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1. The ICO Technical Statistics Workshop for Asia & Oceania was held on 14 May 2025 at the Jakarta International Conference Center, Indonesia.

**A. Participation**

2. All International Coffee Organization (ICO) Members in Asia & Oceania were invited.

**A.1 Attendance**

3. A total of **17 participants** attended (excluding Secretariat staff) from 2 countries:

(a) **Indonesia (12 participants)**, from five different departments:

- (i) Directorate of Interregional and International Organization Negotiation (Ministry of Trade);
- (ii) Directorate of Export of Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (iii) Centre for Data and Information Systems;
- (iv) Ministry of Agriculture; and
- (v) Ministry of Industry.

(b) **Papua New Guinea (5 participants)**, from the Coffee Industry Corporation Limited (CIC).

**A.2 Non-attendance**

4. Several Members expressed interest but were unable to attend due to:

- (a) Budget constraints;
- (b) Scheduling conflicts;
- (c) Insufficient lead-time for civil servant approval;
- (d) Logistical challenges; and
- (e) Non-response.

5. Some Members requested a hybrid format; however, given the objective of strengthening working relationships, the workshop was conducted fully in person. Future sessions may incorporate hybrid modalities.

## **B. Structure of the workshop**

6. The workshop was structured as a one-day, in-person technical training session delivered by the Statistical Coordinator and the Associate Statistician. It was designed to:

- (a) Strengthen Members' compliance with statistical reporting obligations under the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007;
- (b) Improve understanding of statistical formats and reporting procedures;
- (c) Foster closer working relationships between the ICO Statistics Section and national statistical focal points; and
- (d) Encourage peer exchange among Member countries.

7. The workshop was organized into four thematic blocks:

- (a) Statistical obligations of Members;
- (b) Statistical reporting formats;
- (c) Definition, collection and dissemination of data; and
- (d) System integration and digitalization.

8. The methodology was highly interactive, encouraging open discussion, questions and practical exchanges. Hard copies of key ICO statistical documents were distributed to participants to reinforce institutional context and obligations.

## **C. Topics presented**

### **C.1 Statistical obligations of Members**

9. Participants reviewed:

- (a) The Rules on Statistics (Statistical Reports and Certificates of Origin) (documents [ICC-102-10](#) and [ICC-102-9 Rev. 5](#), respectively);
- (b) Reporting requirements (monthly, quarterly, annual);
- (c) The role of Certificates of Origin (CoO) in global trade monitoring;
- (d) The relevance of Member data to:
  - (i) Monthly Trade Statistics (MTS);
  - (ii) The Quarterly Statistical Bulletin (QSB); and
  - (iii) The Coffee Report & Outlook.

10. Emphasis was placed on how Members' work contributes directly to:

- (a) Market transparency;
- (b) Price discovery;

- (c) Policy formulation; and
- (d) The credibility of the ICO as the leading global coffee statistical authority.

## **C.2 Statistical reporting formats**

11. The Secretariat explained:

- (a) The historical evolution of reporting templates;
- (b) Current requirements aligned with the World Coffee Statistics Database (WCSD); and
- (c) The importance of rigid formatting for automated data ingestion.

12. The following key issues were discussed:

- (a) Differences in national formats and languages;
- (b) Data rejection due to formatting inconsistencies;
- (c) Need to align national reporting templates with WCSD ingestion structure; and
- (d) Submission of incomplete datasets on time rather than complete datasets late.

13. Participants were guided through practical reporting steps to reduce ingestion errors.

## **C.3 Data collection and dissemination**

14. The session covered:

- (a) The CoO as the legal and statistical backbone of coffee trade data.
- (b) Differentiation of coffee by:
  - (i) Type (Arabica/Robusta);
  - (ii) Method (Washed/Unwashed); and
- (c) Importance of timely monthly export reporting.

15. Participants were reminded that:

- (a) CoO data provide unique destination-level differentiation;
- (b) Monthly export data are among the most anticipated global market indicators; and
- (c) Persistent bottlenecks should be reported transparently with estimates.

## **C.4 System integration and digitalization**

16. The final session focused on:

- (a) Digital public infrastructure tools;

- (b) Database-to-database integration;
- (c) Advanced data collection techniques;
- (d) Real-time reporting; and
- (e) Data cleaning and transformation processes.

17. The following examples were discussed:

- (a) Brazil's cloud-based CoO system architecture;
- (b) Open-source traceability tools (e.g., INATrace);
- (c) National georeferenced databases; and
- (d) National Single Window systems.

18. The long-term vision presented was full digital integration between Member systems and the ICO database, eliminating manual intermediate reporting steps.

#### **D. Results identified**

19. The workshop achieved several important outcomes, as detailed below.

##### **D.1 Improved understanding of reporting requirements**

20. Participants gained clarity on:

- (a) Statistical obligations under ICA 2007;
- (b) WCSO formatting requirements; and
- (c) Practical solutions for late reporting.

##### **D.2 Identification of bottlenecks**

21. Discussions during the workshop highlighted a number of common challenges faced by Members in fulfilling their statistical reporting obligations.

22. These challenges relate primarily to different stages of the statistical process, including:

- (a) Data collection, particularly where information must be gathered from multiple institutions or stakeholders along the value chain;
- (b) Data validation and consolidation, including the need to reconcile information from different administrative or statistical sources;
- (c) Data dissemination, where internal procedures and approval processes may affect the timing of submissions;
- (d) Information management systems, including the ongoing development or modernization of national databases and digital reporting tools; and

- (e) Data interoperability, particularly the ability of national systems to exchange information efficiently with international statistical platforms.

23. Participants noted that continued efforts to strengthen national statistical systems and enhance digitalization could help address these challenges and facilitate more timely and consistent reporting to the Secretariat.

### **D.3 Enhanced dialogue and peer learning**

24. The workshop strengthened:

- (a) Institutional connectivity between ICO and national statistical teams;
- (b) Cross-ministerial dialogue within participating countries; and
- (c) Awareness of Members' shared challenges.

### **D.4 Clearer operational guidance**

25. There was acknowledgement that:

- (a) Incomplete datasets submitted on time are preferable to complete datasets submitted late;
- (b) Persistent reporting bottlenecks should be transparently communicated;
- (c) Standardized formatting will reduce ingestion rejection.

### **E. Challenges encountered by countries**

26. The workshop highlighted potential structural and operational challenges:

- (a) Administrative constraints;
- (b) Data validation issues;
- (c) Digital limitations; and
- (d) Operational bottlenecks.

27. These challenges underscore the need for continued technical engagement and digital modernization.

### **F. Identification of follow-up actions**

28. The following actions were identified:

- (a) For Member countries:
  - (i) Align reporting templates with WCSO ingestion format;
  - (ii) Submit incomplete data on time when necessary;
  - (iii) Provide formal communication regarding digitization support needs; and

- (iv) Improve internal coordination between customs, statistical offices and certifying authorities.
- (b) For the Secretariat:
  - (i) Provide additional technical guidance on formatting and ingestion requirements;
  - (ii) Explore technical cooperation opportunities for digital integration;
  - (iii) Consider hybrid or virtual workshops for broader regional participation;
  - (iv) Continue strengthening statistical focal points under the Programme of Activities; and
  - (v) Assess Members' compliance under ICO statistical indicators.
- (c) Medium-term strategic direction:
  - (i) Promote database-to-database integration;
  - (ii) Encourage adoption of digital public infrastructure tools;
  - (iii) Facilitate knowledge-sharing on best practices (e.g., Brazil CoO system); and
  - (iv) Position the ICO as the central hub for high-quality, real-time coffee trade data.

## **G. Conclusion**

29. The ICO Technical Statistics Workshop – Asia & Oceania successfully advanced the objectives of the Five-Year Action Plan ([ICC-120-11](#)) and Programme of Activities by:

- (a) Strengthening Members' statistical capacity;
- (b) Improving clarity on reporting requirements;
- (c) Identifying structural bottlenecks;
- (d) Deepening institutional relationships; and
- (e) Advancing the digitalization agenda.

30. The workshop confirmed strong Member interest in modernizing statistical systems and reinforced the importance of continued technical engagement to enhance market transparency and the integrity of global coffee data.

## **H. Implementation of follow-up actions**

31. Following the workshop held in Indonesia, the following actions have been implemented, as of 6 March 2026:

- (a) Invitations to bilateral meetings on statistics between the ICO Statistics and Economics Section and national statistical focal points sent to all ICO Asian and Oceanian Member countries; and
- (b) Community of Practice (CoP) on statistics established, with the first meeting scheduled for 14 April 2026. All national statistical focal points of ICO Asian and Oceanian Member countries have been invited, and ICO delegates informed and invited through document [ED-2499/26](#).