INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

Mission report

Subject	ICO Technical Statistics Workshop – Asia & Oceania
Place and dates	Jakarta, Indonesia – 14 May 2025
ICO staff member	• Dock No, Statistical Coordinator • Alex Rocos, Associate Statistician
Purpose of travel	• Conduct a one-day in-person training workshop on coffee statistics for Asia & Oceania Member countries. • Hold technical sessions and discussions for personnel working on coffee statistics. • Provide a platform for country presentations on national reporting systems
Five-Year Action Plan/Programme of Activities relevance	**Five- Year Action Plan** • **Strategic Goal I:** Delivering world-class data, analysis and information to the industry and policymakers. • **Strategic Goal II** - Using the Organization's convening power to provide a forum for dialogue between and within the public and private sectors **Results and deliverables from the PoA:** **Planned Result I.A: Enhanced market transparency through collection, processing, validation, analyses and delivery of high-quality data and statistics** • I.A.1 Providing statistical services for meetings (Member states, ICC, ad-hoc expert group meetings, etc.) • I.A.2 Strengthening ICO Members' statistical function and focal points and engaging with Members, subscribers, international organizations, private sector and data providers • I.A.3 Assessment of Members' compliance with ICO-SCI/E-ICO-SCI/I Indicators • I.A.5 Providing support related to statistics and data to ICO Members

	Planned Result I.B: Positioning of the ICO as the world's most respected coffee statistical authority, enhanced and recognized through the elaboration and dissemination of relevant statistical data and economic analysis related to the global coffee sector and the global economy • I.B.3 Promotion of ICO statistics/ mobilization of additional subscribers and resources **Planned Result II.A: Strengthening ICO engagement with Members and other external stakeholders by providing a multi-sectorial leadership forum for dialogue and knowledge exchange on issues impacting the coffee sector** • Providing operational and technical services for meetings (Member states, ICC, ad-hoc expert group meetings, etc.)

OVERVIEW

1. ICO Technical Statistics Workshop – Asia & Oceania

The ICO Technical Statistics Workshop was held on 14 May 2025 at the Jakarta International Conference Centre, Indonesia. This one-day workshop provided training on coffee statistics to statistical personnel from Asia & Oceania Member countries. The workshop aimed to improve Member compliance with data obligations and build closer working relationships with the ICO Statistics Section. The other objectives were:

(a) To build capacity in Asia's statistical offices for coffee statistics.

(b) To present the ICO's statistical reporting requirements.

(c) To support Members in improving data collection and reporting.

(d) To share best practices on data collection and management.

(e) To enhance market transparency through quality data delivery.

(f) To position the ICO as the leading authority on coffee statistics.

All ICO Members from Asia & Oceania were invited. 17 participants attended from Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, though several other Members could not participate due to budget constraints and scheduling conflicts.

2. Technical sessions and discussions

The workshop covered four main areas through interactive discussions on the following topics:

(a) Statistical obligations review, explaining the importance of Members' statistical work in the context of the ICO's objectives and the global coffee industry.

(b) Statistical reporting formats, focusing on trade data reporting and World Coffee Statistics Database requirements.

(c) Data collection and dissemination, covering the ICO Certificates of Origin and practical reporting steps.

(d) System integration, exploring digitization opportunities and database connectivity.

Hard copies of key ICO publications were distributed, including the Rules of Statistics, Monthly Trade Statistics, and Coffee Report & Outlook. The sessions emphasized the importance of timely data delivery and encouraged submitting incomplete datasets rather than late submissions.

3. Country presentations on national reporting systems

Indonesia described their National Single Window system, which links the Bureau of Statistics and Ministry of Trade. Key challenges include multiple export certificates, with only Certificate of Origin exports being reported to ICO, and significant differences between Certificate of Origin data and Bureau of Statistics figures.

Papua New Guinea presented their coffee database system, which is under development through a World Bank IT project. The main bottlenecks include delayed shipping confirmations and quality control requirements. They expressed interest in app/cloud-based platforms for direct data input and requested formal ICO support for digitization initiatives.

CONCLUSIONS/MAIN OUTCOMES

1. ICO Technical Statistics Workshop – Asia & Oceania and Technical sessions and discussions

These sessions successfully provided training on coffee statistics to statistical personnel from Member countries in the Asia & Oceania region. Key outcomes included improved understanding of ICO statistical reporting requirements, identification of bottlenecks in current data collection systems, and sharing of best practices between Member countries. The training emphasized the importance of timely data submission and explored digitization opportunities for enhanced data accuracy and processing efficiency.

Progress was made in understanding country-specific challenges, with Indonesia highlighting issues with multiple export certificates and Papua New Guinea identifying shipping confirmation delays as major bottlenecks. Both countries presented their existing database systems and expressed interest in further collaboration with ICO for system improvements.

The workshop achieved its objective of fostering closer working relationships between the ICO Statistics Section and statistical personnel from Member countries. Through interactive discussions and knowledge sharing, participants gained better understanding of their role in the global coffee value chain and the importance of accurate statistical reporting for market transparency.

The workshop also identified collaboration opportunities including Brazil's Certificate of Origin system and open-source digital tools for enhanced traceability.

The sessions established clearer guidelines for statistical reporting, including acceptance of incomplete datasets to avoid late submissions. This approach will improve inclusion of Member data in Monthly Trade Statistics and maintain detailed market information for the global coffee industry.

2. Country presentations on national reporting systems

Member countries showed strong interest in digitizing their data collection processes. Papua New Guinea requested formal ICO support for implementing digitization initiatives, while Indonesia discussed potential for database integration despite current technical limitations.