

Mission report

Subject	COP30
Place and dates	Belém, Brazil – 7 to 15 November 2025
ICO staff member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanusia Nogueira, Executive Director • Lavinia Gasperini, Junior Professional Officer, Sustainability and Partnerships
Purpose of travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30)
Five-Year Action Plan/Programme of Activities relevance	<p>Five-Year Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Goal II: Using the Organization’s convening power to provide a forum for dialogue and testing between and within the public and private sectors on coffee-related issues. • Strategic Goal III: Facilitating the development of projects and promotion programmes through public-private partnerships. <p>Results and Deliverables from the PoA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II.A.6 Engaging IGOs, IFIs and NGOs in ICO events and participation in external events • II.A.9 Outreach programmes, special events and information materials • III.A.5 Providing advisory services and cooperation with IGOs, private sector, civil society/academia

OVERVIEW

1. The Executive Director and Junior Professional Officer attended the first week of COP30, in Belém, Brazil. The Action Agenda launched by the COP30 presidency provided an opportunity to showcase existing solutions for climate resilience, including in the coffee sector. In the months leading up to COP30, the Coffee Public-Private Task Force (CPPTF) team attended meetings and provided inputs, positioning the CPPTF as one of the initiatives supporting resilient agriculture.

2. The International Coffee Organization (ICO) attended COP30 to:

- (a) Demonstrate the alignment of the coffee sector with the climate agenda and sustainability goals, and position coffee as part of the solution;
- (b) Increase the visibility of coffee and the ICO beyond traditional stakeholders; and
- (c) Attend events and bilateral meetings to stress how sustainable coffee production can support development.

3. The Executive Director spoke in coffee-related events organized by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Conservation International, illycaffè, and the Brazilian coffee sector (including the Brazilian Coffee Exporters' Council (Cecafé), The National Coffee Council (CNC), the Brazilian Coffee Industry Association (ABIC), the Brazilian Soluble Coffee Industry Association (ABICS), the Brazilian Specialty Coffee Association (BSCA)). These events highlighted the impact of climate change on coffee and the importance of public-private collaboration to foster climate resilience and secure coffee supply chains (full list available in **Annex I**).

4. The Executive Director also took part in bilateral meetings with the Director General for Italian Development Cooperation, the German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Brazilian Minister of Agriculture, and representatives from the Angolan delegation attending COP30. Discussions covered the soon-to-be-launched G7 Global Coffee Fund, the European Union Deforestation Regulation, the role of land restoration, and the importance of information reaching producers in Member countries.

5. Finally, the Executive Director and Junior Professional Officer attended official COP30 sessions on transparency, land restoration, new technologies and data, and financing and insurance, to gather insights relevant to challenges faced by the coffee sector.

CONCLUSIONS/MAIN OUTCOMES

1. Collaboration remains essential: Despite challenges to multilateral cooperation, COP30 emphasized the value of broad collective action. Several actors, including China, contributed to shaping this cooperative spirit and advancing the agenda. Addressing climate change requires engagement across all sectors, including coffee. In this context, the ICO continues to promote collaboration, serving as a bridge between producing and importing countries, the private sector, and civil society.

2. Data enables effective climate action: The principle “you cannot change what you cannot measure” was frequently noted in Belém. Emerging digital tools and artificial intelligence offer new ways to assess risks, assist producers, and inform decisions. The ICO's role includes generating reliable data for the coffee sector and ensuring that such information remains inclusive, accessible, and transparent to help drive meaningful progress.

3. Coffee is part of the solution: Through approaches such as regenerative agriculture, circular bioeconomy models, and climate-smart practices, coffee has the potential to support sustainable development pathways. At COP30 and related events, the ICO's work was recognized for helping position coffee within broader nature-positive and socially-inclusive development efforts.

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LIST OF EVENTS IN WHICH THE ICO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PARTICIPATED

1. Monday 10th November
Organizer: German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Event: "Too Hot to Handle? Coffee and the Climate Crisis"
Venue: German Pavillion, Blue Zone
Video recording and additional details of the event available [here](#).
2. Monday 10th November
Organizer: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Brazilian COP30 Presidency
Event: "Grounded Regenerative and Carbon-Smart Coffee Solutions: Access to new financial and technological solutions towards a resilient and climate-positive coffee farming and value chain"
Venue: AquaPraça, Italian Floating Pavilion
Additional details of the event available [here](#).
3. Thursday 13th November
Organizer: Conservation International
Event: "Investing in bioeconomy initiatives: Lessons learned from Indigenous economies, coffee and restoration"
Venue: Nature Hub Pavilion, Blue Zone
Additional details available [here](#).
4. Friday 14th November
Organizer: Brazilian Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock (CNA)
Event: "Sustainability of Brazilian Coffee"
Venue: CNA Pavilion, AgriZone
Video recording available [here](#) (in Portuguese)





