

International Coffee Council
142nd Session
28-30 September 2026
Geneva, Switzerland

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 142nd Session of the Council should have submitted requests for observer status in writing to the Executive Director by 13 August 2026.
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 142nd 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 142nd SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
AS AT 28 AUGUST 2026**

CATEGORY	ITEMS OF INTEREST
Non-member countries	
Canada	All except FA and restricted items*
China	All except FA and restricted items*
Dominican Republic	All except FA and restricted items*
Jamaica	All except FA and restricted items*
Lao People's Democratic Republic	All except FA and restricted items*
Mozambique	All except FA and restricted items*
Paraguay	All except FA and restricted items*
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	All except FA and restricted items*
Trinidad and Tobago	All except FA and restricted items*
Intergovernmental organizations	
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)	All except FA and restricted items*
Common Fund for Commodities (CFC)	All except FA and restricted items*
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	All except FA and restricted items*
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	All except FA and restricted items*
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	All except FA and restricted items*
International Labour Organization (ILO)	All except FA and restricted items*
International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC)	All except FA and restricted items*
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	All except FA and restricted items*
United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP)	All except FA and restricted items*

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	All except FA and restricted items*
World Bank Group	All except FA and restricted items*
World Trade Organization (WTO)	All except FA and restricted items*
Other relevant international and regional organizations	
Inter-African Coffee Organisation (IACO) – Specialized Agency of the African Union	All except FA and restricted items*
European Forest Institute (EFI)	All except FA and restricted items*
Non-governmental organizations and private sector coffee associations	
Agency for Robusta Coffee of Africa and Madagascar (ACRAM)	All except FA and restricted items*
African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA)	All except FA and restricted items*
All Japan Coffee Association (AJCA)	All except FA and restricted items*
Alliance Bioversity International – CIAT	All except FA and restricted items*
Committee on Sustainability Assessment (COSA)	All except FA and restricted items*
Conservation International (CI)	All except FA and restricted items*
European Coffee Federation (ECF)	All except FA and restricted items*
Global Coffee Platform (GCP)	All except FA and restricted items*
IDH - The Sustainable Trade Initiative	All except FA and restricted items*
International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA)	All except FA and restricted items*
Latin American and Caribbean Network of Fair Trade Small Producers and Workers (CLAC)	All except FA and restricted items*
National Coffee Association USA (NCA)	All except FA and restricted items*
National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia (FNC)	All except FA and restricted items*
PROMECAFE	All except FA and restricted items*
Rainforest Alliance	All except FA and restricted items*

Specialty Coffee Association (SCA)	All except FA and restricted items*
Sustainable Food Lab	All except FA and restricted items*
Swiss Coffee Trade Association (SCTA)	All except FA and restricted items*
Swiss Sustainable Coffee Platform (SSCP)	All except FA and restricted items*
Vietnamese Coffee and Cocoa Association (VICOFA)	All except FA and restricted items*
Vocal Network	All except FA and restricted items*
World Coffee Research	All except FA and restricted items*
Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF) Members	
Cafédirect	All except FA and restricted items*
ECOM Trading	All except FA and restricted items*
illycaffè S.p.A.	All except FA and restricted items*
JDE Peet's	All except FA and restricted items*
Lavazza S.p.A.	All except FA and restricted items*
Louis Dreyfus Company	All except FA and restricted items*
Nestlé S.A.	All except FA and restricted items*
Neumann Kaffee Gruppe	All except FA and restricted items*
Ofi	All except FA and restricted items*
Starbucks Coffee Company	All except FA and restricted items*
Sucafina	All except FA and restricted items*
Tchibo	All except FA and restricted items*

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