



**2ND EDITION OF THE G25 AFRICA COFFEE SUMMIT
KAMPALA DECLARATION
HELD ON 8TH AUGUST 2023 IN KAMPALA, REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

We, the Heads of State and Governments of the 25 African Coffee Producing Countries, convened for the 2nd Edition of the G25 Africa Coffee Summit in Kampala, Uganda on the 8th of August 2023 under the theme “**Transforming the African Coffee Sector through Value Addition**” to marshal support for integrating coffee as a strategic agricultural commodity in the African Union (AU) in harmony with African Union Agenda 2063. This will give Africa the leverage to address the challenges associated with value addition.

Concerned that whilst Africa is the birthplace of both Arabica and Robusta coffee, it only produces 12% of the overall worldwide production; that coffee production and productivity in African coffee producing countries remains consistently low;

Noting the inequality in the coffee value chain - global annual value of revenue from coffee in 2023 amounts to US\$495.50 billion whilst total revenue in Africa amounts to only 0.6% (US\$2.8 billion);

Recognizing that 99% of African coffee is exported in raw form resulting into the loss of economic benefits associated with value addition, thus depriving the continent of jobs and colossal amounts of revenue earnings;

Reaffirming that the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), to which we are Parties, creates a single African market that facilitates the 25 African coffee producers to trade freely with other African Union member countries. This will assist in the integrated trade of coffee among African coffee producing and consuming countries;

Underscoring the impending threat of climate change on coffee production and the urgent need for investment in research and development of varieties which are resilient to harsher climatic conditions and resistant to coffee pests and diseases.

AGREE TO

1. Support research in coffee value addition to enable innovation and development of new products, generate new knowledge on best practices, improved technologies and studies on varieties resilient to harsher climatic conditions, pests and diseases;
2. Support investment in value addition of coffee and its products and promote domestic coffee consumption;
3. Vocational training in coffee for the youth and women for job creation;
4. Enhance access to finance for coffee value addition projects through the AU/AfCFTA framework and Institutions which include the African Development Bank, African Export–Import Bank (Afreximbank) and African Coffee Facility Fund.



REQUEST THAT:

1. The African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government endorse the inclusion of coffee as a strategic commodity in the AU Agenda 2063 at the next AU Assembly;
2. The Inter-African Coffee Organisation (IACO) is appointed as an AU designated agency responsible for coffee to work with the African Union Commission (AUC) and Member States on the effective transformation of the coffee value chain in Africa as part of the implementation of the AfCFTA strategy on boosting Intra Africa Agricultural Trade;
3. The AfCFTA Private Sector Strategy that anchors the development of Regional Value Chains, prioritizes coffee value addition as a key deliverable in the aforementioned strategy; and
4. The African Development Bank and the African Export and Import Bank provide dedicated financial resources to boost coffee production and enhance coffee value addition.

WE UNDERTAKE TO

Organize the 3rd Edition of the G25 Africa Coffee Summit in Tanzania in 2024.

Endorsed in Kampala this.....day of 2023.

(This declaration is drawn in duplicate in the English and French languages, each of these texts being equally valid and authentic).

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