Sustainability of the coffee sector in Africa

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Dynamics of the African Coffee Industry

• Largest number of producing countries
  – 25 producing countries
  – Asia & Oceania (11)
  – Mexico & Central America (12)
  – South America (8)
Share of coffee in the GDP of selected producing countries in Africa

- Malawi
- Madagascar
- Sierra Leone
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Togo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Guinea
- Rwanda
- Uganda
- Ethiopia
- Burundi

Percentage share of GDP

- 2010
- 2000
Graph 1: Average world production by region

Crop years 1965-88

Crop years 1989-2014

Africa
Asia & Oceania
Central America & Mexico
South America

Thousand 60kg bags
Graph 2: Shares of world coffee production by region

Crop years 1965-88
- Africa: 20%
- Asia & Oceania: 20%
- Central America & Mexico: 20%
- South America: 40%

Crop years 1989-2014
- Africa: 20%
- Asia & Oceania: 20%
- Central America & Mexico: 20%
- South America: 40%
Graph 4: Green coffee exports by Africa since 1970

Million 60kg bags

Year

Graph 5: Share of export earnings from all forms of coffee by region
Challenges

- Farm productivity
- Low adoption of new technologies
- Limited extension services to growers
- Poor farmer’s organizations
- Ageing farming population
- Complex gender equality issue
- Limited access to Finance
Conclusion

• Although many initiatives have been taken in some countries, many challenges remain to achieve a sustainable coffee sector in Africa.
• The main challenge is how to move the sector from a subsistence sector to an entrepreneurial one.
• Farmers need sustainable income generation and long term security of livelihood.
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