Key highlights

ICO’s new Executive Director Vanúsia Maria Carneiro Nogueira

The International Coffee Council in a Special Session on 9 and 10 February elected Vanúsia Maria Carneiro Nogueira of Brazil as the Executive Director succeeding José Sette.

With more than twenty years of professional experience in the coffee sector, Mrs Nogueira is the first woman to be elected to the position in the history of the ICO, setting a milestone also in terms of recognition of the leading role played by women in the entire coffee value chain.

The International Coffee Council expressed their high appreciation for the Vietnamese candidate, Mr Tran Kim Long, recognizing his strong professional experience in the field of international development and valuing the commitment of the government of Vietnam to the Organization.

Mrs Nogueira’s vision for the future of the ICO will focus on strengthening sector coordination and partnerships to tackle priority issues, such as ensuring a living and prosperous income for all farmers and market transparency, implementing global policies and financing mechanisms, increasing the sustainability of production and supply processes, as well as expanding consumption.

The full press release with Mrs Nogueira’s CV can be accessed here.

World Coffee Statistics Database

On 31 January 2022, ICO Statistics launched a new online World Coffee Statistics Database (WCSD), this is unique in the world, providing a one stop shop for all coffee-related statistics.

One key feature of the database is that it can be accessed by ICO Members and subscribers and can generate reports on a disaggregated basis, therefore providing much more insight into the trade and production and consumption of coffee.
The database is available at https://db.ico.org
ICO Members’ Designated Contacts who would like to be granted access to the WCSD are kindly requested to email stats@ico.org

Further information on the database can be accessed via the press release here.

ICO website – ICO.org
ICO, in its efforts to continue to modernize, has been working over the past three to four months to transform ICO.org and to have a coordinated digital presence.

The aim is to launch the transformed www.ico.org website in the first week of March.

I. ICO updates

CABEI and ICO work together to mitigate climatic disasters and COVID-19 pandemic in Honduras and Nicaragua and build a resilient coffee value chain

The President of Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) Dante Mossi, Ambassador Iván Romero Martínez (Honduras), Ambassador Guisell Socorro Moral Echaverry (Nicaragua), and ICO Executive Director José Sette signed a joint communiqué to officially start the “Building a resilient coffee value chain to mitigate climatic disasters and COVID-19 pandemic in Honduras and Nicaragua” project. As a collaboration and partnership between BCIE and ICO, the assessment study will be the basis to develop, finance and implement a concrete programme for helping the two countries to build a sustainable and inclusive recovery of coffee production in the two target countries.

This communiqué follows the unprecedented devastating social and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on peoples living conditions, world economies and supply chains. In addition, Honduras and Nicaragua faced two dramatic natural disasters in 2020 with hurricanes affecting their coffee producing areas, furthering the adverse economic and humanitarian crisis.

ASEAN Coffee Federation – ICO

For the first time, ASEAN Coffee Federation (ACF) partnered with ICO on 15 February to jointly organize a webinar on ‘Living Prosperous Income for Coffee Farmers’ where they focused on transparency, cost of production, gap efficiency, and resilient coffee landscapes. The panelists called for a stronger collaboration with different stakeholders to be able to create a sustainable livelihood for farmers. The panelists added that while creating a sustainable livelihood an environmentally and climate friendly value chain needs to be further developed as well.

ICO Executive Director José Sette and Head of Operations Gerardo Patacconi were joined by Pacita Juan (moderator), Philippines Coffee Board, Christina Archer, Sustainable Food Lab, Niels Haak, Conservation International, Leif Pedersen, UNDP, and Victor Mah, ASEAN Coffee Federation.
Future of the International Coffee Agreement

ICO Members met in January 2022 and made significant progress on the revision of the International Coffee Agreement 2007. Members have been actively involved in this process and together with the ICO Secretariat are looking to bring innovative reforms to the Agreement regarding sustainability, improved living income and prosperity for farmers, participation of the private sector and policy-making structure as well as votes and contributions.

The group will meet now on a weekly basis in order to finalize the revision of the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) as soon as possible.

Meeting with the European Union on the ICA in Brussels

On 21 February the ICO Executive Director José Sette and ICO Head of Operations Gerardo Patacconi presented the proposed draft of the new ICA to the 27 EU Members at the meeting of the Working Party on Commodities (PROBA) upon invitation by the EU French presidency and the European Commission. The presentation was scheduled to facilitate building consensus among EU Member States on the new ICA.

Executive Director José Sette on Arirang TV in South Korea

ICO Executive Director José Sette was invited by Arirang TV in South Korea to address the coffee price increases and the news piece focused on the impacts on South Korea’s coffee cafes and shops.

Head of Operations Gerardo Patacconi in Italy’s Il Sole24ore

ICO Head of Operations Gerardo Patacconi in an interview with Italy’s Il Sole24ore explained why 2021/22 coffee market is expected to be characterized by a reduction in supplies from the main producers and a partial increase from other origins. Climatic events, instability in some producing countries and supply chain issues are among the key factors behind the supply shortage and the consequent high price levels.

Read the full article in Italian [here](#).

Participation in research for market report - Algrano

ICO is engaging with Algrano - an online platform connecting roasters and producers worldwide to buy and sell coffee directly - for a market report. ICO was interviewed to provide an insight into market trends, changes in sourcing and selling strategies, impacts on price of commodity and specialty coffee, digitalization, and sustainability.

ICO’s insight will be featured in the 2022 Algrano market report, which will be published by the company in spring 2022 and shared widely throughout the industry free of charge.

The news piece can be found [here](#).
The demand for coffee is showing encouraging signs of recovery from the pandemic-induced drop, which especially affected out-of-home consumption. Climatic events, especially a severe frost in Brazil in July, and logistics constraints have resulted in an impending supply shortage that has led prices to rise sharply in recent months. Prices are now at their highest levels in the last ten years, with no prospects for a significant decrease in sight in the near term. Since roasters have not yet passed on the increase in prices to consumers, more uncertainty is likely in 2022.

Although current price levels are welcome news for coffee growers, who have suffered a long spell of low quotations, experience shows that coffee prices are subject to long-term cycles, therefore it should not be assumed that today’s high prices will persist indefinitely.

Farmers must use the good times today to organise their operations and improve their productivity in order to prepare themselves for lower prices in the future. This is one of the key objectives of the ICO Coffee Public-Private Task Force.

Read the predictions here.

II. Press releases and media coverage

- Launch of the World Coffee Statistics Database
- Election of ICO’s next Executive Director - Vanúsia Maria Carneiro Nogueira
- Withdrawal of Uganda from the International Coffee Agreement 2007

III. Knowledge hub - Statistics

The Trade Statistics Table can be found here. The Coffee Market Report (CMR) can be accessed here.

IV. Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF)

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

24th Working Group on the Future of the Agreement (WGFA)
- 1 March 2022 - 11:00 London

25th Working Group on the Future of the Agreement (WGFA)
- 8 March 2022 - 11:00 London

53rd Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)
- 23 March 2022 - 11:00 London

132nd International Coffee Council Session and associated meetings
- 28 March – 1 April 2022

CPPTF-TW meetings

TW1
- 23 February 2022 - 15:00 London

TW4
- March 2022

TW3
- April 2022

TW2
- 22 April 2022 - 15:00 London

9th CPPTF Open Session
- 28 April 2022 - 14-16:00 London

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