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Admission of observers

Background

1. As per the provision of Article 11 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007 (ICA 2007), non-member countries and organizations referred to in Articles 15 and 16 of said Agreement may be invited by the Council to attend any of its sessions as an observer.

2. Rule 5 of the Rules of the Organization provides that, at the start of each Session, the Council shall decide on the acceptance of observers and designate the items on the Agenda of the Council and Committee meetings open to accepted observers.[1]

3. Observers referred to in Rule 5 of the Rules of the Organization wishing to attend the 139th Session of the Council should have submitted requests for observer status in writing to the Executive Director by 10 February 2025.

4. It is suggested that items relating to financial and administrative matters on the Council Agenda for this Session be restricted to Members only.

Action

The Council is invited to consider and, if appropriate, to approve the admission of the observers contained in Annex I and the items and meetings that shall be open to them at the 139th Session.

[1] *Paragraph 5 of Rule 34 provides that the Rules of the ICO shall also apply to meetings of committees, other subsidiary bodies and advisory bodies.*

OBSERVERS INVITED/REQUESTING TO ATTEND THE 139TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
AS AT 25 FEBRUARY 2025

CATEGORY	ITEMS OF INTEREST
Non-member countries	
Canada	All except FA items*
Mozambique	All except FA items
Paraguay	All except FA items
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	All except FA items
Trinidad and Tobago	All except FA items
Intergovernmental organizations	
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)	All except FA items
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	All except FA items
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	All except FA items
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	All except FA items
International Labour Organization (ILO)	All except FA items
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC)	All except FA items
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	All except FA items
United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP)	All except FA items
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	All except FA items
World Bank Group	All except FA items
Other relevant international and regional organizations	
Inter-African Coffee Organisation (IACO)	All except FA items
Non-governmental organizations and private sector coffee associations	
Agency for Robusta Coffee of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM)	All except FA items
African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA)	All except FA items
All Japan Coffee Association (AJCA)	All except FA items
Conservation International (CI)	All except FA items
European Coffee Federation (ECF)	All except FA items
Global Coffee Platform (GCP)	All except FA items
International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA)	All except FA items
National Coffee Association USA (NCA)	All except FA items
Specialty Coffee Association (SCA)	All except FA items

**FA items = Items related to financial and administrative matters*