

Café Africa

Annual Report

2021/2022



Welcome

Many smallholder coffee growers across Africa cultivate a range of food crops alongside coffee – plantain bananas, maize, avocados and other fruit, vegetables, and pulses. There is mutual benefit. Cashflow from coffee buys seed and fertilizer. The other crops improve food security for farmers' families, communities and countries. At a time when the number of people facing acute food insecurity across the world has doubled since 2019 to 276 million, that is a valuable contribution. Café Africa therefore supports an integrated approach with coffee thriving alongside food crops on sustainable farms.

The Café Africa Network consists of three independent organisations in Uganda, Tanzania and the République Démocratique du Congo (RDC), supported by Café Africa International.

Our work in 2021/22 has continued to focus on three main tasks - encouraging cooperation in the national coffee sector (for instance, assisting with the secretariat of the National Coffee Steering Committees); running field programmes which help small-scale farmers to improve productivity and quality; and working with organisations such as the Global Coffee Platform on matters of concern to the coffee industry as a whole.

In February 2022, the Café Africa teams met together for the first time in nearly three years (pictured below). In Uganda, we witnessed the impact of training carried out both under the TICS programme (see page 3) and by the Hanns R. Neumann Foundation. An impressive group of young people described the agricultural services which they could now offer to coffee farmers in Mityana District. This brings both livelihoods for the young people and improved productivity to the farms.

We also saw a modern mill built and owned by the Uganda Coffee Farmers Alliance. It makes sense to bring secondary processing closer to farms. It saves transport costs both for the coffee and for the residue, which can be used on farms as mulch. Skilled jobs are also created in rural areas.

We would like to thank all our partners for their support over the past year, and in particular the farmers who produce wonderful coffee, along with their other vital crops.

**Jeremy Lefroy, Executive Director
Café Africa International, June 2022**



Café Africa Uganda

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Recent/Ongoing Projects

Café Africa has operated in Uganda since 2006. Recent projects have included:

1. Towards an Integrated Coffee Extension Service (TICS)

Funded by JDE and IDH, TICS was designed to integrate coffee-specific extension services into the Unified National Agricultural Extension Service delivery system, at national and district level.

The TICS model was to set up Coffee Community-Based Facilitators (CCBFs) with coffee demonstration fields and a structured training programme.

TICS trained 180 CCBFs and reached 51,355 farmers in total. FAQ yield per tree increased to 560 grams (280 grams above the baseline, and 180 grams above the target per tree.)

79% of CCBFs went on to be engaged on a commercial basis by public and private coffee extension programmes.

2. Popularising and Disseminating Updated Coffee Handbooks

Café Africa Uganda (CAU), working with UTZ-Rainforest Alliance, field-tested an updated version of the Coffee Production Handbook produced by the Uganda Coffee Development Authority. Following testing and feedback, copies were distributed to trained agricultural extension workers and made available on national websites.

3. Strengthening Coffee Seedling Survival

Working with UTZ-Rainforest Alliance, CAU worked in the districts of Isingiro and Ibanda to improve coffee seedling survival. Adoption of GAPS, use of UCDA-certified nursery operators and training (including the development of a training guide) resulted in a 97% seedling survival rate.

4. Monthly Coffee Platform Meetings

On behalf of the National Coffee Steering Committee (NCSC) CAU organises monthly coffee platform meetings for training and information-sharing along the coffee value chain.

The move to online meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic had the unexpected benefit of attracting more participants. In 2021 to 2022, the meetings have

transitioned to a hybrid approach, with both physical and online gatherings.

5. District Coffee Shows

On behalf of the NCSC, CAU coordinates the annual schedule for coffee shows and supports District Coffee Steering Committees in their planning. Coffee shows as communication channels have, and will for many years, increasingly play a vital role as a critical tool to modernise coffee cultivation.

Youth for Coffee in Uganda Initiative

Youth for Coffee in Uganda Initiative is a five year project that aims to train 150 private Youth Coffee Service Provider businesses (YCSP) in coffee Renovation and Rehabilitation skills, enabling them to carry out R&R at 30,000 individual coffee farms (50 trees per farm) in 10 operational areas in Uganda.

The ultimate aim is for the YCSPs to find employment in this work in future, thus improving their livelihoods, and to promote the model, if successful, for wider application in Uganda.

The project is co-created by CAU and the Global Coffee Platform (GCP), and financed by the global coffee industry through a GCP Collective Action Initiative.

The project is currently in the preparatory phase. Preparatory activities include:

1. Sourcing 10 implementing partners over the 10 operational areas

Field partner assessment exercises have been conducted in the western, eastern and central coffee growing Districts of Uganda. Potential partners included farmer cooperatives, cooperative unions, export companies and non-Governmental organisations. All the partners visited were positive and saw a great opportunity with the Youth for Coffee in Uganda Initiative.

2. Tool Kit development

A step-by-step training guide is currently under development with the support



of the agronomy team. The guide will provide structure and guidance on how YCSPs are to be trained in the Youth for Coffee Initiative. The guide will include technical information on agronomy, agroforestry and business skills development.

Vi Agroforestry are providing technical support in developing/customising a package of information covering agroforestry in coffee.

3. Developing a mobile data app

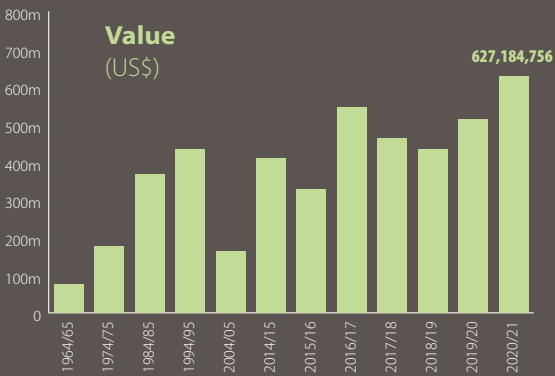
Being a pilot project, reliable monitoring data will be collected on adoption rates, productivity and income, to be analysed and shared with the coffee community for wider learning. For that, a mobile data collection app is being developed and field tested. The app is being designed to facilitate collection, cleaning, analysis and presentation of data in reports that can also be used for decision making.





Uganda's Coffee Exports

1964/65 - 2020/21
Coffee Years



Uganda's coffee exports reach record volumes and export earnings in 2020/21



Uganda Coffee

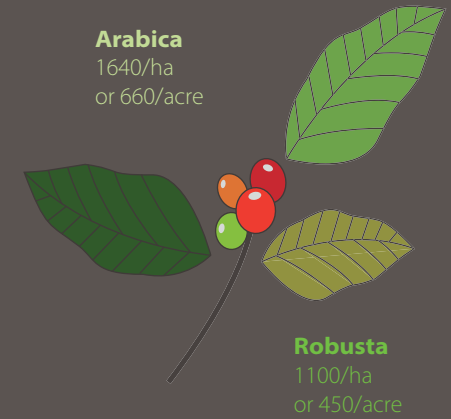
Coffee Growing Districts

126 Districts, 1.7 million households



Tree Population

Avg. coffee farm size: 0.18 hectares



Coffee is mostly grown in lower densities in mixed stands with trees, bananas and other crops

Roasters

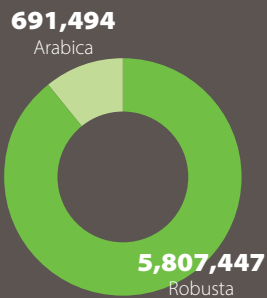
17 Roasters

20 Ugandan coffee brands on the supermarket shelves

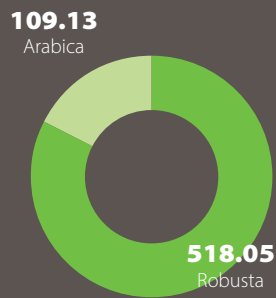
The cost of roasting coffee per kilo is UGX 2,500

Uganda's Coffee Exports by Type

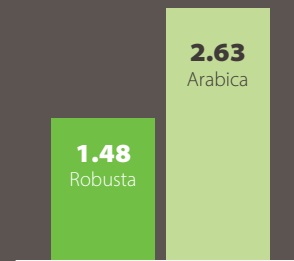
2020/21 Coffee Year



Quantity (60kg bags)



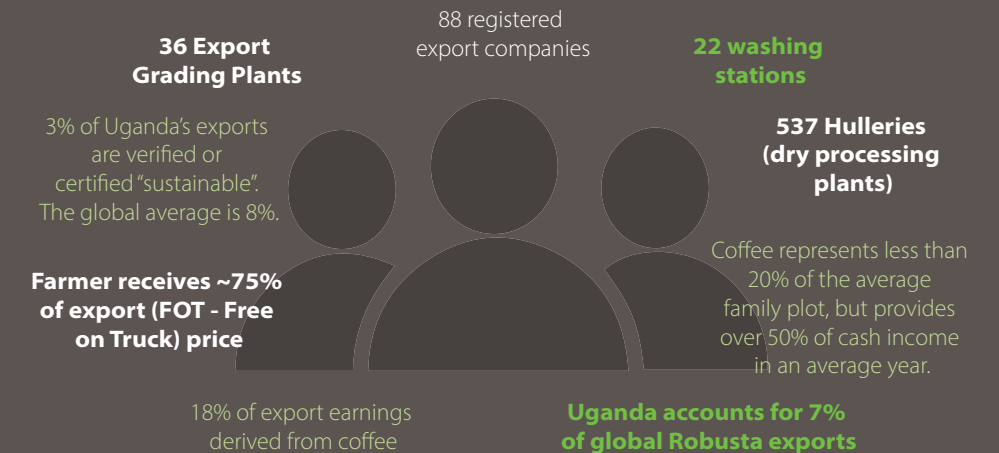
Value (US\$ million)



Unit Value (US\$/kilo)

Source: UCDA and Café Africa

Industry Snapshot 2017/18



Café Africa Tanzania

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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:

- More than ten years 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 providing its secretariat.
- Member of the Agricultural Non-State Actors' Forum (ANSAF) since 2011.

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

Below: Youth being trained in mulching; part of the Kagera sustainability project



Above: A young person receives her certificate for participating in the Kagera sustainability project

Sustainability Projects

1. Rejuvenation of Coffee Production in Kagera-Tanzania (JDE funded Project)

Café Africa Tanzania and JDE (Jacobs Douwe Egberts) are implementing a project entitled: "Sustainable Rejuvenation of Coffee Production in Western Tanzania". The other partners in the project are the KCU and KDCU Cooperative Unions (which each bring together 250 AMCOS [Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies] across the entire region), Ngara farmers, as well as the Regional Authority (Regional Administrative Secretary), TCB, the Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI), and the private sector.

This stakeholder model draws together different experiences and resources, creating inclusion, shared ownership and sustainability.

Preparation for the 5-year project (2019 to 2024) began in the final months of 2019, with implementation from January 2020. Overall it aims to impact 22,250 farmers in the region.

The objectives for 2021 were:

1. To establish coffee seedling nurseries for the multiplication of 300,000 improved seedlings per year at cooperative level.
2. To train 40 young people to assist with stumping and gradual replacement of coffee trees.
3. To provide sustainable coffee curriculum (National Sustainability Curriculum - NSC) training to 160 extension officers at district, ward, and cooperative levels.
4. To carry out advocacy and dialogue to promote good, stable coffee policies in the western zone.



Rejuvenation of Coffee Production in Kagera -Tanzania Achievements in 2021

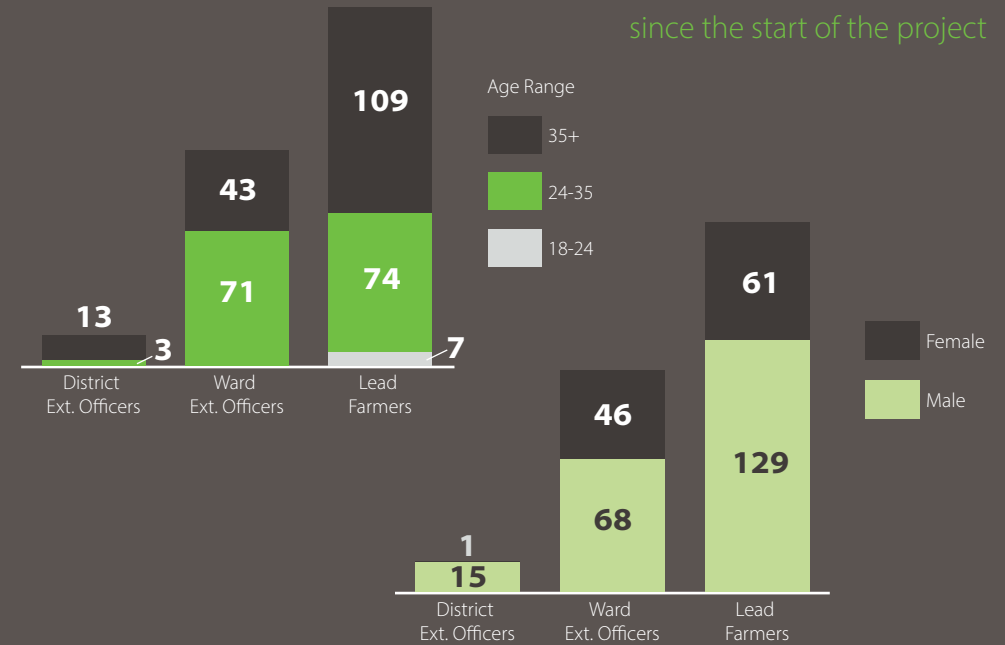
- 160 officers (108 female, 212 male) were trained as Trainers, including Lead Farmers, Ward and District Level Extension Officers, using the National Sustainability Curriculum and resulting in certification.
- This brings the total number of Trainers trained so far during the project to 320, out of a target of 445 for the whole 5-year project. (445 extension officers to be trained over three years, with two years for refresher training.)
- 42 youths (21 female, 21 male) from eight districts, who had been trained in rejuvenation and rehabilitation of old coffee farms during the first year of the project, were trained in the whole value chain.
- 20 youths went on to be employed by other partners in the value chain,

during the year. This shows the need for more youth expertise in the coffee value chain.

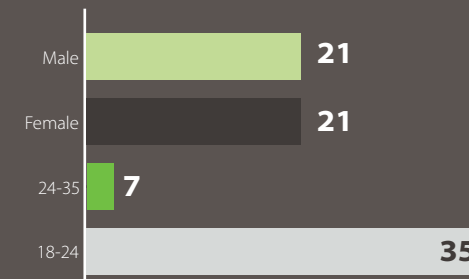
- All those trained were provided with equipment, clothing and a copy of the National Sustainability Curriculum to enable them to carry out effective training at specially-established demonstration plots.
- All the trained officers are continuing to provide outreach training to farmers.
- A total number of 18,310 farmers (24.37% female) have now been trained through the project. This comprises 82% of the total 5-year target of 22,250.
- Establishment of three new nurseries
- Rehabilitation of the four nurseries which were established in 2020/21
- Multiplication of 642,255 seedlings since the start of the project – exceeding the target of 600,000 seedlings in two years.

Summary	Seedlings Produced		Seedlings Distributed	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Karagwe -Kishoju	38,000	108,815	27,807	114,082
Muleba - Biiirabo	22,250	80,532	11,523	77,913
Bukoba – Maruku	163,270	112,189	125,192	109,570
Bukoba - Ibwera	26,000	91,199	17,981	88,579
Total	249,520	392,735	182,503	390,144
Grand Total	642,255		572,647	

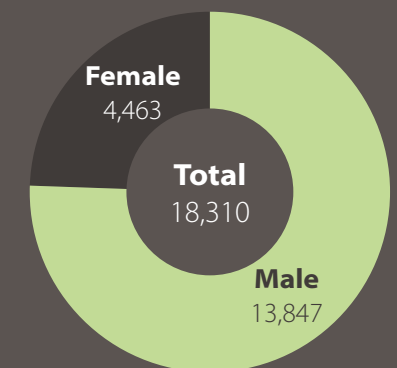
Trainers trained since the start of the project



Young People trained to work across the whole sector



Farmers trained by the Trainers since the start of the project



2. Coffee Development Project (CODE-P) in the Southern Regions of Tanzania (EU-Agri-Connect-funded project)

Café Africa Tanzania is one of five partners in the CODE-P EU Agri-Connect Project in the Southern regions of Tanzania. The lead partner is Vi Agroforestry. The EU provides 80% of the budget, with the remaining 20% provided by the Swedish Development Agency SIDA, through Vi Agroforestry.

CODE-P is a four-year project aimed at strengthening smallholder coffee cooperatives to support the production, processing and trade 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 main objective of CODE-P is to contribute towards inclusive and sustainable development of the coffee value chain, resulting in enhanced incomes and improved nutrition status of 24,000 SHFs (14,400 women and 9,600 men aged between 18 and 35 years) in six districts of three regions: Ruvuma (Mbinga and Nyasa), Mbeya (Mbeya and Rungwe), and Songwe (Ileje and Mbozi).

Café Africa's CODE-P areas of focus in 2021

SHF capacity-building in post-harvest management

- 7,869 coffee farmers in 39 AMCOS were trained in best-practice post-harvest management processes.
- Of these, 3,710 were adults (1,104 female, 2,606 male) and 4,159 were youth (1,031 female, 3,128 male) from Ruvuma, Mbeya, and Songwe regions.

Rehabilitation of Central Pulping Unit (CPU) facilities at AMCOS level

- Twenty CPUs in 20 AMCOS were rehabilitated, with the focus on improving infrastructure. (e.g. increasing the number of drying tables [pictured below], improving sewage systems etc.)
- Café Africa organised MoU's with 20 AMCOS prior to the project starting. AMCOS agreed to actively participate in the CPU rehabilitation and to mobilise farmers to be trained and to use the CPUs after rehabilitation.

Capacity building sessions for Cooperatives

- In collaboration with the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), Café Africa Tanzania conducted 30 training sessions for 284 Cooperative Board Members (59 female, 225 male) from 39 AMCOS.

Support SHFs and Cooperatives with bulking, processing, and value addition technologies

- Café Africa collaborated with City Coffee Ltd, TCB and Taylor Winch to train 377 farmers (72 female,

- 305 male) from 39 AMCOS in the Ruvuma, Mbeya, and Songwe regions, plus 23 government extension officers (11 female, 12 male) in all aspects of bulking, processing and value addition.
- Kimuli (Mbinga) Mapendo (Nyasa), lyula, Hasambo (Mbozi) Shinzingo (Mbeya DC) were some of the cooperatives who committed to improve and adapt the value addition techniques, setting them up to begin selling their own branded coffee abroad.

Train value chain actors on value addition technologies

- A market forum brought together about 120 market actors (25 female, 95 male,) with farmers, to discuss key issues. A key resolution was to involve the private sector during CODE-P implementation.

Below: CODE-P Gender Champions from Mbinga and Nyasa districts



Advocacy and Sector Updates - Tanzania

Café Africa Tanzania's main objective has been to bring all actors together using a multi-stakeholder approach. This is to ensure a competitive coffee sector in Tanzania.

In 2021, Café Africa Tanzania focused on encouraging all actors to work together to solve specific issues. Café Africa also helped to support and coordinate the 2021 National Coffee Conference.



Café Africa République Démocratique du Congo

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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.

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





During 2021, as the world and the country were slowly coming out of the global pandemic, CARDC was engaged in the following activities:

Workshop on the Current State of Coffee and Cocoa in the Ubangi Region

This activity was jointly organised by Opportunity International and Vision Fund DR Congo. Stakeholders – including producers, traders, regulators, and micro-finance agents – met in Gemena (north-western RDC) in March 2021, to perform SWOT analyses of the sectors and to work together to formulate solutions to multiple issues currently facing the industry.

“Petit Kwilu” Coffee Varietal Market Feasibility Study around the Luki Biosphere Reserve (LBR) in South-West RDC

At the request of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), CARDC conducted a study on the potential for the Petit Kwilu variety of *Coffea Canephora* (Robusta) to be used as an income-generating activity, while preserving the biodiversity of the landscape at LBR*. This produced a number of insightful recommendations. Discussions are ongoing for future interventions in the area.

*33,000 hectares of tropical rainforest previously under threat from unregulated/illegal activities by local communities

Ubangi Coffee Trading Round Table

In order to accelerate economic opportunities for entrepreneurs living in remote areas, Opportunity International (OI) organised a round table in October 2021, in Chicago, Illinois. This comprised potential investors, delegates from OI, the Paul Carlson Partnership, and Café Africa RDC. CARDC had the opportunity to demonstrate the potential for a future partnership in the Ubangi intervention zone, highlighting the Karawa Coffee Project (see below) as a possible pilot for synergies development.

Karawa Coffee Project Completion

Since 2018, CARDC has been implementing “A Sustainable Development of Robusta Production and Marketing” project in the Ubangi region (north west RDC). This Karawa Coffee Project (KCP) is a collaborative effort between the Paul Carlson Partnership, the Covenant Church of Congo, and CARDC. It had the following objectives:

- To fight against poverty in the Ubangi region
- To revitalise Robusta production
- To improve the livelihood of smallholders through coffee marketing

To attain these objectives the following activities were performed:

- The rejuvenation of existing coffee trees
- The setting up of nurseries for the multiplication of new planting material
- The training of producers in good agricultural practices
- Bringing producers together into farmers’ associations
- The formalisation of organised associations and their capacity building.

Carrying out these activities resulted in:

- 1,190,000 Coffee trees planted
- 1,062 Hectares of new area planted
- 647 Hectares of old plantations rejuvenated
- 2,188 Producers supported

- 88 Farmers’ Associations created
- 5 Unions of Farmers’ Associations formed
- 1 Federation of Producers’ Unions created: FUPROCAF UBANGI

One of the project’s purposes has been to ensure the continuity and sustainability of farmer follow-up after the end of the project, by having a solid farmer-led organisation, both for farmer support and marketing. The creation of FUPROCAF UBANGI is seen as the means by which the project will attain its objectives of increased production and an improvement to producers’ livelihoods. In December 2021, the Karawa Coffee Project was officially completed.



FUPROCAF UBANGI

Unions	Associations	Membership		
		Total	Male	Female
Bobadi	17	447	420	27
Bobakutu	23	564	500	64
Bominenge	16	408	391	17
Bonundana	16	410	387	23
Karawa	14	359	341	18
Total	86	2,188	2,039	149

Fédération des unions des Associations des Producteurs du Café de l'Ubangi

Production Estimate, 2021-2022 Season		
Area	Green Cherries (tons)	Green Coffee (tons)
Bobadi	438	87.7
Bobakutu	262	52.4
Bominenge	412	82.5
Bonundana	392	78.4
Total	1,504	301.0

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Café Africa

Our Vision, Mission and Objectives

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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 Africa coffee sector that is inclusive, productive and beneficial for the long term for all those involved.

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.

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.



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