131st International Coffee Council Special Session – 9-10 February 2022

During its 130th Session in September 2021, the International Coffee Council approved the decision to hold a special session on the election of the new Executive Director in February 2022. To accommodate all the items on the agenda, the Finance and Administration Committee agreed to extend the duration of the session originally expected to take place only on 9 February 2022, as per the Council decision ICC-130-16.

This session is now scheduled to take place virtually via Zoom on 9th and 10th February 2022. Interpretation in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese will be provided.

ICO members should fill in the online form and upload their Credential Letter at the following link: 131st ICC Credential Form no later than 14 January 2022.

Please find the convocation for the 131st Session of the International Coffee Council here.

World Coffee Statistics Database

ICO has been collecting, processing, and disseminating coffee production, trade and consumption statistics and prices for nearly 60 years, serving all coffee stakeholders in a neutral and professional manner.

On 31 January 2022, ICO Statistics will launch a new online World Coffee Statistics Database (WCDB), 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 production, trade and consumption of coffee.

The launch of the WCDB will be on 31 January and will be followed by a walkthrough and tutorial during the 131st Special Session of the International Coffee Council.

The database is available at https://db.ico.org
If the Designated Contact wishes to be granted access, please email stats@ico.org
I. ICO updates - December 2021

ICO in Comunicaffe's top ten most read news articles in 2021

ICO's statistics have been one of Comunicaffe's 2021's most read news articles. Check out the article here and the list here.

Predictions for the global coffee market in 2022

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.

Future of the International Coffee Agreement

ICO Members met three times in December 2021 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.

Celebrating 111 years of the Indonesia Coffee Cocoa Research Institute

ICO Executive Director José Sette extended well wishes to the Indonesia Coffee Cocoa Research Institute (ICCRI) in his remarks at ICCRI's 111th anniversary. Indonesia is the fourth largest coffee producer, fourth largest exporter and the second largest coffee consumer among coffee-producing countries. ICCRI has provided strong research over the last century to help bring Indonesia as a key player.

ICCRI will continue to be a key player with coffee consumption rising steadily, and in ensuring that production be in sync in addressing the challenges of climate change and in ensuring the wellbeing of our planet. Furthermore, with a growing market for coffee in Indonesia it is also important to balance supply and demand, thereby helping growers to achieve prosperity.
II. Knowledge hub - Statistics
The Trade Statistics Table can be found [here](#).
The Coffee Market Report (CMR) can be accessed [here](#).

III. Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF)

Embedding Gender Transformative strategies and approaches to the ICO Coffee Public-Private Task Force

Over the past 8 months, thanks to the support of GIZ, the Oxfam Gender Advisory team has worked closely with the ICO Task Force and Technical Workstream (TWS) facilitators, participated in Task Force and TWS meetings, and offered inputs and advice on the development of Task Force and TWS proposals from a gender perspective. As part of this engagement, a proposal of recommendations to embed gender transformative strategies to the Task Force has been developed. Access the full proposal [here](#). A Gender Tracker Tool has also been developed and will be made available to ICO Members and coffee stakeholders.

What is a gender transformative approach?
Adopting a gender transformative approach means going beyond the symptoms and addressing the root causes of gendered dimensions of poverty, vulnerability, and inequality. It involves changing the policies and practices of institutions (such as communities, governments, and businesses) and the social norms, attitudes, and practices that sustain discrimination.

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DEADLINE EXTENDED - Expression of Interest to be considered as a beneficiary of the Coffee Public-Private Task Force technical cooperation programmes – 18 January 2022

The Expression of Interest (EoI) will ensure the integration of exporting Members into programmes implementing country and regional-level actions covering: i) Living and prosperous income (CPPTFs Technical Workstream 1); ii) Market transparency (TW2); Market policies and Institutions & Global Funding Mechanisms (Sector Transformation - TW3); Resilient coffee landscapes (TW4); Sector coordination & Inclusion of Women and Youth (TW5).

This process is one of the concrete steps in advancing the Task Force Roadmap to achieve its commitments and vision as approved by the International Coffee Council and the CEO & Global Leaders Forum (CGLF) towards a sustainable coffee sector and prosperity for coffee farmers.

The deadline has been extended until 18 January 2022.
Express your interest [here](#).
The communication from the Executive Director can be found [here](#).
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

TW2 Market Transparency
- **21 January 2022 - 15:00 – 16:00 London**

21st Working Group on the Future of the Agreement (WGFA)
- **26 January 2022 - 10:30 London**

TW4 Resilient Landscapes
Sign up [here](#)
- **27 January 2022 -15:00 – 16:30 London**

131st International Coffee Council Special Session – Election of the new Executive Director
- **9-10 February 2022 - 11:30 London**

22nd Working Group on the Future of the Agreement (WGFA)
- **22 February 2022 - 11:00 London**

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