

The International Coffee Council met in London from 23 to 25 September 2009, chaired by Mr David Brooks of the USA and considered the following matters.

Membership of the ICA 2007: The Council reviewed the status of the 2007 Agreement. As at 25 September 2009, 44 Governments (40 Exporting, 4 Importing) have signed the ICA 2007 and 21 Governments (18 exporting, 3 importing) have completed membership procedures by depositing instruments of ratification, acceptance and approval or notifications of provisional application. Importing Members have met the requirements for entry into force of the ICA 2007 but this is not yet the case for exporting Members. The Council approved Resolutions 441, 442 and 443 extending the deadlines for signature of the 2007 Agreement and deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 25 September 2010, and extending the 2001 Agreement for a further year.

World Coffee Conference – the Council received a report on the Conference which will take place in Guatemala City from Friday 26 – Sunday 28 February 2010. The Conference will be chaired by the President of Guatemala, HE Mr Álvaro Colom Caballeros. The Conference will be attended by Heads of State, Ministers, and high-level representatives of international organizations and regional development banks, as well as members of the world coffee sector. It will take as its theme “**Coffee for the future: Towards a sustainable coffee sector**” and comprise four main sessions:

1. Economic Sustainability: the economics of production
2. Economic Sustainability: the economics of demand
3. Environmental Sustainability
4. Social Sustainability

A workshop on the implementation of the Consultative Forum on Coffee Sector Finance chaired by the Executive Director took place on 22 September, to discuss specific ideas for the work of, and arrangements for the Forum. Representatives from the Common Fund for Commodities and bilateral agencies from Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and the USA made presentations on assistance to the coffee sector and the work of the Forum, which were followed by in-depth discussions by Members. **Forum presentations**

Market reports and studies: Members received a report on the world coffee market situation, and discussed studies on coffee price volatility, obstacles to consumption and climate change and coffee. **Presentation | Studies**

Projects: The Council approved two new projects for submission to the Common Fund for Commodities:

- Raising Vietnamese coffee farmers' income through increased farming efficiency and quality management
- Coffee genetic resources conservation and sustainable use: global perspective

Other ICO activities: The Council approved the programme of activities for 2009/10, reviewed progress on the implementation of the Coffee Quality-Improvement Programme and received reports on the implementation of the ICO CoffeeClub Network which was launched in 2008 and has over 700 members and 60 communities to date. **Presentation**

Next meeting: The Council will hold its 104th Session in Guatemala City from 1 – 4 March 2010, following the World Coffee Conference from 26 to 28 February.

Office-holders for 2009/10: The following have been appointed as office-holders for 2009/10:

International Coffee Council

Chairman of the International Coffee Council: Mr Rodolfo Trampe Taubert, Executive Coordinator, Asociación Mexicana de la Cadena Productiva del Café, Mexico

1st Vice-Chairman of the Council: Mr Abdoulaye Nana, Deputy Director General, Office national du cacao et du Café, Cameroon

Chairperson of the Executive Board: Mrs Ina Grohmann (Germany)

Chairman of the Private Sector Consultative Board: Mr Rodolfo Trampe Taubert (AMECAFE, Mexico)

Executive Board 2009/10

Exporting Members: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, India, Tanzania, Vietnam

Importing Members: European Community (EC, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain), Norway, Switzerland, United States of America