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**REPORT ON THE ICO TECHNICAL STATISTICS WORKSHOP –AMERICAS
SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS
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1. The ICO Technical Statistics Workshop for the Americas was held on 16 and 17 October 2025 at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cortés in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

A. Participation

2. All ICO Members and PROMECAFE Members in the Americas were invited.

A.1 Attendance

3. A total of **16 participants from 9 countries** attended: Brazil (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Dominican Republic (former ICO Member) (1), El Salvador (1), Honduras (7), Jamaica (former ICO Member) (1), Mexico (2), and Panama (1). In addition, there were two participants from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and one from PROMECAFE.

4. PROMECAFE, with funding from GIZ, sponsored the participation of several workshop attendees.

5. Several Members were unable to participate due to budgetary or scheduling constraints.

B. Structure of the workshop

6. The workshop took place during the week of the International Coffee Council meetings and was structured as a two half-day, in-person training session designed to:

- (a) Strengthen Members' compliance with statistical reporting obligations;
- (b) Improve the technical understanding of ICO statistical formats and systems;
- (c) Provide a platform for country presentations on national reporting systems; and
- (d) Foster collaboration between the ICO Statistics Section and national focal points.

7. The workshop was:

- (a) Organized by the International Coffee Organization (ICO) Secretariat, in partnership with PROMECAFE;
- (b) Hosted by the Government of Honduras; and
- (c) Sponsored by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

8. The workshop was conducted by:

- (a) Mr Dock No – Statistical Coordinator, ICO;
- (b) Mr Alexander Rocos – Associate Statistician, ICO;

- (c) Mr Laurent Pipitone – Chief Economist, ICO; and
 - (d) Ms Anna Kuehnel – Regional Advisor, GIZ.
9. The workshop was opened with addresses from:
- (a) Ms Orietta Alvarenga – Administrator, PROMECAFE;
 - (b) Ms Anna Kuehnel – Regional Advisor, GIZ; and
 - (c) Dr Vanúsia Nogueira, Executive Director (ICO).
10. The structure comprised five main thematic sessions:
- (a) Statistical obligations review;
 - (b) Statistical reporting formats and World Coffee Statistics Database (WCSD) requirements;
 - (c) Data collection and Certificates of Origin (CoO);
 - (d) Review of national systems in relation to compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) (delivered by GIZ); and
 - (e) System integration and digitalization (including Application Programming Interface (API) connectivity).
11. The format was interactive, combining presentations, practical guidance, and participant exchanges.

C. Topics presented

C.1 Statistical obligations of Members

12. The opening session reviewed:
- (a) Members' obligations under the International Coffee Agreement 2007;
 - (b) The importance of statistical compliance to market transparency; and
 - (c) The link between national data and ICO outputs (Monthly Trade Statistics, Coffee Report & Outlook).
13. Participants were reminded that:
- (a) The quality of ICO publications depends directly on national submissions;
 - (b) Timely and comparable data underpin price discovery and policy decisions; and
 - (c) Statistical compliance strengthens the ICO's credibility as the global reference for coffee statistics.

C.2 Statistical reporting formats

14. The Secretariat presented:
 - (a) Trade data reporting requirements;
 - (b) Formatting standards required by the WCSO; and
 - (c) Common ingestion errors and how to prevent them.
15. Participants were encouraged to:
 - (a) Align national reporting templates with WCSO requirements;
 - (b) Reduce format inconsistencies; and
 - (c) Ensure structured and standardized data submission.
16. Guidance was provided on accessing and using the ICO statistical database, and improvements underway to enhance user-friendliness were communicated.

C.3 Data collection and dissemination

17. This session covered:
 - (a) The legal and statistical role of the CoO;
 - (b) Practical steps for reporting exports, imports and re-exports; and
 - (c) Reporting deadlines and monthly submission cycles.
18. Clear operational guidance was provided and participants were encouraged to:
 - (a) Submit incomplete datasets on time rather than complete datasets late;
 - (b) Clearly indicate clearly any missing components; and
 - (c) Update data following the resolution of bottlenecks.
19. The objective is to maximize the inclusion of Member data in the Monthly Trade Statistics (MTS).

C.4 EUDR compliance and data systems

20. A session delivered by GIZ reviewed:
 - (a) National data systems in the context of compliance with the EUDR;
 - (b) Interoperability of digital traceability systems; and
 - (c) Opportunities for aligning national statistical systems with due diligence requirements.

21. Digitization was recognized as a key enabler for:

- (a) EUDR compliance;
- (b) Traceability;
- (c) Data transparency; and
- (d) Reduced administrative burden.

C.5 System integration and digitalization

22. The final session explored:

- (a) Digitization opportunities;
- (b) Database connectivity;
- (c) API integration; and
- (d) Real-time or near-real-time data systems.

23. The importance of reducing manual entry and strengthening automated data flows was emphasized.

D. Results identified

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

D.1 Improved understanding of reporting requirements

25. Participants demonstrated improved understanding of:

- (a) ICO statistical obligations;
- (b) WCSD formatting requirements;
- (c) CoO completion standards; and
- (d) Monthly reporting timelines.

D.2 Sharing of best practices

26. Country presentations highlighted advanced digital systems:

- (a) Colombia presented its SAP HANA-based coffee portal, enabling real-time export data consolidation and farmer access to market and geo-farm information;
- (b) El Salvador presented SICEX, an electronic export platform administered by the Central Reserve Bank;
- (c) Honduras described its system for generating daily reports for stakeholders;

- (d) Jamaica explained its centralized system supporting Jamaica Blue Mountain quality control; and
- (e) Costa Rica presented its CR CAFÉ app for farm-level and mill-level data collection and monitoring.

27. These examples demonstrated significant regional progress in digitization.

D.3 Identification of bottlenecks

28. Participants identified structural bottlenecks affecting compliance, including:

- (a) Managing changes in export destinations between pre-registration and final shipment;
- (b) Delays due to internal approval processes and multiple signatures;
- (c) Completion of quality checks before submission; and
- (d) Timing constraints in consolidating national-level data.

D.4 Recognition of digitization as a strategic priority

29. There was strong consensus that:

- (a) Digitization reduces administrative burden;
- (b) Real-time systems improve data accuracy;
- (c) Automated systems facilitate EUDR compliance; and
- (d) API integration could significantly enhance reporting efficiency.

E. Challenges encountered by countries

30. The main challenges reported were:

- (a) Operational constraints:
 - (i) Multiple institutional approval layers before submission;
 - (ii) Quality control procedures delaying reporting; and
 - (iii) Adjustments required when export destinations change.
- (b) Institutional coordination:
 - (i) Fragmentation between customs authorities, statistical offices, and coffee institutions; and
 - (ii) Need for harmonized internal data flows.

- (c) Technical and systemic challenges:
 - (i) Formatting inconsistencies in submissions;
 - (ii) Need to adapt national systems to ICO requirements;
 - (iii) Limited interoperability between systems; and
 - (iv) Transitional phases of digitalization still ongoing in some countries.
- (d) Communication and logistics.

31. In order to assess the quality of the workshop and identify areas for improvement for future events, a satisfaction survey was conducted. The results are presented in **Annex I**.

F. Identification of follow-up actions

32. The following follow-up actions were identified:

- (a) Immediate actions:
 - (i) Continue providing technical guidance on WCS D access and usage;
 - (ii) Share updated templates and best-practice examples; and
 - (iii) Provide clarification notes on incomplete dataset submission procedures.
- (b) Medium-term actions:
 - (i) Explore the establishment of a Community of Practice (CoP) for the Americas region;
 - (ii) Facilitate peer-to-peer knowledge exchange on digital systems;
 - (iii) Provide additional technical support on API integration and interoperability; and
 - (iv) Strengthen the compliance assessment under ICO statistical indicators.
- (c) Strategic direction:
 - (i) Promote harmonized digital reporting standards across the Americas;
 - (ii) Encourage database-to-database integration;
 - (iii) Support Members in aligning national systems with EUDR and other due diligence frameworks; and
- (d) Position the ICO as the central hub for high-quality, interoperable coffee statistics.

G. Conclusion

33. The ICO Technical Statistics Workshop for the Americas successfully advanced the objectives of the Five-Year Action Plan (document [ICC-120-11](#)) by:

- (a) Strengthening statistical capacity in the region;
- (b) Enhancing understanding of reporting requirements;
- (c) Identifying operational bottlenecks;
- (d) Showcasing digital best practices; and
- (e) Reinforcing cooperation between the ICO and Member statistical focal points.

34. The workshop confirmed that digitization is progressing rapidly in the Americas and that continued regional collaboration—potentially through a CoP—will be instrumental in improving compliance, data quality, and market transparency.

H. Implementation of follow-up actions

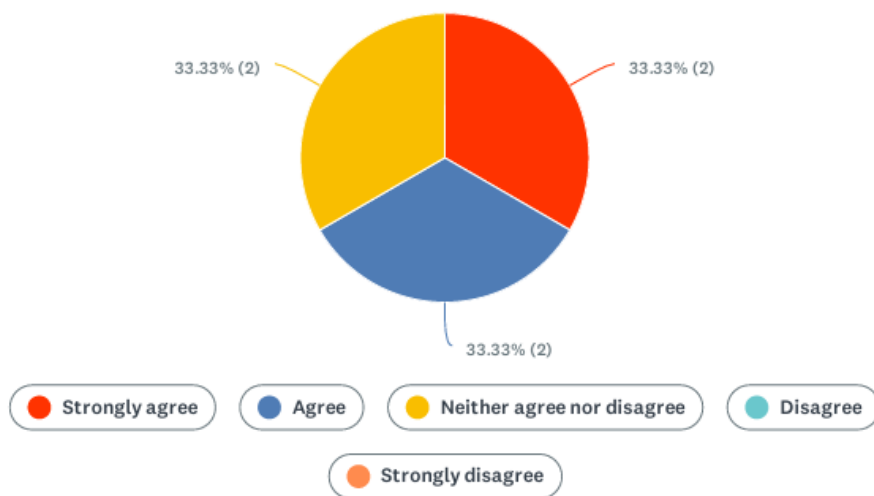
35. The following actions have been implemented, as of 6 March 2026:

- (a) Support provided, when required, to access the WCSD;
- (b) Invitations to bilateral meetings on statistics between the ICO Statistics and Economics section and national statistical focal points sent to all ICO Member countries in the Americas;
- (c) Bilateral meetings on statistics held with eight Member countries in the region and two non-Member countries, with discussions covering digitalization, APIs, and other relevant topics;
- (d) CoP on statistics established, with the first meeting held on 25 February 2026. All national statistical focal points of ICO Member countries were invited, and ICO delegates were informed and invited through document [ED-2499/26](#); and
- (e) Presentation on API integration by one Member country made at the CoP meeting, with a discussion on regional interoperability and experience sharing.

WORKSHOP EVALUATION SURVEY

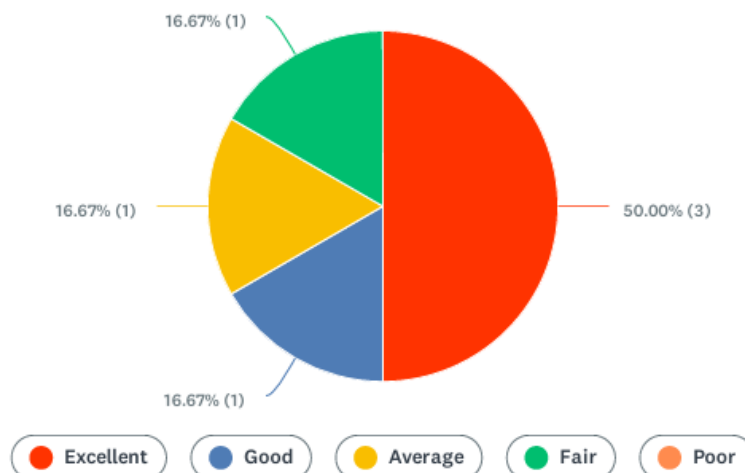
Q1 How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: "The content of the Technical Statistics Workshop was relevant to my work or my organization"?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



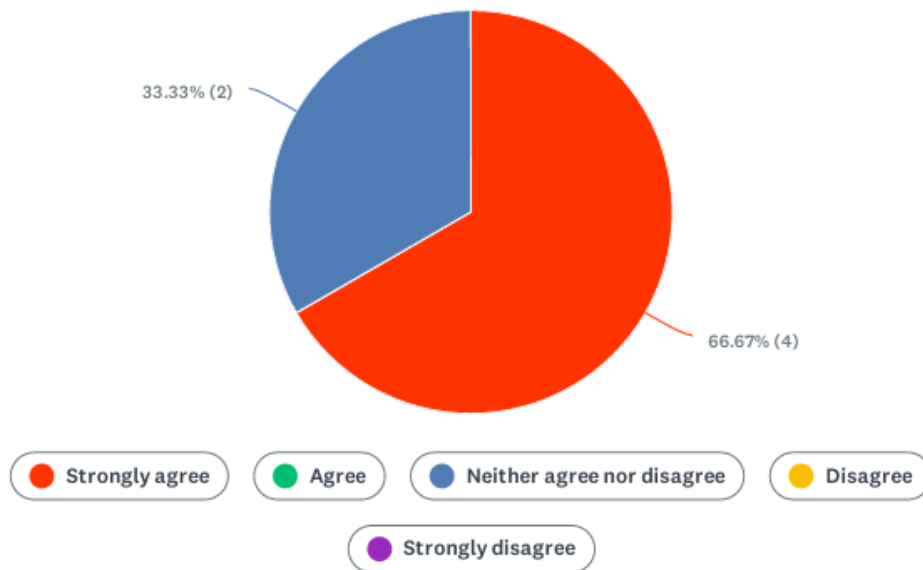
Q2 How would you rate the quality and relevance of the presentations and panels?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



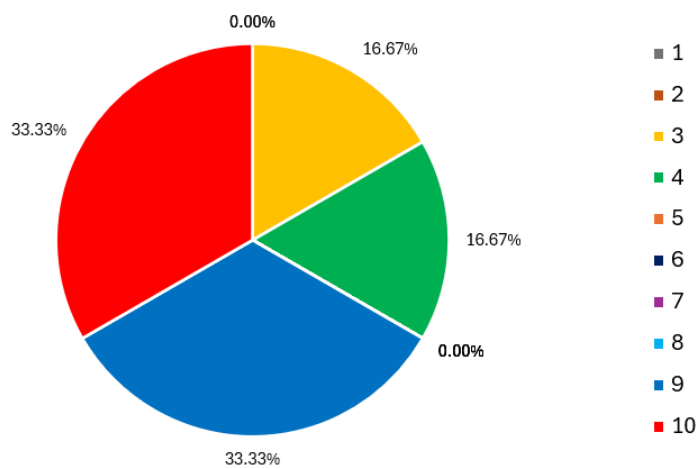
Q3 How much do you agree or disagree with this statement: "I was satisfied with the level of interaction, engagement and clarity in the workshop"?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



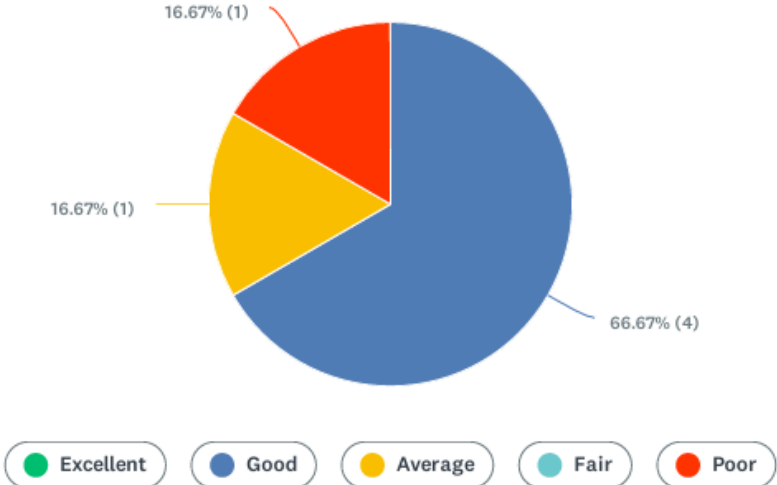
Q4 On a scale from 0 to 10, what was the practical applicability of the workshop?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



Q5 How would you rate your knowledge of ICO statistical requirements before the workshop?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0



Q6 How would you rate your knowledge of ICO statistical requirements after the workshop?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 0

