

63rd IACO Annual General Meetings 15th ACRN General Assembly

ACRN Coordinating Committee Meetings: Presentation of DRD reports, and action plan and budget

**IACO-ACRN/ Department of Research and
Development**

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Introduction

- ACRN annual general meetings are convened every two years and the last one was held in Kigali, Rwanda in 2021.
- The ACRN coordinating committee meeting is combined the production committee since the discussion matters are the same
- Outline:
 - Summary on the status of coffee production in Africa
 - Report of DRD/ACRN reports 2021-2023 (ref doc n°: RD/02/23)
 - ACRN Financial report 2021-2023 (ref doc n°: RD-04/23)
 - DRD/ACRN action plan and budget 2023-2025 (ref doc n°: RD-03/23)

Status of coffee production in Africa

- World production :171.3
 - Arabica: 96.6 (56%)
 - Robusta:73.7 (44%)
- Africa:19.4 (ca 11.3% of the global production)

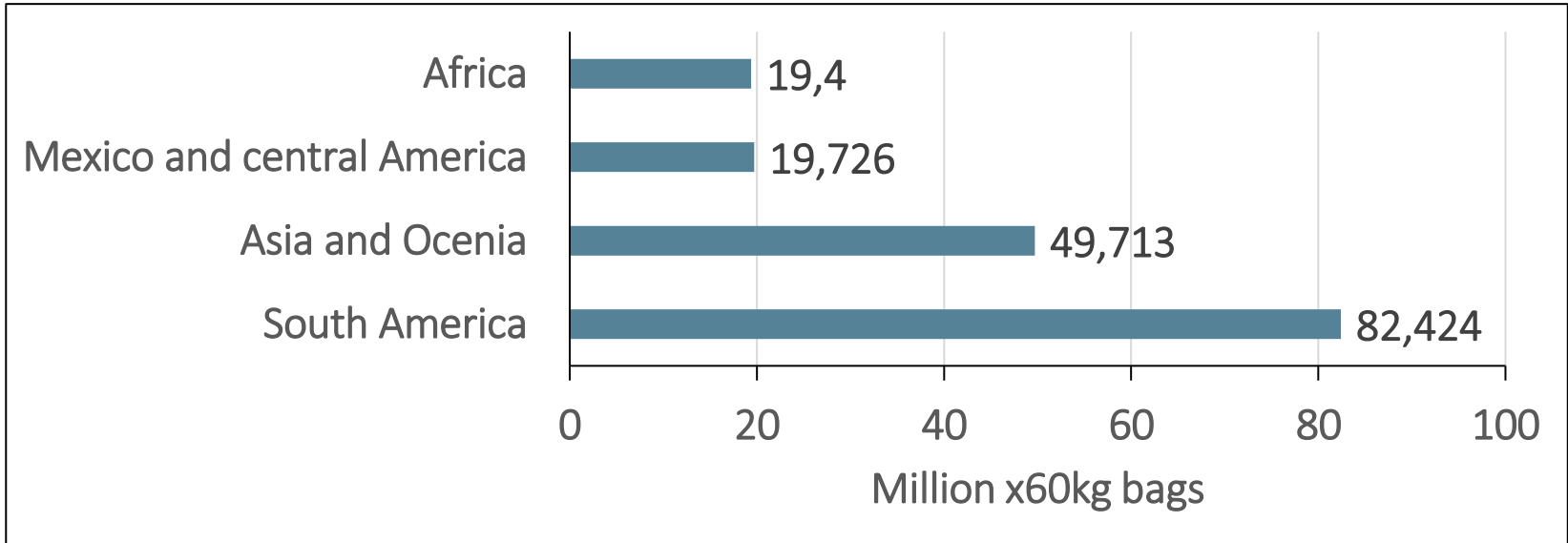


Fig.1 Global coffee production 2022

Status of coffee production in Africa (cont'd)

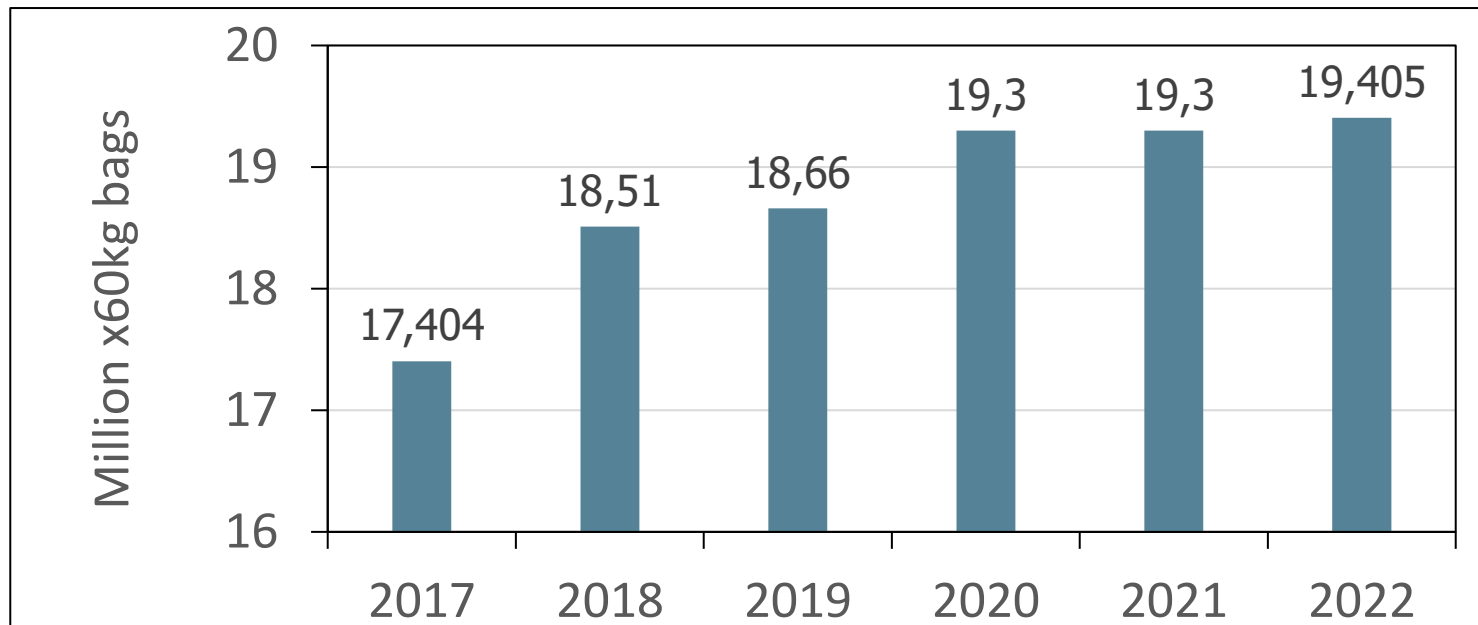


Fig.2 African coffee production in the last six years



Status of coffee production in Africa (cont'd) - Challenges

- Challenges of African coffee production
 - Price volatility ,
 - Climate changes issues (drought, pests and diseases out breaks)
 - Old coffee plantations
 - Lack of high yielding varieties and resistant to pests and diseases
 - Lack sufficient funds to invest in coffee
 - Lack of government enabling policies for supporting the sector in some countries



Introduction

- The DRD/ACRN main goal is to revitalize and improve research in order to enhance the productivity and quality of African coffee, with the key missions of:
 - Promoting cooperation and exchange of scientific information and technologies among members;
 - Encouraging common research objectives to address constraints of African coffee production
 - Establishing collaboration with national and international institutes and coffee research organizations;
 - Raising funds to support the African coffee research

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2021-2023

(ref: n°: RD/02/23/E or RD/02/23/F)

Activities were grouped into four components:

1. Development and Dissemination of Scientific and Technical Information and Reference Documents
2. Development and follow up of research projects
3. Coordination and support to research centres in member countries
4. Administrative support and representation of IACO

1. Development and Dissemination of Scientific and Technical Information and Reference Documents



- Research institutes from 21 ACRN member countries were contacted to request information on coffee researchers and centres to update data base at IACO/ACRN. 20 countries provided information and the updated list of researchers is available on ACRN website.
- Creation of the ACRN Website: www.iaco-oiac.org/ACRN
- Proceedings of the 5th African coffee Scientific conference posted on ACRN website
- IACO/ACRN is in collaboration with researchers in Jimma Agriculture Research Centre in Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Coffee Society in developing a manual for coffee disease management.
- Meetings with researchers organised to strengthen the collaboration



2. Development and follow up of research projects

I. Drafting research projects for submission to donors for funding:

- We received a grant of 279,265 Euro from GIZ under the project 'Facilitating the implementation of leaving prosperous income commitments in which we are collaborating with the Sustainable Food Lab (Development of IACO and ACRN websites, Support in promoting domestic coffee consumption, capacity building and facilitate collaboration with our members through the focal points)
- IACO in collaboration with CABI and ICO prepared a project proposal on Rapid appraisal of the financing landscape for the coffee sector in Africa' that was submitted to Afreximbank for funding. A grant of 52,640 USD was received and CABI was contracted to carry out the study which is now completed and the report is available



2. Development and follow up of research projects (cont'd)

- IACO coordinated the drafting of 2 proposals by researchers from Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, and Rwanda, which were submitted to International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) and Bioresources Innovations Network for Eastern Africa Development Programme (BioInnovate Africa), following a call for proposal which was made

II. Follow up on the implementation of the project: 'Promoting Domestic Coffee Consumption in Africa' in IACO Anglophone member countries:

- A training on coffee roasting and cupping was organised in Ghana from the 4th to the 7th of October 2021. 21 participants from Ghana, Cameroon, and Liberia attended.

2. Development and follow up of research projects (cont'd)

Country	Male #	Female #	Total
Cameroon	2	2	4
Ghana	7	6	13
Liberia	2	2	4
Total	11	10	21



2. Development and follow up of research projects (cont'd)

- The project has supported the establishment of coffee kiosks in different member countries. And the DRD was in charge of following in Ghana, Kenya (Egerton & Kenyatta Universities), Uganda (Kyambogo University), Rwanda (5 coffee boxes established by Stafford coffee company).

III. Visited the regional capping centers in Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Uganda and Zambia.

- Apart from Zambia other centers are operational and under the respective coffee boards



2. Research projects (cont'd):

IACO/GIZ project: 'Facilitating the implementation of living prosperous income (LPI) in IACO member countries

- Follow up on the living income benching in Angola, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Togo (study still ongoing in Ethiopia)
- The project is also supporting in promoting domestic coffee consumption in member countries by supporting in coffee equipment, and training youth in barista.





3. Coordination and support to research centres in member countries

I. **Strengthening collaboration/cooperation with partners**

- Working with secretary General in discussing partnership with different organisations (MoU drafted and signed: AFCFTA, ARSO, Café continent)
- MoU between IACO and Café Continent for collaboration in establishing a coffee training center for youth in Barista was signed.
- MoU with IACO and the African Regional Standards Organisation (ARSO).
- Several meetings were held with our partners aimed at strengthening the collaboration and support in implementing IACO's vision. Some of the partners met include the CIRAD & ASIC secretary



3. Coordination and support to research centres in member countries

- Visit to the Coffee Research Centers:
 - ✓ National Center for Agriculture Research (CNRA) in Man Cote d'Ivoire
 - ✓ Coffee Research Institute (CRI) Ruiru, in Kenya,
 - ✓ Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG) in Tafu, Ghana
 - ✓ National Institute for Agriculture Research of Benin (INRAB),
 - ✓ Sierra Leone Agriculture Research Institute (SLARI), Sierra Leone, MoU signed between IACO/ACRN signed to collaborate in Research
 - ✓ National Coffee research Institute (NaCoRI) Uganda,
 - ✓ Cocoa Research institute of Nigeria (CRIN), in Ibadan,
 - ✓ Jimma Agriculture Research Center in Jimma, Ethiopia
 - ✓ National Coffee Institute of Angola (INCA)



Young coffee stenophylla trial in Kenema (SL)



Jimma Research Center



Coffee Researchers in Niaouli



Coffee clones in Niaouli



3. Coordination and support to research centres in member countries (cont'd)

II. Participate in scientific meetings (physical or online)

- Several coffee conferences were attended physically or online to share experience in coffee and network with the participants and strengthen the collaboration in order to support coffee research.

- The conference attended include:
 - SCA conferences 2022&2023
 - ASIC 2021 & 2023
 - AFCA 2023
 - WCPF 2022
 - Ethiopian Coffee Science society conference in 2022

III. Organization of the 5th African Coffee Scientific Conference.



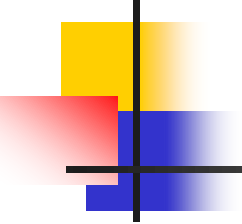
- ❑ The 5th ACRN Scientific Coffee Conference was held on the 15th November 2022 at the Hotel 2-Fevrier in Lome, Togo

- ❑ Theme: “Connecting Research and Extension for Improved Coffee Productivity and Quality”.

- ❑ Topics discussed:
 - Coffee Agronomy,
 - Breeding,
 - Pests and diseases management,
 - Climate change effects,
 - Socio-economy and quality improvement

III. Organisation of the 5th African Coffee Scientific Conference (Cont'd)

Country	# topics	# researchers	#Sponsored
Cameroon	1	1	1
Cote d'Ivoire	4	2	1
DRC	1	1	
Ethiopia	1	1	
Gabon	1	1	1
Kenya	2	2	1
Madagascar	1	1	1
Malawi	1	1	
Nigeria	3	3	
Sierra Leone	1	1	
Tanzania	1	1	
Togo	4	3	
Uganda	1	1	1
Zimbabwe	1	1	
Total	23	20	7



III. Organisation of the 5th African Coffee Scientific Conference (Cont'd)

- ❑ It was recommended from the discussions:
 - To enhance the collaboration and information sharing between coffee scientists in IACO member states,
 - To enhance coffee research and innovation in the African IACO member countries
 - Research should be oriented in a way to solve challenges faced by the coffee farmers
 - To strengthen the linkage between research and extension so as to facilitate the dissemination of research findings to farmers.

- ❑ Proceedings of the conferences were written and are available on ACRN website



4. Administrative support to IACO secretariat

- ❑ DRD department supported in preparing the five-year strategic plan of IACO (2023-2028). The draft is available and waiting to be validated during the 63rd AGA.
 - ❑ The DRD department participated in organising the IACO AGA preparation of the reports.
 - ❑ DRD department participated actively in day-to-day activities of the IACO secretariat
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ACRN financial report 2021-2023

(ref: n°: RD/04/23)

- The source of income of the ACRN in the last two years has been the contribution of the member countries.
- Each member country pays an annual contribution of 2,000USD (1,525 Euro).
- The aim of this brief financial report is to update ACRN members on the financial status of the network, including the available amount in the bank, expenses made in 2021-2023, and the status of contributions from member countries.



Summary of expenditures and budget execution

Designations	2021-2022		2022-2023	
	EURO	CFA(*)	EURO	CFA(*)
Participation to regional and international conferences	6,163	4,042 908	10,988	7,207,487
Visit to research centers	1,775	1,164,000	1,288	844,692
Bank charges	482	316,252	497	325,860
Support to Ethiopian coffee society conference	976	640,530	-	-
Organization of the 5th ACRN Conference	-		9 430	6185400
Office items (Cartridge)	-		599	393000
Total	9,396	6,163,690	22,801	14,956,439
Planned budget	14,802		26,640	
% budget execution	60%		84%	

(*) Exchange rate: € 1=655.957 CFA



Status of the ACRN account

	2021-2022		2022-2023	
	FCFA	EURO	FCFA	EURO
Total contribution	11 156 245	17 008	20 002 096	30 493
Balance previous year (carried over)	38 357 229	58 475	43 349 784	66 087
Total Income	49 513 474	75 483	63 351 880	96 580
Expenses	6 163 690	9 396	14 956 439	22 801
Balance	43 349 784	66 087	48 395 441	73 779

Contributions received from member states

Countries	2021-2022		2022-2023	
	FCFA	EURO	FCFA	EURO
Angola	1 000 334	1 525	12 203 424	18 604
Cameroun	970 161	1 479	1 000 991	1 526
Cote d'Ivoire	995 654	1 518	1 000 990	1 526
Gabon	1 992 095	3 037		
Ghana	1 211 230	1 847	791 740	1 207
Kenya	1 000 990	1 526	1000990	1 526
Madagascar	1000991	1 526		
Rwanda	984591	1 501	1 000 990	1 526
Tanzania			1 000 991	1 526
Togo	999 209	1 523	1 000 990	1 526
Uganda	1000990	1526	1 000 990	1 526
Total contribution	11 156 245	17 008	20 002 096	30 493



Arrears and expected contributions

- ❑ Non-paid contributions for 2022/2023 including arrears of previous years **290,281 Euros** equivalent to **190,411,854 CFA**
- ❑ The contributions for this coffee year alone (2023/2024) without arrears are 32,050 Euro and 40% of this amount is expected to be recovered
- ❑ In the meantime, ACRN pleads with members to do their best to clear their arrears for the benefit of strengthening the network.



Budget Estimates for 2023/24

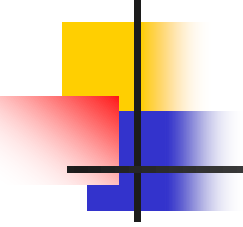
Components	<i>Budget (Euro)</i>	<i>Budget (CFA)</i>
Promote cooperation and exchange of scientific information and technologies among member countries	20000	13,119,140
Development and follow up of research projects	6000	3,935,742
Coordination and support to research centres in member countries	15000	9,839,355
Strengthen partnership with other regional and international organisations	4580	3,004,283
Total budget	45,580	29,898,520

(*) *Exchange rate: € 1=655.957 CFA*



Conclusion

- The network pleads with members to continue paying their annual statutory contributions and arrears on time, which will greatly support and strengthen the network.
- Strategies to mobilize countries to pay their contribution and arrears need to be discussed in the ACRN meetings.
- The office of ACRN coordination will continue working on raising funds from other sources to support activities and the African Coffee Research
- ACRN coordination office wishes to appreciate the regular contributions made by some member countries and those who cleared their arrears



Thank you