

**In-Country
Partner**



**COFFEE QUALITY
INSTITUTE®**

Who is Coffee Quality Institute (CQI)?

A non-profit organization working internationally to improve the quality of coffee and the lives of the people who produce it.

CQI brings diverse stakeholders together to solve local challenges.

We provide customized solutions to facilitate market connections that build healthier supply chains and thriving coffee communities.

What is an In-Country Partner (ICP)?

In-Country Partners (ICPs) are valued partners for CQI, each with their own specialties and expertise, committed to quality and supporting CQI's mission.

ICPs serve as hubs to evaluate coffee quality within the Q Coffee System.

They adhere to strict industry standard protocols for Arabica (specialty) and Robusta (fine).

With a strong knowledge of CQI programs, ICPs also support regional initiatives to improve coffee quality by hosting Q and Q Processing courses.



What is the Q Coffee System?

CQI's Q Coffee System helps to separate and identify high quality arabica and robusta lots, profiled here - <https://database.coffeeinstitute.org/coffees>.

In-Country Partners (ICPs) follow CQI's protocols to uphold integrity in the process from start to finish.



Q Graders conduct a blind evaluation of the coffee sample and submit their scores through ICPs.



Scores are averaged and coffees that meet the standard for green, roasted, and cup quality are issued a Q Certificate. Coffees not meeting Q standards receive a detailed CQI Technical Report.

All coffees evaluated in the Q Coffee System receive detailed feedback with green defects and includes cupper notes, which can help improve the coffee in upcoming harvests or provide marketing leverage for current harvest.

How to get my coffee evaluated by an In-Country Partner (ICP)

If you are interested in getting in touch with an ICP in your area to take a course or get a coffee evaluated, please email cblaida@coffeeinstitute.org and kta@coffeeinstitute.org for assistance.

For a step-by-step guide please click here to review a PDF that will provide you with detailed information on creating and submitting a coffee sample for evaluation: [How to Submit a Sample for Q Evaluation](#)

