

UGANDA'S COFFEE EXPORTS INCREASE, FETCHING SH8.8 TRILLION

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Uganda's coffee exports in the past 12 months (April 2025- March 2026) totalled 8.8 million (60kg) bags, fetching \$2.4b (sh8.8 trillion) compared to 6.9 million (60kg) bags worth \$1.8b (sh6.6 trillion) in the previous year, April 2024-March 2025.

This represents an increase of 28% in quantity and 36% in value. This is contained in the report from the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), which was released on Monday.

TOP UGANDA'S COFFEE BUYERS

According to Charlotte Kemigisha, MAAIF's spokesperson, Italy remains the biggest importer of Uganda's coffee, followed by Sudan, Germany, India and Morocco. Others in the queue include China, Spain, the US, Belgium and Portugal.

This comes at a time when a team of 13 top coffee buyers and roasters from Germany are in Uganda for a week-long tour of the coffee plantations in different parts of the country.

The group, which arrived on Saturday, has traversed different coffee farms as one



The group of German coffee dealers, together with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Agriculture Ministry, during their engagement on Monday

way of bridging the gap between Ugandan coffee producers and German roasters.

Their trip was organised by the Embassy of Uganda in Berlin, Germany, in collaboration with MAAIF.

NATURAL INGREDIENTS

The German coffee dealers noted that Uganda's coffee

possesses natural ingredients and aroma. Jie Li is a co-founder of the L-Cultrade business group with offices in Germany and China. She noted that the company buys Ugandan coffee, which is subsequently sold to over 52 universities in both Germany and China.

"Therefore, I am here to learn more about the coffee value

chain and also inspire more of our students and customers about the tasty Ugandan coffee and the country's beauty in terms of culture, weather and landscapes," Li expressed.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY

Fred Bwino Kyakulaga, the minister of state for agriculture, noted that the visit will promote Uganda as a premium

GERMANY COFFEE DEALERS

A group of top coffee buyers and roasters from Germany are in Uganda currently touring coffee plantations across the country.

The group is guided by Ambassador Stephen Mubiru, Uganda's representative in Germany, who underscored Uganda's coffee prominence in the German market, saying the country exports 5,1720 metric tons of coffee to Germany alone.

"The trade volume between Uganda and Germany is approximately \$500m, out of which, over \$300m are exports from Uganda," Mubiru noted.

He further explained that Germany is among the top three countries that consume Uganda's coffee.

"We have about 800 companies in Germany that roast Uganda's coffee for a population of 84 million people in Germany," Ambassador Mubiru revealed.

and reliable coffee origin, showcasing improvement in the quality, traceability and sustainability in Uganda's coffee sector.

According to Kyakulaga, \$460b is generated from coffee on the global market, out of which Africa contributes only 20% of the global coffee volume.

"Unfortunately, our share as Africa is a little minimal because we are mainly into the production side of the chain and cleaning, whereas other actors pick from there to

process and add more value, hence earning more than the producers," Bwino pointed out.

He noted that the 20% of the global volume produced by Africa translates into \$3.6b, out of which Uganda takes the biggest share of an average of \$2.2b.

The German coffee dealers visited Ian Clark's coffee farm in Kyarusozo, Kyenjojo district, from where they visited another coffee farm in Kiruhura district, Kabonera farm, among other sites in Kampala, Wakiso and Kapchorwa.