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**Cooperation framework between the  
International Coffee Organization and the  
Coffee Training Center (CTC) of Ethiopia**

## Background

1. This document contains a copy of the Cooperation Framework between the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and the Coffee Training Center (CTC) of Ethiopia. It aims to capitalize on the facilities and capabilities of the CTC as a means to foster networking and build the capacity of public and private coffee stakeholders in the African coffee value chain.
2. This Cooperation Framework will also serve as a pilot for the establishment, networking, accreditation and financing of coffee training and technology centres in ICO Member countries and regions.
3. The document was originally circulated as [WP-Council 334/23](#) and noted by the Council during its 136<sup>th</sup> Session on 28 and 29 September 2023.

## **COOPERATION FRAMEWORK**

**Between**

**the International Coffee Organization**

**and**

**Coffee Training Center (CTC) of Ethiopia**

WHEREAS the International Coffee Organization (ICO) is an intergovernmental organization, established in London in 1963 under the auspices of the United Nations and operating under the International Coffee Agreement 2007, with the objective of strengthening the global coffee sector and promoting its sustainable expansion in a market-based environment for the betterment of all participants in the sector.

WHEREAS the ICO is the only intergovernmental organization bringing together coffee exporting and importing governments to tackle the challenges facing the world coffee sector through international cooperation, providing a unique forum for dialogue among governments, the private sector, development partners, civil society and all coffee stakeholders.

WHEREAS the ICO collects and compiles independent official statistics on coffee production, trade and consumption, supports the development and funding of technical cooperation projects and public-private partnerships, and promotes sustainability and coffee consumption.

WHEREAS the ICO, as stated in Article 1 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, has the objectives of “promoting training and information programmes designed to assist the transfer to Members of technology relevant to coffee” and “encouraging Members to develop and implement strategies to enhance the capacity of local communities and small-scale farmers to benefit from coffee production, which can contribute to poverty alleviation”, and is committed to assisting Members and all coffee stakeholders with capacity-building and access to knowledge.

WHEREAS the Coffee Training Center (CTC) of Ethiopia:

- (a) Is located within the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA) and aims to provide a wide range of services, supplying professionals with knowledge and skillsets that meet international standards.

- (b) Is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, includes brewing, roasting and sensory laboratories, and provides capacity-building services including post-harvest activities, with a particular focus on coffee processing, cupping and grading, roasting, grinding, brewing, packaging and marketing.
- (c) Provides a physical platform for national and international public and private stakeholders to meet, promote services, train operators and further foster public-private partnership initiatives.
- (d) Was developed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) with a contribution from the Italian Development Cooperation and has been designed with the support of and guidance from illycaffè, the Ernesto illy Foundation and the University of Coffee of Trieste (Italy), all of which have contributed to train and certify a number of Ethiopian coffee experts, by organizing training sessions, visits and scholarships.

WHEREAS the ICO and the CTC are committed to promoting inclusive and sustainable development of the coffee sector and wish to seal their common intentions and objectives as defined herein to enhance the effectiveness of their respective efforts within the global coffee value chain, with a particular focus on African coffee-producing countries.

NOW THEREFORE the Executive Director of the ICO and the Director of the CTC-Ethiopia agree on this Cooperation Framework with the following objectives:

- (a) To facilitate close cooperation between the ICO and the CTC and their partners in the design of general and customized capacity-building programmes and activities to support the inclusive and sustainable development of the coffee global value chain, which include promoting the improvement of coffee quality, safety and productivity, enhancing the capacity of coffee communities in all coffee-related skills and promoting the transfer of technology and access to finance and markets;
- (b) Subject to their respective programmes of activities, to work together to improve the effectiveness of their respective activities, promote good practices and lessons learnt in coffee value chain development and public-

private partnership approaches to increase the effectiveness of the African coffee sector, and as an instrument of South-South cooperation and regional integration defined within the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA);

- (c) Depending on the availability of the necessary funds and in accordance with the respective policies, procedures, rules and regulations, to identify suitable joint initiatives relating to the above areas of cooperation, to support the CTC and facilitate access to the Center by coffee stakeholders from Ethiopia, Members of the African Union and the ICO. The initial list of joint activities is presented in Annex I and will be reviewed annually through an exchange of letters between the ICO and CTC.

The signatories hereby acknowledge that this Cooperation Framework is not to be construed as a binding document and does not give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligation or financial commitments. Any activity that may be conducted under this Cooperation is subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds and other resources, and may require the execution of one or more legally binding instruments, which will be separately negotiated and agreed to by the signatories.

The duration of this Cooperation Framework is three (3) years and it can be amended, cancelled or extended through an exchange of letters between the two signatories.

For the **International Coffee Organization (ICO)**

For the **Coffee Training Center (CTC) of Ethiopia**

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Executive Director

Signed: Adugna Debela  
Director General

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## **ANNEX I – Specific areas of cooperation**

- Presentation of Coffee Training Center (CTC) within ICO events including the Coffee Public-Private Task Force, its Technical Workstreams and through ICO communications platforms and social media;
- Inclusion of CTC as a resource and beneficiary within technical assistance projects promoted by the ICO and its Members and development partners;
- Promotion of the use and access of CTC services by ICO Members and partners in Africa;
- ICO staff/consultants' utilization of the CTC during any mission to Ethiopia;
- Inclusion of the ICO logo within the “CTC wall of fame” as a supporting partner;
- Working with the ICO on defining an accreditation system for coffee training, technology and excellence centres;
- Working with the ICO, its Members and all public and private stakeholders on developing a series of training sessions hosted by the CTC based on demand, funding opportunities and availability.