

INFORMATION NOTE ON Greening Coffee – A project for production of “green” coffee

This project proposal is presently in the form of a concept note. The CN was initially spearheaded by UNDP but the Global Mechanism (a lobby group for sustainable land management) has joined the effort to promote the proposal.

- 1. The Project:** Enhanced/sustainable coffee from Uganda.
- 2. Implementing Entity:** currently proposed as MTIC and UCDA
- 3. Duration:** 3 (three) years.
- 4. Total Cost: \$3.0 million**
- 5. EIF Funding Sought: Total: \$3.0 million**
- 6. Other Sources of Funding:** to be determined.
- 7. Objective of the Project:** Stated as “Development of integrated value chains for coffee”.

8. Brief Description: Project Components:

8.1 Work with coffee platform

- a) Inter-governmental coordination of trade related coffee policies and programs
- b) Dialogue on sustainable coffee production and trade
- c) National monitoring tool to assist government in strengthening the coffee subsector and improve transparency of cross-border transactions and trade statistics

8.2 National policies to promote sustainable coffee

- a) Improve overall coffee policy to spur business investment into sustainable production
- b) Production policies to promote quality and facilitate adoption of GAP to service market demand and requirements
- c) Pricing policies based on quality
- d) Technical and marketing services to farmers
- e) Farmer access to credit

8.3 Strengthened national institutions

- a) Coordination of research organisations to evaluate pesticides and technically assist in the development of a central plant health testing unit
- b) Internalize supply chain models for sustainable coffee production by piloting 4C production model to improve coffee quality and improve ochratoxin control
- c) Accelerate the distribution of wilt-resistant material through Institutional structures and pilot new wilt resistant varieties in the field
- d) Scoping assessment of wilt disease in Uganda and an evaluation of the national coffee replanting programme
- e) Restructure replanting programme by incorporating into government extension service and piloted the approach at local district levels
- f) Public private partnerships for extension piloted

8.4. Increased access to export markets

- a) Strengthen connections between producers, processor and international coffee buyers
- b) Increase volume of sustainably produced coffee and bring in companies interested in buying sustainable product

8.4. Access to financial services for coffee producers to invest in sustainable practices to achieve export standards - FIs and CFC credit lines.

TRACE COMMENT & RECOMMENDATION: The proposal does not seem to change in any significant way the manner in which production and marketing of Uganda coffee are conducted. For example it still envisages export of coffee beans when GoU policy is to promote value addition. Some of the concepts are still fuzzy (unclear). However consultations with promoters and other stakeholders should continue in order to structure the project in such a way that it meets fundamental GoU and EIF objectives.

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