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Initiatives and reports under Programme of Activities 2024/25

Background

1. Pursuant to Article 34 of the ICA 2007, the ICC shall adopt an annual work programme of studies, surveys and reports, with estimated resource requirements. These activities shall be financed either from provisions within the Administrative Budget or from extrabudgetary sources.

2. Pursuant to the ToR of the JC, contained in document ICC-136-11, the Committee shall be responsible for carrying out activities and making recommendations to the Council on all matters concerning, but not limited to, projects, statistics, promotion and market development and the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance.

3. In the 2nd meeting of the JC on 12 March 2025, the JC remained undecided about the proposed projects and studies. Members agreed and requested of the Secretariat to (a) to explain the proposed initiatives in greater detail and (b) to provide a consultation period of 6 weeks (including time for translation) to the Members, allowing for their internal consultations regarding the proposed initiatives.

4. To meet these requirements, the ICO Secretariat provides the JC with two pieces of information:

a) An overview of the status quo of the implementation of the Five-Year Action Plan, contained in document ICC-120-11, as far as the outcomes fall under the mandate of the JC according to its ToR. This overview will be distributed later in May.

b) Details pertaining to initiatives (initiatives adding on to the usual operations and partnerships of the ICO Secretariat) and mandatory reports planned for the year 2024/25, covered by the mandate of the JC. These initiatives and reports take into consideration the Organization's mandate and the challenges and actions mentioned in the Five-Year Action Plan and in the PoA within the Administrative Budget 2024/25, which is contained in document ICC-138-3 and which was approved in September 2024. Information relating to these initiatives will be conveyed in document JC-12/25.

5. With regard to promotion and market development, the ICO Secretariat will provide two mandatory reports on market obstacles in accordance with ICA 2007 Article 24, Paragraphs 5 and 6. The ICO Secretariat also proposes preparing a technical market development report on 2024/25 for ICO Members, based on intermediate market reports and analysis by the Secretariat throughout the year. With regard to statistics, the ICO Secretariat proposes preparations for widening and deepening the ICO World Coffee Statistics Database with variables and an increased depth of analysis. The ICO Secretariat also proposes contributing to the ability of ICO Members to comply with statistical data obligations in accordance with the ICA 2007 and the ICO's Five-Year Action Plan. Finally, under the initiatives and surveys in question, the ICO Secretariat proposes one project/study, namely on the resilience of coffee under climate change.

6. ICO Members are requested to maintain internal consultations for the next six weeks and to provide their written input regarding the proposed initiatives and the mandatory reports by 13 June. Input can be submitted by emailing either the Secretariat and External Relations Officer (Ottelli@ico.org) or the icodocuments@ico.org email address. Submissions will be made available to all Members via a SharePoint link. (The ICO Secretariat will be available to support those that are not familiar with SharePoint.) The respective link will be shared once the first inputs have been submitted to the Secretariat.

7. An overview of the initiatives and mandatory reports relating to the mandate of the JC has been added in the table that follows. Additionally, the description of said initiatives and mandatory reports, including the key performance indicators of the Five-Year Action Plan that they will contribute to, will be sent in document JC-12/25.

Action

Based on the written input, the Committee will be asked to reach a consensus on recommendations regarding the proposed initiatives. If appropriate, the initiatives will then be able to be recommended for approval by the ICC.

OVERVIEW OF THE INITIATIVES UNDER MANDATE OF JOINT COMMITTEE FOR COFFEE YEAR 2024/25 (full description in a separate document)

No.	Topic Link to Five-Year Action Plan	Description	Resources
	PROMOTION AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT		
1	**Mandatory Report: Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)** Strategic Goal I.B of Five-Year Action Plan Economic challenges	• Report on MRLs of pesticides applicable to coffee, with the aim of keeping Members informed about food safety issues.	Staff
2	**Mandatory Report: Obstacles on Trade and Consumption** Strategic Goal I.B of Five-Year Action Plan Economic challenges	• Report on the obstacles to trade and consumption, including tariff and non-tariff measures which may hinder the sustainable development of the coffee sector.	Staff
3	**Annual market report** Strategic Goal I.B of Five-Year Action Plan Economic and social challenges	• Technical report to Members on market and price trends of the year, including light case studies made throughout the year on markets of Saudi Arabia and China, impact of speculation on high prices, the decaffeinated coffee market, macro-trends in consumption as a result of increased coffee prices	Staff + £4,000 for additional external input or editing
	STATISTICS		
4	**Improving the statistical capacity of ICO Members and the quality of data of ICO** Strategic Goal I.A of Five-Year Action Plan Economic challenges	• Three regional training workshops (already in progress) • Establishing 'communities of practice' on collection of market data that continuously interact (already planned)	Staff + £29,500 (from PoA) for workshops for Member capacity
5	**Widening and deepening variables of the ICO World Coffee Statistics Database** Strategic Goal I.A of Five-Year Action Plan Economic and social challenges	• Preparation of including new variables in database. In preparation for larger and more comprehensive reporting (including imports of coffee, decaffeinated coffee, stocks etc.) and in preparation for new accessible data dashboards	Staff + £35,000 (from PoA) for software, back-ups, organisation of databases and registration on data platforms (existing and new tools and databases)
6	**Exploration and preparation of linking georeferences of coffee plots to aggregated Certificates of Origin at country level**	• Under consideration with some of the ICO Members/some private sector associations based on their existing	Staff

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	Strategic Goal I.A of Five-Year Action Plan Economic and social challenges	repositories of georeferences. Consultation will then be expanded. • Preparation for setting standard for and annual collection of unique georeferences of coffee plots (data governed at the national level for farmer and private sector access)	
		STUDY	
7	**Climate change resilience** Strategic Goals II and III of Five-Year Action Plan Environmental and economic challenges	• Research brief on the impact of different scenarios of climate change on coffee production, including an analysis of the climate-driven effects on coffee suitability, the impact of adaptation measures and mitigation opportunities • With committee of peer reviewers from research institutions in coffee producing countries • Mapping of impactful climate change adaptation and mitigation measures that are already implemented by ICO Members and private sector	Staff + £23,000 (from PoA)

LEGEND

Cecafé	Brazilian Coffee Exporters Council
CIAT	International Centre for Tropical Agriculture
DIASCA	Digital Integration of Agricultural Supply Chains Alliance
EFI	European Forest Institute
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FNC	Colombian Coffee Growers Federation
ICA 2007	International Coffee Agreement 2007
ICAFE	Coffee Institute of Costa Rica
ICC	International Coffee Council
ICO	International Coffee Organization
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
JC	Joint Committee
MRL	Maximum Residue Limits
PoA	Programme of Activities
ToR	Terms of Reference