Common Code for the Coffee Community

Sustainability in the production, post-harvest processing and trading of Mainstream Green Coffee

A joint project between producers, traders, industry, development cooperation, trade unions and NGOs

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What?
Objectives of the Common Code Initiative

- Develop a global code for the sustainable growing, post-harvest processing and trading of mainstream green coffee until Dec. 2004
- Work in a consensual process between the stakeholders
- Draw on existing codes and guidelines
- Ensure the code’s feasibility for implementation and its suitability for binding agreements
- Develop guidelines for implementation, independent monitoring and verification

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Where do we stand?

- Two Steering Committee Meetings took place where the SC
  - agreed on the concept of sustainability for „mainstream“ coffee
  - members committed to participate in the process
  - agreed on the structure of the Code
  - nominated representatives for the Expert Working Groups
  - suggested categories and principles
- Three Expert Working Groups on the social, environmental and economic dimension define specific aspects of the Code until September 2004
- First Pilot-Projects are in their formation phase
Milestones – The way to a Common Code

- February 2004
- March 2004
- May 2004
- May 12-14 2004
- September 7-9 2004
- May 24-26 2004

Steering Committee
- Economic Dimension WG: Feb 2-4, Mar 11-13, May 25-28
- Social Dimension WG: May 6-15, May 24-28
- Environmental Dimension WG: Mar 8-10, May 27-29, June 2004

Together we can make a difference!
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