

## **ECF position paper**

### **Working towards the Sustainable Development Goals**

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**The European Coffee Federation (ECF) and its members are committed to working collectively in order to achieve meaningful progress on the social, environmental and economic challenges that the global coffee sector is facing today.**

**As ECF we support and encourage dialogue and engagement with the international coffee community to ensure that conditions are in place to improve the wellbeing, livelihoods and economic success of coffee farming communities.**

**We will use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a guide to map out and align the sector's efforts to optimise their economic, social and environmental initiatives.**

Through our members, ECF embraces each and every one of the SDGs, striving to contribute to a better, fairer and more sustainable coffee industry, particularly for farmers and rural workers. As a sector we promote inclusive growth as well as sustainable and diversified income generation as a means of strengthening and guaranteeing the long-term resilience of coffee farmers around the world. We advocate for sustainable and resilient food systems, that will develop and enhance the lives of coffee growing communities and encourage increasing consumers ethical, economic and environmental aspirations in order to embrace social responsibility and reduce their environmental footprint.

As a Federation, our strongest commitment is to achieving SDG 17 and SDG 12, namely Partnership for the Goals and Sustainable Consumption and Production, by associating and engaging with other relevant coffee stakeholders as well as by sharing best practices among our members to tackle social, economic and environmental challenges.

As ECF, we strongly believe that sustainability is a shared responsibility, having therefore committed ourselves to enhancing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. Through our actions we wish to raise self-awareness amongst multi-stakeholders, fostering dialogue and mutual learning from our actions and experience. We will continue to



contribute to sharing knowledge and expertise in order to better support the achievement of the SDGs and we remain committed to urge coffee traders and manufacturers to continue to prioritize their social responsibility from farm to cup.

The European Coffee Federation (ECF) is the representative organisation for the European coffee trade and industry, speaking for over 700 companies ranging from SMEs to internationally operating companies, representing approximately 35% of the world coffee trade volume. ECF offers its members a forum for exchange, identifying industry-wide issues of common interest in the areas of food safety, sustainability and international trade.