

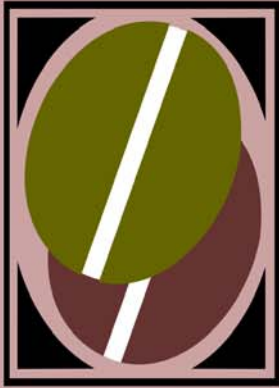


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## CARBON BENEFITS AND AGRO FORESTRY TO COFFEE.

UCDA is analysing the possibility of developing a small-holder forest carbon project in the coffee growing areas of Kasese, Mt Elgon, Kalangala, Okoro and Luwero. This is aimed at establishing agro-forestry in the existing coffee plantation through planting shade trees.

The carbon projects is aimed at 5,000 coffee farmers to establish agro forestry plantations in existing coffee growing land through planting shade trees. The potential of increasing carbon stocks within the coffee growing landscape through establishment of agro-forestry systems

including wind-breakers, woodlots, shade coffee and boundary planting is something UCDA wishes to explore.

Agro forestry does provide environmental and economic benefits when used as a multi-functional working landscape. With proper design and management agro forestry practices have been found to provide effective carbon sinks. Shade trees have the potential to sequester carbon through growing trees. Other benefits include among others; Expected benefits include: increased incomes through product diversification, suppression of

weed which will reduce labour costs and fertilizer application, improved quality of coffee and other intercropped crops, reduce evaporation of moisture; fallen leaves will improve soil fertility and provide mulch.

When this project gets under way it should provide a different dimension to the coffee industry in Uganda in which the small household farmers shall be able to operate and provide more quantities with high quality to have sustainable coffee production and trade in Uganda.

## RESPONSE TO THE COFFEE GRADES

Last week Coffee talk published a story where coffee grades were becoming concern to the exporters who felt that the coffee grades needed to be opened up to the forces of demand and supply as several exporters where left frustrated because they couldn't register their coffee because it was outside the scope of 1994 Coffee regulations.

However UCDA has responded with an explanation that most of the grades like screen 13, 16 and 14 are at stage where they only lack formaliz-

ing but are accepted to be exported and the reason for such the delay is due to the fact they are in the process of analyzing data which dates far back to the past years to determine the exact specifications of the different grades without duplicating or creating unnecessary grades. An example is Arabica AB which is not listed in the scope of 1994 Coffee Regulations but with plans to make it formal UCDA wants to ensure that it gets the specifications right and the challenge is that there are very different specifications to it according to

different exporting companies.

Nonetheless, UCDA is positive that the coffee grades shall be expanded and the process is ongoing with a belief that it is moving in the right direction for the good of the coffee traders industry and coffee as a whole.