

**Report of the 54th meeting of the
Private Sector Consultative Board
held on 28 September 2023**

The Private Sector Consultative Board (PSCB), chaired by Mr Anil Kumar Bhandari of the India Coffee Trust (ICT), held its 54th meeting in Bengaluru, India, on Thursday 28 September 2023.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

1. The Board adopted the draft Agenda contained in document [PSCB-177/23](#).

Item 2: Report on the 53rd meeting held on 4 October 2022

2. The Board approved the report of the meeting held on 4 October 2022 contained in document [PSCB-176/23](#).

Item 3: Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF)

3. The Chair of the PSCB invited the CPPTF Coordinator to provide an update on the activities of the Task Force over the period April–September 2023. He outlined the progress made across the various technical workstreams, the work carried out with reference to existing legislations/the regulatory framework on sustainability and the achievements in terms of funding mobilization and membership drive. A full slide deck was provided.

4. The Board took note of the report.

Item 4: Coffee sector regulatory framework

5. The Chair of the PSCB asked the CPPTF Coordinator to provide a verbal update about the latest activities undertaken by the Secretariat and the Task Force regarding the regulatory framework discussions and outputs.

6. The CPPTF Coordinator provided an update on the activities related to the regulatory framework for the coffee industry, with a specific focus on the EUDR. It was highlighted that these actions were being executed within the framework of the CPPTF's Technical Workstream 3 - Importing Countries and were further subdivided into two distinct groups: (i) policy information, interpretation and dialogue, to not only ensure a full understanding of the EUDR but also other regulations, by encouraging discussions and organizing webinars on the topics; and (ii) technical solutions for compliance with due diligence regulations, by establishing links with other institutions and projects on traceability, inter-operability, and data standards.

7. The Board took note of the report.

Item 5: Establishment of a Global Coffee Sustainability and Resilience Facility/Fund (C-SR Fund): role of coffee associations/federations

8. The CPPTF Coordinator highlighted the key points of the discussions held during the 5th CEOs and Global Leaders Forum and the 5th World Coffee Conference. He noted that, since the preliminary results of the studies conducted were only shared within the CGLF meeting and the WCC, clarifications on the role of coffee associations and federations in the setup of any specific funding mechanism had not yet been discussed.

9. Members of the PSCB stressed the importance of such a vehicle to the coffee sector as it would provide coffee stakeholders with an additional platform to address not only challenges but also opportunities for the value chain. It was also stressed that the coffee sector's ownership was pivotal for the vehicle's success.

10. In response to a question from the representative of the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation, the Chair of the International Coffee Council clarified the next steps for the establishment of the vehicle, now conceived more as a "facility" rather than as a "fund", with relative costs.

Item 6: Introduction to International Coffee Day 2023

11. The CPPTF Coordinator informed members of the Board that, for the International Coffee Day 2023 campaign, the Organization had joined forces with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and launched the #CoffeePeople campaign and a social media challenge around the theme "promoting the right to a safe and healthy working environment in the coffee supply chain". He emphasized that respect for workers and compliance with labour standards served as the cornerstone of decent work and played a fundamental role in upholding universal human rights, while highlighting that it was essential to promote respect for international labour

standards in the coffee value chain and to support the endeavours of key stakeholders in maintaining them.

12. The Board noted the report.

Item 7: Other business

13. In response to a question on the procedure for nominations of PSCB members for coffee year 2023/24 from the representative of the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation, the Chair of the PSCB clarified that a document containing the list of associations nominated by ICO Members had already been drafted and would be discussed and approved by the Council at its 136th Session.

Item 8: Date of next meetings

14. The Board noted that next meeting would take place at the time of the next session of the Council.