

## **Gerardo Patacconi**

Gerardo Patacconi is the Head of Operations of the International Coffee Organization (ICO).

An economist statistician and agribusiness development expert, after a significant experience with the private sector in manufacturing and banking in Italy, he joined the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in 1987 as associate Expert in Papua New Guinea. His latest position with UNIDO was Director of the Department of Agribusiness Development with a portfolio of US\$40 million.

In 2013 as the EU candidate was one of the two shortlisted candidates and run for the election for the post of Executive Director of the International Sugar Organization (ISO). At the core of his experience is policy and strategic advice, development, fund raising and management of large-scale operations and development projects to address poverty and sustainability, with strong emphasis and success on building Public-Private Partnerships covering the coffee sector and other agribusiness value chains.