I. ICO updates - November 2021

Nigeria becomes ICO's newest member

ICO welcomed Minister/Deputy Head of Industry, Trade and Investment (ITI), Mr. Bukar Abdulsalam, and the First Secretary to the Head of ITI, Mrs. Agwase Deborah from Nigeria’s High Commission to the UK to the ICO to present Nigeria’s signed Instrument of ratification of membership to the ICO on 30 November. The ratification process involved preparation from Nigeria’s Attorney-General and Minister of Justice Abubakar Malami, approval from the Federal Executive Council, and confirmation and ratification by President H.E. Muhammadu Buhari.

The representatives during their visit met with ICO’s Executive Director José Sette and Head of Operations Gerardo Pataconci to discuss Nigeria’s engagement with ICO. Areas discussed by Mr Sette included the Coffee Public-Private Taskforce (CPPTF), and the reform of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA).

ICO welcomes Nigeria, and both Nigeria and ICO will benefit through the sharing of best practices to produce, trade and increase consumption of coffee.

Nigeria has produced coffee since the late 19th century, as a major cash crop for farmers in the country for decades. This will be an opportunity for Nigeria to regain a significant role in the international coffee market.

The 76 Member countries of the ICO currently account for 97% of world coffee production and exports and over two-thirds of coffee imports.
Future of the International Coffee Agreement

ICO Members met three times in November to make significant progress on the renegotiation of the International Coffee Agreement. Members have been actively involved in this process and together with the ICO Secretariat are looking to bring innovative reforms to the Agreement.

ICO reiterates its strong engagement with the African coffee sector

Mr Sette was a keynote speaker at the 61st Annual General Assembly of the Inter-African Coffee Organization (IACO), which took place in Kigali, Rwanda from 16-19 November. Several African countries are expected to start implementing the roadmap of the Coffee Public-Private Taskforce (CPPTF) with action-oriented programs.

Mr Sette highlighted the ongoing debate on economic viability as the catalyst for a sustainable coffee sector in producing countries, especially in Africa, which has the highest number of smallholder coffee growers.

His intervention mainly focused on:
- The need to tap into the youth's potential and to empower women in the coffee value chain.
- The importance of enhancing productivity and quality and of promoting better returns from coffee farming.
- The key role of effective programmes for market development and initiatives such as ICO's Coffee Public-Private Task Force to achieve transformational solutions towards sustainable, inclusive, and resilient global value chains.

ICO success in Africa includes our collaboration with IACO and CABI on the African Coffee Facility which is designed to address weaknesses in the African coffee sector and help enhance all levels along the coffee value chain.

Denis Seudieu, Chief Economist, was ICO's ambassador to the IACO Assembly as part of ICO's special programme for enhancing domestic consumption in Africa, and provided insight into the GIZ-funded CPPTF market development toolkit.

ICO speaks at Indonesia's coffee expo on increasing domestic coffee consumption

Speaking at the Holistic Coffee Expo round table on increasing domestic coffee consumption in Indonesia, Mr Sette identified that one of the major challenges faced by many producing countries is that most of coffee produced is exported in bulk as green, unroasted coffee, while most of the processing that adds value takes place in coffee-importing countries. International experience has shown that coffee-producing countries can capture more value if they promote local coffee consumption and invest in developing their domestic market for coffee.

The ICO, in support of its Members in Asia & Oceania, carried out activities supporting national programs relating to the promotion of domestic consumption. Drawing from the lessons learned from Brazil this has shown that a large domestic market can provide huge opportunities for the development of an in-country processing industry, and provide a buffer that mitigates the risks of
price volatility that are experienced when relying heavily on sales to the international market.

The ICO, with the support of GIZ, has engaged a team of expert consultants to develop the toolkit that will build on an existing ICO Step-by-Step Guide to Promote Coffee Consumption in producing countries in order to provide actionable information on the tasks to be undertaken to increase domestic demand for coffee in each Member country.

II. Press releases and media coverage

- Nigeria joins the International Coffee Organization

- ICO Chief Economist Denis Seudieu’s article in the Global Coffee Report magazine on the fluctuating prices of coffee.

III. Knowledge hub - Statistics

The recently made publicly available Monthly Trade Statistics tables for October can be found here.

IV. Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF)

Your opinion matters! CPPTF survey

Following last year’s CPPTF survey on the status of the sector dialogue and the Task Force, we have developed a new survey to learn if and how your views have changed in the intervening period. We invite you to take a few minutes to fill out our survey by Wednesday, 15 December 2021.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration. We appreciate your time!

Access the survey

CPPTF Updates

Task Force Gender Advisory Team – 7 months later

The Gender Advisory Team from Oxfam Business Advisory Service has been facilitating the incorporation of gender transformative strategies in the CPPTF and in all the Technical Workstreams to ensure gender-focused workstream outcomes, interventions, targets and commitments.

The Gender Advisory Team is also engaging with female sherpas of the CPPTF to gather insights and reflections from their experiences, which will be shared with the Sector Coordination Group at their upcoming meeting on December 16.
The latest deliverable from this consultancy is the development of a Gender-Transformative Tracker tool to provide CPPTF members with a practical tool to assess and strengthen the gender perspective of their activities. The Gender Advisory Team will also submit a final report of learnings and recommendations to support embedding gender in the next implementation phase of the CPPTF Roadmap.

**Techinal Workstreams**

Click [here](#) to check the latest updates about the work of the Task Force Technical Workstreams.

**2022 CPPTF Meetings**

Click [here](#) to find the dates and links to register for the 2022 Open Sessions of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force.

**V. Upcoming meetings**

20th Working Group on the Future of the Agreement (WGFA -ICO Members only)
- **14 December 2021 - 10.30 London**

TW5 Sector Coordination meeting (by invitation only)
- **16 December 2021 - 14.30 - 16:00 London**

Please contact the Secretariat and respective facilitators of technical workstreams for further information and connection details for the meetings.

**Other events you may be interested in**

World Coffee Producers Forum on 14/12/2021 via Zoom, 08:00 am New York/1:00 pm London.

[Register here](#)