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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> CEO & Global Leaders  
Forum held on 8 September 2021  
and the 130<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
International Coffee Council to be  
held on 9 and 10 September 2021**

**London, 8 September 2021** – The 130<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council will convene online on [9-10 September 2021](#), directly after meetings of other ICO bodies and the 3<sup>rd</sup> CEO & Global Leaders Forum (CGLF), which were held from 1 to 8 September.

The International Coffee Council will bring together over 40 Members representing exporting and importing countries, including the member states of the European Union, under the chairmanship of Mr John Muldowney, (EU-Ireland), supported by the Vice-Chair Ambassador Iván Romero-Martínez (Honduras), to consider the work programme of the Organization and budget for coffee year 2021/22 and to focus on significant strides made in the revision of the 2007 International Coffee Agreement (ICA). The current 2007 Agreement is expected to be renewed, as is standard practice, in order to provide the necessary time to enable ICO Members to agree on and ratify a new ICA. The new Agreement will include a stronger emphasis on partnerships with the private sector and civil society, as well as development and financial institutions, with the objective of striving towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Members will also review the candidates for the post of Executive Director of the ICO, who will be taking office on 1 May 2022.

Other decisions to be taken are on the recommendations of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF), which has agreed on new commitments of the coffee industry and governments regarding market transparency, sustainable production and responsible sourcing, and discussed ways to address the current volatility in coffee prices due to adverse climate conditions in major producing countries, rising freight costs and other disruptions to trade flows in the form of lockdown restrictions.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> CEO & Global Leaders Forum (CGLF), which is part of the ICO-led structured sector-wide dialogue, was held in a closed session on 8 September. This high-level event brings together top executives of the coffee value chain, producers, traders, roasters, retailers, and high-level decision-makers of the public sector, together with development partners and civil society. Together these stakeholders considered the outcomes of the work of the CPPTF and took steps towards measurable commitments for the sustainable future of coffee growers and of the whole coffee sector in line with the SDGs. Addressing specifically the issue of coffee price volatility, the CGLF was inspired by a keynote speech presented by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, with interventions by the minister of Agriculture of Brazil, the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia, Starbucks, and Volcafe, and by an intense interchange on how to collectively address current issues and the sustainable future of coffee.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **International Coffee Organization (ICO)**

The International Coffee Organization (ICO) is a multilateral organization supporting exporting and importing countries to improve the sustainability of the coffee sector. It provides a high-level forum for all public and private stakeholders in the sector; official statistics on coffee production, trade and consumption; and support for the development and funding of technical cooperation projects and public-private partnerships.

### **International Coffee Council**

The International Coffee Council is the governing body of the ICO, bringing together Governments from countries which export and import coffee. The Council meets twice a year to discuss wide ranging issues with the aim of promoting a sustainable coffee sector. The 130<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council will be held from 9-10 September virtually.

### **Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF)**

The CPPTF is an innovative and unique model for public-private dialogue to mobilize efforts and resources for all to engage, reach consensus and put into action, but leaves flexibility to elevate existing individual and shared coffee sector sustainability initiatives and crucially fills gaps where no initiatives yet exist. Progress on commitments and targets are reported via the Sustainable Coffee Challenge (SCC) Commitment Hub and the Task Force website.

### **The CEO and Global Leader Forum (CGLF)**

More information on the CGLF can be found here  
<https://www.internationalcoffeecouncil.com/about>

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