Background

This document contains the terms of reference for the Private Sector Consultative Board under the International Coffee Agreement 2007. The terms of reference were approved by the Council at its 102nd Session from 18 to 20 March 2009.
PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATIVE BOARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Private Sector Consultative Board (hereinafter referred to as the PSCB) shall make recommendations on any consultations made by the Council and invite the Council to give consideration to matters including the following:

   (a) increasing the value and volume of worldwide coffee consumption;
   (b) positive communication on coffee;
   (c) development of a sustainable coffee sector;
   (d) food safety;
   (e) coffee supply chain issues;
   (f) quality; and
   (g) World Coffee Conferences.

2. The PSCB shall consist of eight representatives of the private sector in exporting countries and eight representatives of the private sector in importing countries.

3. The PSCB members shall be representatives of associations or bodies designated by the Council every two coffee years, and may be re-appointed. The Council in so doing shall endeavour to designate:

   (a) two private sector coffee associations or bodies from exporting countries or regions representing each of the four groups of coffee (Colombian Mild Arabicas; Other Mild Arabicas; Brazilian Natural Arabicas and Robustas), preferably representing both growers and exporters, together with one or more alternates for each representative; and
   (b) eight private sector coffee associations or bodies from importing countries, whether Members or non-members, preferably representing both importers and roasters, together with one or more alternates for each representative.

4. Each member of the PSCB may designate one or more advisers.

5. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member.

6. The PSCB shall appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from among its members. These officers may be re-appointed.

7. The quorum required for a meeting of the PSCB shall be a simple majority of members from exporting associations and a simple majority of members from importing associations.

8. Non-members, relevant organizations and experts in coffee matters may participate at meetings upon the invitation of the PSCB.