

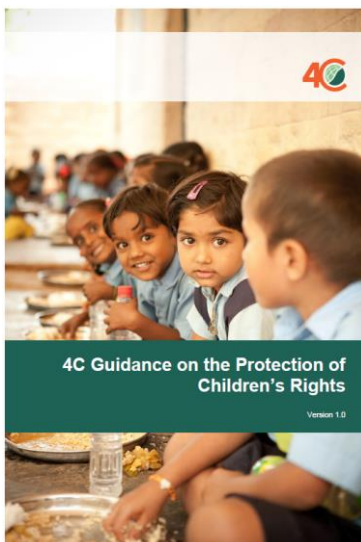


1. [4C publishes Guidance on the Protection of Children’s Rights](#)
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4C Guidance on the Protection of Children’s Rights

“Every child has the right to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child’s education, or that is likely to harm the child’s health, physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.”

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



Child Labour remains one of the biggest challenges in **coffee supply chains**. According to the United States Department of Labour, in **fifteen coffee-producing countries** child labour is a risk. Investigative reports have also found children **as young as five or six years old** working on coffee farms.

The **elimination of child labour** is part of 4C’s mission to anchor sustainability across **environmental, social, and economic** dimensions. This is in accordance with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8** which aims to eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2025.

The development of the [4C Guidance on the Protection of Children’s Rights](#) involved **different stakeholders** and is based on **internationally recognized conventions** on human and children’s rights.

We acknowledge that there is **no quick solution** to end child labour and **understanding its complexity** is key to address the root causes.

The 4C Guidance on the Protection of Children’s Rights intends to:

- complement the **4C System Regulations**
- support 4C **Managing Entities, Intermediary and Final Buyers** to comply with the **4C Code of Conduct**
- provide guidance on strengthening **internal management systems** by establishing **due diligence** procedures to **identify, mitigate, prevent, monitor, and remediate child labour cases**
- **guide auditors** in **detecting and reporting child labour cases** and/or disrespect of children’s rights in coffee production activities
- support **global brands** in **establishing and implementing “no child labour” commitments** as well as complying with mandatory **human rights due diligence** regulations.

If you are interested to learn more about **addressing child labour in coffee supply chains**, please consult the guidance document and [contact us](#) for any questions!

[Download the 4C Guidance on the Protection of Children’s Rights](#)

Upcoming 4C Trainings & Events

4C Code of Conduct and Certification System Trainings 2022

The first sessions of our **4C Online Trainings for 2022** are happening soon. The trainings will be in **English**, with simultaneous translation into **Spanish** and **Portuguese**.

[Sign up here!](#)

The **4C Code of Conduct and Certification System Training** includes many interesting topics and will guide you through the certification process for a better understanding and implementation of the audit requirements and procedures. The topics include, among others:

- **Criteria set by the 4C Code of Conduct**
- **Risk Assessment**
- **On-site and remote audits**
- **Issuance of certificates**
- **Supply Chain Traceability and Chain of Custody**

The first session will be on **26-28 April 2022, 15:00-21:00 CEST**. [Download the agenda here for more details!](#)



When?

26 - 28 April 2022
3pm - 9pm CET



When?

16 - 18 May 2022
1pm - 5pm CET

In addition to our core 4C Code of Conduct Training, we are also offering trainings on our **4C Carbon Footprint Add-On** for a more **climate friendly future for coffee**. The topics will include:

- **Introduction to the 4C Carbon Footprint Add-On and its methodology**
- **GHG emissions calculations on farm-level**
- **GHG emission calculations for postharvest processing, transport, and distribution**
- **Improvement Plan to reduce GHG emissions**
- **Guidelines to achieve climate neutrality**

The first session will be on **16-18 May 2022, 13:00-17:00 CEST**. [Download the agenda here for more details!](#)

4C Online Seminar Series - Sustainable Coffee Days 2022

We are bringing back our successful online seminar series “**4C Sustainable Coffee Days**” this year! Look out for three exciting sessions coming up in May and June 2022.

We will focus on hot topics such as **Climate Friendly Coffee & Regenerative Agriculture**, **Gender Equality in the Coffee Sector** and **Risk Assessment & Traceability for Due Diligence**.

Dates and Details will be announced soon – for more information please [visit our website!](#)

Happy Easter!



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