INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

Mission report

Subject	ICO/IACO Coffee Statistical Workshop, UN Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4) and related events
Place and dates	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia– 26 to 29 July 2025
ICO staff member	• Vanúsia Nogueira, Executive Director • Dock No, Statistical Coordinator • Alex Rocos, Associate Statistician
Purpose of travel	• Co-host the two-day ICO/IACO Statistical Workshop. • Participate in the panel "Advancing the Transformation of the Coffee Value Chain" as part of the UN Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4). • Attend meetings with Andrea Illy of Illycaffè; H.E. Ambassador Hadera Abera, State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; and H.E. Jessica Alupo, Vice-President of Uganda.
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. Co-host the ICO/IACO Coffee Statistical Workshop

The Coffee Statistical Workshop was held over two days, from 26 to 27 July 2025 at the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority's Coffee Training Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Led by Mr Dock No and Mr Alex Rocos, in collaboration with the Interafrican Coffee Organization (IACO), the workshop provided training on delivering relevant and accurate coffee statistics from Africa, with a particular focus on submitting accurate and complete monthly statistical reports and Certificates of Origin in accordance with ICO's rules on statistics.

2. Participate in the panel "Advancing the Transformation of the Coffee Value Chain"

The Executive Director participated in a high-level panel entitled "Advancing the Transformation of the Coffee Value Chain", hosted by the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy, in collaboration with the ICO, IACO and UNIDO, and moderated by Dr Adugna Debela, Director General of Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA). This event offered a platform to reflect on the effectiveness of a sectoral food systems approach and on the actions taken at international and continental levels to unlock finance and investments aimed at accelerating the transformation of the coffee sector.

3. Attend meetings with Mr Andrea Illy of Illycaffè, H.E. Ambassador Hadera Abera, State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, and H.E. Jessica Alupo, Vice-President of Uganda.

The Executive Director's meeting with Mr Andrea Illy focused on strategic plans for the future of the coffee sector.

The Executive Director and H.E. Ambassador Hadera Abera discussed the status of Ethiopia's procedures for membership of the International Coffee Agreement 2022, explored avenues to strengthen collaboration, and exchanged views on broader political matters relevant to the coffee sector. The Ambassador also stated that, should the International Coffee Council

decide to seek a new location for the ICO's premises, Ethiopia would be pleased to offer Addis Ababa as a host city, noting that it already accommodates many international institutions, including the African Union.

As for the meeting with Vice-President Alupo, the Executive Director provided clarifications on various points raised by the Ugandan Coffee Development Authority (UCDA), including coffee sector challenges as outlined in the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007, such as barriers to trade, value addition promotion, price volatility management, statistical classifications, and project development mechanisms.

CONCLUSIONS/MAIN OUTCOMES

1. Co-host the ICO/IACO Coffee Statistical Workshop

- Enhanced capacity building for focal points responsible for preparing statistical data on the coffee sector from African countries.
- Improved understanding of ICO's statistical reporting requirements and procedures for Certificates of Origin.
- Strengthened coordination between ICO and IACO in supporting African coffee-producing countries' statistical capabilities.

2. High-Level Panel "Advancing the Transformation of the Coffee Value Chain"

The Executive Director's intervention highlighted key insights, including recent trends in exports, consumption, and production; advances in new coffee species supported by genebanks across Africa; innovative strategies to enhance profitability; and opportunities for deeper collaboration across the sector.

Through dialogue among institutions, private actors, and multilateral agencies, the panel highlighted concrete actions, available resources, and the sector's catalytic potential for strategic investment, innovation, and coordinated action, including:

- Reinforcement of the Kampala Declaration's objectives, originally adopted at the IACO G-25 Summit in Uganda in 2023 and reaffirmed at the G-25 Summit in Dar es Salaam in 2025, including the need for global partnerships, strengthened research and innovation in value addition, climate-resilient varieties, and increased investments for structural transformation of the African coffee sector.
- Recognition of women's critical role in coffee production (providing 70% of labour) and the need for tailored approaches in finance, inputs, education, and training access.

3. Attend meetings with Andrea Illy of Illycaffè, H.E. Ambassador Hadera Abera, State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia , and H.E. Jessica Alupo, Vice-President of Uganda.

These discussions reinforced the ICO's role as an advocacy platform within the global coffee sector, particularly in facilitating funding and support for coffee-producing countries through initiatives like the Coffee Public-Private Task Force and partnerships with organizations such as the EU Global Gateway Flagship for Coffee in Africa.

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