Large Scale Coffee Farmers Association
Unlocking the potential of Uganda coffee sector

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Importance of Coffee to Uganda

- Coffee is still Uganda’s leading export commodity
- Currently, its production is dominated by smallholders with low yields (600kgs/ha of coffee beans against a yield potential of 3000kgs/ha)
- This yield gap can be bridged by well managed large scale farms
- LSCFA was formed as a result of the economic viability study (by large farmers to promote sustainable coffee production)

Source: Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA); Bank of Uganda (2018); Daily Monitor (2016); The Observer (2018); FAOStat; Stakeholder interviews
Steps in establishing a model coffee farm

Designing the farm layout
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Coffee estate development plan

- Soil testing
- Land preparation
- Farm enterprise selection criteria
- Capitalization plan i.e. equity, credit, matching grants, etc.
Coffee Estate Management
Managing a coffee plantation

Using sustainable practices to achieve the yield potential through:

- Effective farm labour management systems
- Applying goods agricultural practices (GAPs)
- Responsible use of inputs
- Adhering to required standards & social impact
- Employing management information systems (IT)
- Adopting new technologies and innovations
Coffee Market Development
Value Addition Initiatives
Benchmarking with other coffee producers
Comparing production systems
Social impact of large scale farmers
Contributing to the Coffee Roadmap targets

• The large coffee farm serve as “nucleus farms” supporting outgrowers within their communities with access to new agricultural technologies, innovations, value addition and markets.

• LSCFA aims to develop a **circular agriculture farming model**, starting in coffee integrated with other agricultural products, combining international best practices and supporting neighbouring small scale farmers by enabling:
  – improved farm incomes with higher yields of coffee
  – additional crops or farm products (e.g Cascara) to sell
  – increased resilience to climate change
  – elimination of waste and pollution
  – regeneration of natural ecosystems (restoration agriculture)
  – efficient use of renewable resources
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Circular Economy Model Development Consortium

Netherlands
- Nijhuis Industries / Semilla
- Cambisol
- *CREM (circular economy consultants)*
- AMdB Architect
- *The Network Universities (TNU)*
- *Technical Universities / WUR - The Relief Base Foundation*
- *Brand Development Group*

Uganda
- *Uganda Coffee Farmers Alliance*
- Makerere University
- Solar Now
- *Brand Coffee Farm Uganda*

- and others
Enhancing economic partnerships

Areas of cooperation

• Knowledge exchange and sharing best production practices based on circular economy principles.

• Technology transfer in water management, irrigation, renewable energy and farm mechanization.

• Supporting coffee value addition initiatives and market access in the European Union and other destinations.

• Supporting focused investments and structured financing in coffee production and processing.