



Joint Committee
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London, United Kingdom

**Results: Evaluation of proposals for ICO
initiatives for inclusion in the Programme
of Activities for coffee year 2026/27**

Background

1. At its 7th meeting, held on 5 August 2026, the Joint Committee agreed to evaluate the 21 proposals for ICO initiatives to be considered for inclusion in the Programme of Activities under the Administrative Budget for coffee year 2026/27.
2. A total of 9 responses from Angola, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, India, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru and Togo were submitted using the online questionnaire distributed. Each initiative's overall score was calculated using the approved criteria and weighted score, as set out in [ED-2517/26](#).
3. The results found in **Annex I** will inform discussions at the next meeting of the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee will then seek consensus on the selection of one or more initiatives for implementation in coffee year 2026/27, taking into account the available resources and Members' priorities.

Action

The Joint Committee is invited to consider this matter and, if appropriate, to make recommendations to the Council.

TABLE 1: SCORES ALLOCATED TO PROPOSALS FOR ICO INITIATIVES

Initiative	Overall score	Number of responses
15. Validation of low-risk coffee farming for deforestation regulation frameworks	3.39	9
12. Preservation of water resources for coffee growing: the example of the Brazilian 'WATER-PRODUCING COFFEE' programme for other producing countries	3.22	9
11. Inventory of good practices in coffee storage and gains for coffee farmers	3.19	9
9. Tariff and non-tariff barriers to coffee trade: new challenges	3.11	9
14. New by-products of coffee cultivation: additional ways to increase coffee farmers' incomes	3.08	9
6. The challenges and outlook of the international soluble coffee trade up to 2030	3.06	9
10. The positive health impacts of coffee consumption	2.97	9
13. The mechanization of coffee farming - a path to greater productivity and income for producers	2.97	9
16. Roadmap for the development of a national climate fund for the capture of carbon in coffee cultivation	2.97	9
4. Analyses of successful national strategies for promoting and encouraging coffee consumption	2.92	9
7. Inventory of tariff treatment of coffee products in recent trade agreements between different free trade areas	2.67	9
19. Strengthening traceability and smallholder capacity in the Indian coffee sector to support compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)	2.64	9
3. Expansion of the international coffee trade: exploring the potential of emerging markets - the Middle East	2.58	9
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5. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and opportunities for coffee trading on the African continent	2.56	9
8. Update on foreign direct investment (FDI), mergers or acquisitions in the global coffee industry	2.53	9
1. Expansion of the international coffee trade: exploring the potential of emerging markets – the case of China	2.44	9
18. Development of a methodology to measure domestic coffee consumption in Honduras	2.08	9
17. Strengthening the operational capacities of CAISTAB for access to finance and invigoration of the coffee sector in Gabon	2.06	9
21. National coffee transformation programme: sustainable productivity, climate resilience and dignified incomes across 13 regions of Peru	2.03	9
20. Design of a methodology for defining fair reference prices for quality Mexican coffee to improve the profitability of coffee-growing activity in accordance with the mandate of the new Law on the Sustainable Development of Coffee Farming	1.97	9