yes	The Government contribution amounts to US\$3,762,900.
9. Has the proponent suggested or identified any sources of funding? Are they public, private or both?	Yes	Government.
10. Does this project leverage additional resources through private sector, civil society, government, or academic participation?	Yes	Private sector, research institute.
11. Will this project develop capacity-building in the local community?	Yes	It is one of the activities of the project
12. Does the selected Project Executing Agency have sound experience in implementing such a project?	Yes	ZCM has enough experience.

¹ See 'Development Strategy for coffee' – Document [ICC-105-16 Rev. 1](#).

<p>13. Has a gender analysis been undertaken and its recommendations taken into account²?</p> <p>If the project has a gender dimension, does the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaggregate people-level indicators by sex? - Promote equal opportunities for men and women (including youth) to participate in and benefit from the project? 	Yes	It was considered as a central issue in implementing the project.
	No	There is no specific information in the document.
	Yes	But more detail information is required, particularly the participation of youth.
<p>14. Sustainability of the project: can activities under the project continue once it has concluded?</p>	Yes	It can be applied in other countries facing similar issues.
<p>15. In case of financing through repayable loans, can the project generate enough profit to reimburse these loans?</p>	No	The document does not provide adequate information on this.
<p>16. Does the proponent/beneficiary institution have financial records</p>	Yes	But more detail information is required.
<p>The project is considered ELIGIBLE/NOT ELIGIBLE for ICO support (cross out as appropriate): The proponent needs to revise the proposal particularly in relation to generating profit from the project in line with the CFC's new funding policy. If this can be explained well, Indonesia could support this project proposal.</p> <p>Name and title of the VSS or Projects Committee Member (<i>physical signature not required</i>): Indonesia</p> <p>Date: 23 January 2015</p>		

² See relevant ICO document on [gender analysis](#).