INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

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Mission report

Subject	Preparatory visit for the 142nd Session of the International Coffee Council (ICC), 8th CEOs and Global Leaders Forum (CGLF) and related meetings
Place and dates	Geneva, Switzerland, 13 July 2026
ICO staff member	• Vanúsia Nogueira, Executive Director
Purpose of travel	• To assess the conference centre and its suitability for hosting the 142nd Session of the ICC, 8th CGLF and related meetings in Geneva, Switzerland
Five-Year Action Plan/Programme of Activities relevance	**Five-Year Action Plan** • **Strategic Goal II - Using the Organization's convening power to provide a forum for dialogue between and within the public and private sectors** **A – Priority actions to strengthen membership engagement** o Provide a forum for dialogue on coffee-related issues. o Organize Council sessions and other ICO meetings in Member countries at appropriate intervals. o Organize press briefings during Council Sessions and special events with national and international media to brief them about the ICO and coffee issues o Develop links with senior government representatives when visiting ICO member countries. **B – Priority actions to strengthen engagement with third parties** o Foster the ICO's role as the leading coffee authority ensuring that it is seen as the global forum for discussions on coffee matters. o Enhance cooperation and communication on coffee policies and actions with the private sector. o Organize coffee events in partnership with the private sector and NGOs. **Programme of Activities relevance** • **Planned Result II.A: Strengthening ICO engagement with Members and other external stakeholders by providing a multi-sectorial leadership forum for dialogue and knowledge exchange on issues impacting the coffee sector** o II.A.1 Providing operational and technical services for meetings (Member states, ICC, ad-hoc expert group meetings, etc.)

OVERVIEW

1. As per customary practice, the Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization (ICO) travelled to Switzerland, the host country of the 142nd Session of the International Coffee Council (ICC), to assess the suitability of the venue (Geneva International Conference Centre), discuss requirements and finalize logistical arrangements for Members and participating guests. The programme of her visit is attached in **Annex I**.

2. In addition to venue tour and logistical evaluations, the Executive Director also met with the Swiss authorities to discuss practicalities including visas, protocol and security. The meeting was broadcast live via Zoom and provided an opportunity for the Executive Director and her team to meet the Swiss partners involved in the preparation and coordination of the event.

CONCLUSIONS/MAIN OUTCOMES

1. Arrangements were finalized for welcoming ICO Members, observers and invited participants to the 142nd Session of the ICC and related meetings, held from 28 to 30 September 2026.

2. The visit provided an opportunity to clarify responsibilities and address outstanding logistical matters in advance of the meetings, thereby facilitating the smooth organization and conduct of the Session.

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ANNEX I

Pre-142nd International Coffee Council
VISIT PROGRAMME
GENEVA, 13 July 2026

09:30 - 10:15 | Welcome, introductions and ICC & related meetings briefing
• Welcome and introductions • Objectives of the visit • Overview of the ICC & related meetings • Roles and responsibilities of Host Country/ICO • Communications and coordination ahead of ICC
10:15 - 11:15 | Logistics, operations and delegate arrangements
• Venue layout and room allocations • Registration and accreditation procedures (credentials) • Security, protocol, and access arrangements • Interpretation and audiovisual services • Catering and social events • Media arrangements • General delegate support
11:15 – 12:15 | Venue tour
• Conference hall and meeting rooms • Side event spaces (Swiss Sustainable Coffee Platform, Reception, GCP, etc.) • Registration and accreditation area • VIP and bilateral meeting rooms • Media centre (if confirmed, press will be allowed) • Interpretation booths and technical facilities
12:15 - 13:45 | Working lunch
13:45 - 14:30 | Wrap-up and next steps
• Key decisions and observations • Outstanding actions and responsibilities • Timeline and milestones leading to the ICC • Final questions and closing remarks