

UGANDA REGISTERS INCREASE IN COFFEE EXPORTS

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According to the June 2020 Coffee export figures, Uganda's coffee export performance in FY2019/20 set an all-time new record of 5.06 million 60-kg bags, an increase of 84 per cent over the first decade of Vision 2040.

Export earnings also reached an all-time new level of US\$ 494 million, representing an increase of 88 percent over the same period. Year-on-year performance for coffee export volume and value registered an increase of 21 and 18 percent respectively between FY2018/19 and FY2019/20.

According to Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA) figures, Uganda's coffee production doubled from 3.5million bags in FY2014/15 to 7.0 million bags in FY2018/19.

Depending on how production figures for FY2019/20 turnout, the year 2020 could see Uganda, which is already Africa's largest coffee exporter, overtaking Ethiopia as Africa's largest coffee producer. Ethiopia's coffee production for mid-year-MY20/20 (Oct-Sep) is forecast at 7.35 million 60-kilogram bags while exports for the same period are forecast to reach a record 4 million bags.

This performance trajectory indicates that Uganda's Coffee roadmap merits renewed attention over the NDP III period (2021-2025). The revised target for the Coffee roadmap is 20 million bags by 2025.

Coffee is one of the 14 focus commodities identified by H.E the President for Uganda's economic transformation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also one of the nine commodities under the Public Investment Management for Agro-industry (PIMA) strategy formulated by MoFPED in FY2019/20.

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