(5) The Organization shall place particular emphasis on facilitating access to information by small- and medium-scale farmers and other producers to assist them in improving their sustainability, productivity and financial performance, including managing credit and risk.

CHAPTER X – PROJECT ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 33
Development and funding of projects

(1) Members and the Executive Director may submit project proposals through the Economics Committee to the Council. These proposals should contribute to the achievement of the objectives of this Agreement and one or more of the priority areas for work identified in the strategic action plan and in the annual programme of activities approved by the Council pursuant to Article 10.

(2) The Council shall establish and update procedures and mechanisms for submitting, appraising, approving, prioritizing and funding projects, as well as for their implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and wide dissemination of results. The Economics Committee shall be responsible for carrying out these procedures and mechanisms and for making recommendations to the Council.

(3) At each session of the Council the Executive Director shall report on the status of all projects approved by the Council, including those awaiting financing, under implementation, or completed since the previous Council session.

(4) The Organization shall endeavour to cooperate with other international organizations, financial institutions, multilateral and bilateral development agencies and public and private donors, in order to obtain financing assistance and support for the execution of programmes, projects and activities of interest to the coffee economy as appropriate.