

Mission report

Subject	Signature ceremony relating to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the International Coffee Organization (ICO)
Place and dates	Rome, Italy, Tuesday 14 July 2026
ICO staff member	Vanúsia Nogueira, Executive Director
Purpose of travel	To attend a meeting with Mr QU Dongyu, Director-General of FAO, and sign the Memorandum of Understanding contained in document ICC-141-3.
Plan/Programme of Activities relevance	Five-Year Action Plan: Strategic Goal III: Facilitating the development of projects and promotion programmes through public-private partnerships Results and Deliverables from the PoA: - III.A.3 Advocacy for the promotion of cooperation with bilateral, regional & multilateral development agencies and donors with a focus on regulatory framework and sustainability and resilience of the coffee sector

OVERVIEW

1. After more than two decades of successful collaboration since the signature of the first MoU between FAO and the ICO in 2004, on 14 July 2026 the Executive Director and Director-General of FAO marked another significant milestone in their organizations' long-standing partnership. The new MoU was approved by the International Coffee Council in March 2026 and was signed at the FAO Headquarters in Rome.

2. By way of the MoU, the ICO and FAO aim to further their shared goals and objectives with regard to the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the global coffee sector, and have agreed to the following areas of cooperation: (a) market transparency and sustainability; (b) market and trade-related issues; (c) resilience and adaptation; and (d) family farmers' sustainability.

CONCLUSIONS/MAIN OUTCOME

1. Built on years of collaboration, the renewal of this partnership not only reflects the ICO and FAO's shared vision of a future where coffee continues to create opportunities for people,

communities and the planet, but also testifies to and reinforces their pledge to continue working together to support smallholder coffee producers by enhancing market transparency through the provision of market information and analysis; address climate-change challenges; fight plant pests and diseases; and increase innovation and access to technology and markets.

2. The MoU contains a work plan with activities that have been jointly identified for the relevant implementation period (see Annex 1 of document [ICC-141-3](#)), as well as impact indicators and targets.

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