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The 4C Guidance on the Protection of Children's Rights

In Germany, where 4C is based, the **1st of June** is "**Internationaler Kindertag**" (**International Children's Day**). Another important day in June, that reminds us of the necessity of protecting and supporting children is the **UN World Day Against Child Labour on the 12th of June**.

Protecting and strengthening children's rights is an especially relevant topic in coffee production as **the agricultural sector is responsible for the largest proportion of child labour globally**.

CHILDREN AGED 5-17 YEARS IN 2020

160 MILLION were in child labour...



...of which 79 MILLION were in hazardous work

most of them working within their own family unit, 72%

the agricultural sector accounts for the highest share, 70%



Working towards eliminating child labour is deeply ingrained in the 4C system, but this is not a straight-forward path and there are **no quick-fix solutions**. To further support 4C system users in working towards this goal, we published [the Guidance on the Protection of Children's Rights in April 2022](#).

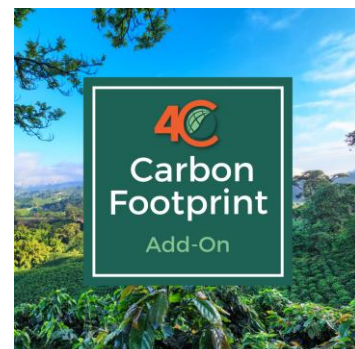
The development of this **comprehensive guidance document** involved auditors, 4C Managing Entities and experts from the industry. The document also contains information from **internationally recognized conventions** on human and children's rights, as well as **good auditing practices** provided by 4C cooperating Certification Bodies (CBs).

[Read more](#)

Second Meeting of the 4C Carbon Footprint Stakeholder Committee

The 4C Technical Stakeholder Committee for the **Carbon Footprint Add-On** is scheduled to meet for the second time on **14 June 2022 at 13:00 CEST**.

This Committee was set up to **improve the on-the-ground application of the [4C Carbon Footprint Add-On](#)** and discuss solutions for a more climate friendly future for the coffee sector. The Add-On is a **comprehensive solution** for 4C system users to respond to the increasing consumer demand for **transparent and reliable information about coffee's carbon footprint**.



After a successful **first session in April**, where the Committee members were able to familiarize themselves with the **newly launched Add-On**, we want to use this second

session to deep-dive into the topic with **interactive group discussions**.

We are very much looking forward to the exchange, as only **together we can create solutions to make coffee more climate friendly!**

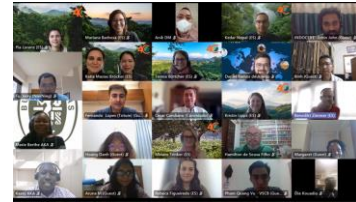
Take the opportunity to sign up to the Committee now, and join the second meeting!

[Register here](#)

The participation in the Stakeholder Committee is open for all 4C system users: Managing Entities of 4C Units, Certification Bodies, Intermediary Buyers and Final Buyers.

Recap from the 4C CB Feedback Meeting

Continuously improving the 4C system is a vital component of our approach. In regular meetings with the Certification Bodies (CBs) collaborating with 4C, we **collect valuable insights** from the people who conduct the audits and **verify the implementation of the 4C Code of Conduct on the ground**.



Recently on Tuesday, the **31st of May 2022** we held **this year's first CB Feedback Meeting**. With almost 60 participants we **shared updates** about the 4C system and deeply **discussed challenges** and possible ways to improve our operations.

We would like to thank everyone who took part and we look forward to our ongoing collaboration with you!

Upcoming Events: Next session of our 4C Online Seminar Series

4C ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES 2022
SUSTAINABLE COFFEE DAY II
GENDER EQUALITY IN THE COFFEE SECTOR

AGENDA

Challenges for Women working in Coffee	Blanca Castro from IWCA
The Development of the 4C Gender Equality Add-On	Katia Masias-Bröcker from 4C
Women Empowerment on Coffee Farms	Nguyen Dai Duong from Simexco

REGISTER NOW!

08 JUNE 2022
13:30 - 15:00 CEST



Next Wednesday we will hear about **challenges and practical solutions for promoting gender equality** in the coffee sector from our expert speakers and 4C will share an update about our new **Gender Equality Add-On**. [Register now!](#)

Women not only make up half of the world's population, they also hold half of its potential. In coffee production even up to 70% of labour is provided by women. Allowing women equal access to opportunities as men, therefore can create significant impact - not only for the women themselves, but also their communities and our global society.



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