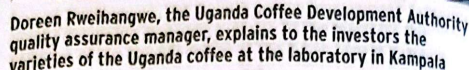


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A photograph of a traditional Chinese courtyard. In the foreground, there is a low, light-colored stone wall. Behind it, a red brick building with a tiled roof is visible. The building has several arched doorways. A person in a red shirt is standing in one of the arches. The background shows more of the building and some trees.[illegible]

Slovenian scientists and investors who have been in the country, observed that Uganda's coffee is of high quality, but it loses its original aroma when exported as raw material.

The Slovenian investors accompanied by Uganda's deputy envoy to Italy, Mumtaz Kassam, attended coffee tasting at the Uganda Coffee Development Authority laboratories in Kampala on Friday.

"If the coffee is made to meet the European market standard, this would be another tourist attraction for Uganda to bring in more people to enjoy the coffee drink," she said.

Kassam said the government should empower farmers and processors to see that quality is of international standard for consumption.

She added that there are many investors in the European countries who are looking at investing in the coffee sector.

Rweihangwe revealed that the authority is engaged in the training of youth barristers and coffee tasters to determine the quality coffee to attract the coffee business. She further said after the youth have been trained, they are engaged in coffee tasting.

"Most countries which produce coffee do not drink it so you find that when it comes to testing very few people are aware about this. So we need more training for our people to get to know about this," she said.

The delegation also visited Murchison falls national park, the Sugar Corporation factory at Lugazi and the source of the Nile in Jinja.