

Café Africa

Annual Report
2022/2023



Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to present the report on the work of the Café Africa Network over the past year. The teams in Tanzania, Uganda and the République Démocratique du Congo (RDC) have continued to focus on our three main tasks of encouraging cooperation in the national coffee sector; co-ordinating field programmes which help small-scale farmers to improve productivity and quality; and working with organisations such as the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) on matters of concern to the coffee industry as a whole.

In Tanzania, work continues on programmes training smallholders in the Southern Highlands and Kagera Region. In Uganda, the Youth for Coffee Collaborative Action Initiative with GCP, is already making an impact. Groups of young people are being trained in good agricultural practices and business. They will be able to offer their services to coffee farmers, improving productivity and at the same time earning an income. The Karawa Coffee Project involving Café Africa in RDC is now helping to supply the burgeoning local roasting market.

We were delighted that the African Fine Coffee Association was able to meet in person again after 3 years, this time in Kigali, Rwanda. It provided an opportunity for colleagues from Café Africa both to speak about our work and to hear about other programmes across the continent. 'Shared Value for Sustainability' was an appropriate theme. To ensure that good coffee is available for future generations, it must both be produced sustainably and provide a fair income for farmers.

Dafrosa Sanga, who has led Café Africa Tanzania so well for several years, has now joined JDE Peet's. We are very grateful to Dafrosa for her work and wish her well as she continues her work supporting coffee farmers in the region. We welcome Samora Mnyaonga to Café Africa Tanzania as Operations Manager.

We would like to thank all our partners for their support over the past year. In particular we wish to pay tribute to the farmers we work with who make such an important contribution not only to coffee drinkers worldwide but also – with the many other crops they cultivate – to national and regional food security.

**Jeremy Lefroy, Executive Director
Café Africa International, June 2023**

Café Africa Uganda

Chair: Dr Fred Kawuma

Executive Leadership: Mr Reint Bakema, Mr Samson Emong

Now in its seventeenth year of operation, Café Africa Uganda continues to develop its dual role of secretariat to the Uganda Coffee Platform, and piloting innovative approaches to enhance smallholder coffee farmers' productivity.

The main activities during 2022/23 were:

Secretariat to the Uganda Coffee Platform

Café Africa Uganda has continued to organise monthly online and hybrid Uganda Coffee Platform meetings for all coffee stakeholders, both public and private.

It has also worked with the Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA) to start the process of 'The Post-Covid Uganda Coffee Platform: Rethinking benefits, governance, services, management.'

This eventually led to the first in-person meeting since the Covid-19 pandemic

of the National Steering Committee (NSC) which provides leadership to the Uganda Coffee Platform.

Under the direction of the NSC, Café Africa will play a vital role in co-ordinating the coffee sector's response to, and compliance with, the European Union Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) and the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). These directives aim to protect both people and the environments within which they work.





Finalising the National Sustainability Extension Materials

For the past two years, Café Africa has coordinated the updating of Uganda’s 2014 National Harmonized Extension Materials. The materials are being renamed ‘The National Sustainability Extension Materials’ and will promote the latest thinking and techniques in sustainable coffee cultivation at all levels within the coffee value chain.

The National Sustainability Extension Materials were officially approved by the Ugandan government in 2022 and are being launched nationally in 2023. They will be used by the Uganda Coffee Development Authority to train Parish Development Coffee Advisors as part of the government’s Parish Development programme.

Photo: Meeting with the Uganda Coffee Development Authority team to discuss the National Sustainability Extension Materials.

Youth for Coffee in Uganda Initiative

The Youth for Coffee in Uganda Initiative (YfCI) was conceived as a five-year intervention to promote an innovative model for increasing coffee production by low-input-output smallholder farmers in Uganda.

The YfCI was born out of one of the Uganda Coffee Roadmap’s priority areas. The Coffee Roadmap (drawn up between 2017 and 2019) identifies coffee renovation and rehabilitation (R&R) of smallholder coffee farms as fundamental to sustainably meeting the country’s coffee production target of 20 million bags by 2030.

The YfCI aims to train 150 private Youth Coffee Service Provider businesses to carry out R&R at 30,000 individual coffee farms (50 trees per farm) in ten operational areas in Uganda.

Not only is this expected to increase farmers’ incomes through a 70-100% increase in yield per tree within two years of the R&R, it is also expected to provide future employment opportunities for the young men and women who have participated. *



YfCI is a Global Coffee Platform (GCP) Collective Action Initiative, with Café Africa Uganda acting as the Coordinator. Strong financial support has been provided by JDE Peet’s, P4F (Partnerships for Forests), Nestlé, LDC (Louis Dreyfus Company) and Sucden.

Café Africa has contracted some parts of the programme to organisations such as Teach a Man to Fish and NES Motion Media.

* See www.globalcoffeeplatform.org





Achievements so far:

- Production of an open-source, step-by-step R&R agronomy training guide/materials, making use of updated Robusta and Arabica coffee production handbooks.
- Development of a Business Development Skills training package for youth.
- Signing MoUs with the first cohort of Implementing Partners (Just Know Your Coffee Cup General Supplies Ltd, Uganda Coffee Farmers Alliance and Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Union in Sheema).
- Establishing Living Income (LI) benchmarks based on existing LI studies in Uganda.
- Development of a mobile data collection and management platform which will measure adoption, productivity change and household income change.
- Establishment of 45 Youth Coffee Service Provider Business Units, comprising 90 young men and women from three districts.
- Training of the young people, followed by supplying them with appropriate equipment for their work.
- Raising awareness of the R&R programme via the radio and through public-private partnership events (reaching over 500 people, both male and female).
- Analysis of existing national policies/projects on agroforestry.
- Distributing shade and fruit tree seedlings to 3,600 farmers in Sheema, Luwero and Gomba districts.



Café Africa Tanzania

Chair: Mr Noel Yatera

Executive Leadership: Dr Aikande C Kwayu, Ms Dafrosa Sanga

Since its establishment in 2009, Café Africa Tanzania (CATZ) has been working towards increasing coffee production, with the ultimate purpose of improving the livelihoods of small-scale coffee farmers in Tanzania.

To reach its objectives, the organisation forged a strong collaboration with both public and private stakeholders in the coffee sector. It uses an evidence-based approach through multistakeholder engagement. Its work has included the following:

- Over a decade of uninterrupted support and engagement with the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB) in organizing the National Coffee Conference (NCC) including the transition to virtual platforms during the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020.
- Serving in the Secretariat of the National Coffee Steering Committee (NCSC).
- The development of updated Coffee Profiles for 52 coffee producing districts. This facilitates evidence-based interventions.

- Supporting TCB in the development of the National Strategy for the Development of the Coffee Industry (both in the 2011- 2021 plan and the follow-up strategy for the period from 2020 to 2025).
- A member of the Management Committee of the Tanzania Coffee Association since 2010 and supporting its secretariat, e.g. assisting in drafting meeting minutes.
- Member of the Agricultural Non-State Actors' Forum (ANSAF) since 2011.

Since April 2020, CATZ has been registered as a non-governmental organization (NGO).



Project: Sustainable Rejuvenation of Coffee Production in Kagera, Tanzania

For the past three years, Café Africa Tanzania has successfully coordinated a project to sustainably rejuvenate coffee production in the Kagera region of Tanzania. The project is funded by JDE Peet's.

The five-year project, which began in 2019, aims to give 22,250 farmers in the region the skills and knowledge to produce good quality coffee, using techniques that will ensure good repeat harvests in the long-term.

Training of Trainers (TOT) is an essential part of the project. The trainers teach their skills to farmers throughout

the region. The training is based on Tanzania's National Sustainability Curriculum and creates the opportunity for the trainers to have ongoing careers as Extension Officers.

The project also aims to show young people that they can have a viable future in coffee production and/or training. Another emphasis is on involving women, to help them achieve equal footing in the running of coffee farms and/or have equal opportunities as trainers.

The project has already reached more than its target of 22,250 farmers and has surpassed its targets in four out of six key areas (see table).

The key areas are:

1. ToT: training Extension Officers at district, ward and cooperative (AMCOS) level in sustainable coffee production
2. Establishment of seedling nurseries and seedling multiplication

3. Supporting and assisting coffee farm rehabilitation and rejuvenation through gradual stumping of coffee trees
4. Ensuring large numbers of farmers/others involved in coffee production benefit from the project
5. Inclusion of youth and women in the project implementation
6. Farm Fit financial inclusion, i.e. linkage to financial and insurance institutions.

The strength of the project lies in drawing together the experiences and resources of all the project partners: JDE Peet's, the KCU and KDCU Cooperative Unions and their members, Kagera Regional Government and Local Government Authorities/District Councils, Ngara farmers, the Regional Authority, the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), the Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) and the private sector.



Coffee Production Trends in Tanzania (Tonnes)						
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22*
Arabica	34,474	31,223	37,686	34,041	28,823	37,772
Robusta	20,030	12,649	30,461	27,060	44,204	29,065
Total	54,504	43,872	68,147	61,101	73,027	66,837

*Provisional

Project: Coffee Development Project (CODE-P) in the Southern Regions of Tanzania

CODE-P is a four-year project (2020 to 2024) aimed at strengthening smallholder coffee cooperatives, to support the production, processing and trading of coffee. It also seeks to stimulate trade-led economic growth by strengthening the competitiveness of Smallholder Coffee Farmers (SHFs), promoting investment and job creation along the coffee value chain.

The project targets three regions of southern Tanzania: Ruvuma, Mbeya and Songwe (two districts in each region), aiming to increase the incomes (and thereby health) of 24,000 SHFs.

Café Africa Tanzania is one of five project partners. The project is funded by the EU (80%), and the Swedish Development

Agency SIDA (20%) through Vi Agroforestry (the lead partner).

Café Africa Tanzania's role has been to:

1. Facilitate training for farmers in post-harvest crop management best practices, from picking and pulping to cupping and marketing.
2. Support the rehabilitation of Central Pulping Units (CPUs) at AMCOS level
3. Provide capacity building sessions for Cooperatives in value addition, processing, packaging and marketing, with an emphasis on collective coffee processing at primary level to maintain coffee quality.
4. Support SHFs and Cooperatives with bulking, processing and value addition technologies
5. Develop and disseminate coffee production processing and storage technologies
6. Train market actors in value addition

Notable outcomes to date have been:

- An increase in coffee grades to grades 6 and 5 compared with 7 and 8 in previous years*
- An increase in the average price offered to farmers for 1kg of Arabica in the 2021/22 season, compared with the 2020/21 season*
- 60% improvement in green coffee bean quality, resulting in improved incomes for farmers and interest from coffee companies in extending their operations in three of the districts
- Loans no longer required to finance rehabilitation of CPUs
- Some AMCOS starting to process and brand their coffee to sell in local markets

*Tanzania Coffee Board Report, 2021/22

Café Africa Tanzania has worked closely with the Tanzanian Coffee Board and organisations such as City Coffee, Taylor Winch, Mbinga Coffee Curing Company and Smile Coffee Training Lab to bring the training to AMCOS and SHFs.

Project: Reducing GHG (Green House Gas) emissions and increasing yields from Robusta Coffee production by 7,000 smallholder farmers and processors in Tanzania

Café Africa Tanzania has developed training materials in Swahili, and conducted ToT in the use of these materials, as part of a project funded

by 4C Services, JDE Peet's and the German Development Corporation (DEG and BMZ) develoPPP programme. The project aims to raise farmers' awareness of, and provide skills for, climate-smart coffee production.



Project: Updating the National Sustainability Curriculum (NSC)

Café Africa Tanzania has been responsible for gap analysis of the existing NSC, updating the manual in light of current needs, and other activities to ensure the curriculum fulfils its role of increasing coffee production and improving farmers' livelihoods. Funding for the one-year project was provided by GCP/P4F.



Photo: Farmers Trained in Post Harvest Management

Sustainable Rejuvenation of Coffee Production in Kagera, Tanzania

Key Area	5 year Target	Achievements to end of 2022	Achievement ratio	Comments
1. Training of extension officers at district, ward and cooperative (AMCOS) level on sustainable coffee production. • Extension officers • Youth	445 120	458 82	103% 68%	445 extension officers to be trained over three years, with two years for refresher training.
2. Establishment of seedling nurseries and seedling multiplication. • New nurseries established in Kagera district • Rehabilitated nurseries • Seedling multiplication and distribution.	3 4 600,000	7 642,255	100% 107%	100% of the seedlings were distributed. Analysis of half of these indicates a survival rate of 84.2%
3. To support and assist coffee farm rehabilitation & rejuvenation through gradual stumping of coffee trees. • Stumped trees • Demo farms at AMCOS level • Demo farms established	12,500 250 250	28,160 325 325	225% 130% 130%	Stumping of coffee trees at each farm goes hand in hand with the replacement of old trees and planting of new clonal seedlings.
4. Farmers/beneficiaries to be reached by the project.	22,250	23,465	105%	
5. Inclusion of youth and women in the project implementation. • Women • Youth	6,675 6,675	5,619 5,213	84% 78%	Women and Youth to each be 30% of those reached.
6. Farm Fit: financial inclusion (linkage to financial and insurance institutions)	22,250	7,920	36%	More work is being undertaken towards this target.

Café Africa République Démocratique du Congo

Chair: Mr T Kembola

Executive Director: Mr K K Kamungele

Background

Café Africa in the République Démocratique du Congo (CARDC) was founded in 2010 with the aim of revitalising the coffee and cocoa sub-sectors by increasing production, while also improving the livelihood of small-scale producers.

- Advocacy and Agricultural Development
- Implementation of Coffee and Cocoa Projects
- Training and Capacity-Building

To attain its objectives, CARDC has built relationships internally and externally, which has led to CARDC becoming a recognised encourager of cooperative working between participants in the coffee and cocoa value chains within the RDC.

Our main areas of intervention during the last decade have been:

- Promotion of Public/Private Partnerships among industry stakeholders

Map showing provinces in which CARDC has been working



Karawa Coffee Project

The Karawa Coffee Project (KCP) has been funded by the Paul Carlson Partnership, with the aim of developing the production and marketing of Robusta in the Ubangi region (north west RDC). The project ran from 2018 to 2022.

Café Africa RDC trained 2,188 registered producers and organised them into a cooperative (FUPROCAF) to ensure the continuation of the project's aims.

There has been marked success in the development of a strong local market. The 100 tonne increase in KCP's harvest in 2022 was almost entirely absorbed by the local market. Traditional consumers in rural areas such as Ubangi, local roasters, and a growing class of young

urban professionals are among the drivers of the current trend in domestic consumption.

Cafe Africa DRC will seek to develop the opportunities presented by the internal market, as well as exports, in future projects.



Grateful Thanks

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4C Services, Agricultural Non-State Actors' Forum (ANSAF), Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Union, City Coffee, the European Union, German Development Corporation, Global Coffee Platform (GCP), JDE Peet's, Just Know Your Coffee Cup General Supplies Ltd, Kagera Cooperative Union (KCU), Karagwe District Cooperative Union (KDCU), Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), Mbinga Coffee Curing Company, NES Motion Media, Nestlé, Ngara Farmers, Partnerships for Forests (P4F), the Paul Carlson Partnership, Smile Coffee Training Lab, Swedish Development Authority, Tanzania Coffee Association (TCA), Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI), Taylor Winch, Teach a Man to Fish, Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA), Uganda Coffee Farmers Alliance, Vi Agroforestry.

Grateful thanks also to all staff and board members throughout the Café Africa network.

Vision

Café Africa was founded to work with Africa's coffee industry to find ways to restore Africa's coffee production to its former level in world markets. We envision an African coffee sector that is inclusive, productive and beneficial in the long term for all those involved.

Objectives

Café Africa teams in République Démocratique du Congo, Uganda and Tanzania support national platforms working on critical industry topics. We also support the coordination of work on issues integrated into national institutions, to achieve an improved coffee production system.

We have a particular focus on rekindling interest in the coffee sector among young people for whom it provides opportunities for jobs and livelihoods. The coffee industry can contribute towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals pictured on this page. Café Africa is committed to supporting this work.

Café Africa

Our Vision, Mission and Objectives

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Mission

Our mission is to be a catalyst for change and growth on local and national levels in Africa's coffee industry by proposing transformative policies and practices for the benefit of the coffee sector as a whole. We seek to build cooperation that reflects knowledge, capacity and willingness to share experience.



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