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Mr. Henry Ngabirano hands over to the new MD Dr. Emmanuel Lyamulemye. Also present was the Board C/Man Perez Bukumunhe. (Photo credit: UCDA Comm dept)

# Ngabirano Retires With Intact Legacy

**Do you want to know more about what is next for Mr. Ngabirano?**

Like a ripe coffee bean ends up in your cup after a long journey, one could comfortably say the same of Mr. Henry Ngabirano's tenure at the helm of Uganda Coffee Development Authority. On September 30th 2016, visibly emotional but energetic, Ngabirano handed over the mantle of an organization he has helped to steer for the last 15 years to the new managing Director.

The news was publically confirmed by the Board chairman of the Authority Mr. Perez

Bukumunhe when he unveiled Dr. Emmanuel Lyamulemye as the new man in charge of the sector at the 2nd international coffee day celebration in Wakiso hardly a week after this boardroom handover.

Mr. Ngabirano, fondly referred to as "Henry" in many circles of the coffee world, will forever be remembered by the industry for his immense contribution among others, such as, handling the transition of the coffee sector as it transitioned into Liberalization, setting up the structures of the authority, increased volumes and his "open door

policy” to the private sector with whom he enjoyed a strong bond of partnerships. He was awarded the prestigious Life time achievement award by African Fine Coffees Association early this year in Dar el salaam, Tanzania.

In his remarks, the new managing director noted that he was not entirely new to the sector having worked in coffee before. During his maiden visit to Uganda Coffee Federation offices, he affirmed his commitment to “production, value addition, putting the farmer at the center of the coffee conversation and keeping a strong relationship with stakeholders across the board.”

The surest thing is that the change of guard happened at the authority, the question of what this change means to the sector can only be left to the passing of time. As we organize to have official private sector interaction with the new management of the authority and

officially bid farewell to our coffee friend Mr. Ngabirano, we congratulate the outgoing Managing Director and wish Dr. Emmanuel lyamulemye a great journey as he takes over Uganda's cash-cow and majority of the population livelihood sector at a time when sustainability, climate change and ambitious government vision of 20m bags by 2020 are at hand.

In an interview with Daily Monitor, Mr. Ngabirano says his profound memories will, for a long time, mainly hold onto the resilience that farmers have shown during “hard times when coffee prices were quite low and the devastation of the coffee by wilt disease was high”

**Do you want to know more about what is next for Mr. Ngabirano and the full vision of Dr. Lyamulemye to the sector keep your eyes on our subsequent publications.**



## Market Watch:

The market has stable supply with Robustas coming from Busoga region, Luwero, Kagadi and Kanungu districts among others, And Arabica coming from Kasese and Rukungiri districts. Compared to September, the Robusta FAQ outturns are steadily increasing from 60's to 70's and players

predict a bumper season towards the end of the first half of November with supplies from the greater Masaka region expected to be ready with volumes.

**(Source: A sample of traders via phone calls made between 24th -27th October,2016)**

# Coffee Retreat: Coffee Meets Music

The hosts of 1st International Coffee Day, Gladfarm located in the central district of Nakaseke once again hosted the coffee fraternity in what was called the “Gladfarm Open Day.” Guests who included the Norwegian Ambassador were taken on a guided farm tour through which there was an opportunity to see new agronomical practices and experience firsthand coffee wilderness.

Later on, we were treated to a new, simple and affordable technology with a machine that hulls, grinds and prepares a fresh cup of coffee. In the end under this friendly environment Mr. Bent Ronsen, MD hosted us at a rich cocktail of all tribes of Nyama Choma and Drinks with of course Music as a coffee compliment.

**Well done Gladfarm.**

## Coffee Football

The goals, points, tears of joy and talent that went into this year’s Uganda Coffee Football tournament. Credit to the 15 teams and our partners for the successful event. See how teams fared in the 2 days’ event.

**Study the table standings below:**

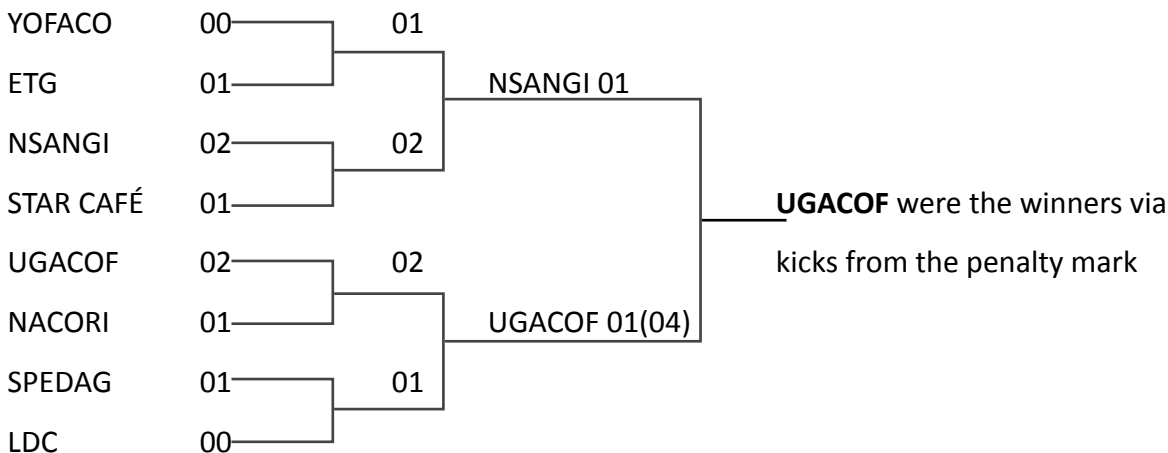
GROUP	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	POINTS
A	YOFACO	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	08
	NACORI	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	08
	GORILLA HIGHLANDS	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	06
	SAVANNAH	3	0	1	1	1	2	-1	02
B	NSANGI	3	3	0	0	9	1	8	12
	LD COMMODITIES	3	2	1	0	2	2	0	10

	KIBINGE	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	06
	IBERO	3	0	0	0	0	7	-7	01
C	UGACOF	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	06
	ETG	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	04
	UCDA	3	0	1	1	3	3	0	03
D	SPEDAG	3	2	1	0	1	3	-2	10
	STAR CAFÉ	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	08
	OLAM	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
	NUCAFE	3	1	0	2	3	2	1	4

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*Teams that made it to the Quarter finals*

### QUARTER FINALS, SEMI FINALS & FINALS SCORES



**A total of 49 games were played in the two days.**

# Lukenge Elected New Chair Of Afca Uganda Chapter

Ishak Lukenge, the managing director of Kampala Domestic Stores, one of the leading coffee exporting companies was elected the new chairman. This was during the AFCA Uganda Chapter general meeting held on 26th October, 2016 at the Kampala Sheraton Hotel man. He replaces Mr. Nsibirwa Robert who has been at the helm

since 2013. Other committee members are Vice Chairperson -Mr. Nuwagaba Micheal-UGACOF, Treasurer-Mr. Ronald Agaba-UCF, Women Representative-Ms. Fortunate Paska – HRNS, Farmers Representative-Mr. John Nuwagaba-Ankole coffee, Youth-Swaleh Shabi-LD Commodities and Committee Member-Mr. Robert Nsibirwa-ACA.



A cross section of members who attended the AFCA General Meeting at Sheraton

# Global News:

## Coffee Farmers Operating At A Loss

New research by the ICO shows that coffee farmers in selected countries are operating at a loss and that coffee growing is becoming less profitable over time.

Since March 2015 the ICO composite price has been consistently below the 10-year average of 137.24 US cents/lb, raising concerns about the economic viability of coffee production and putting the livelihoods of coffee producers at risk in many countries.

As a result, there is a widespread concern in the coffee sector that a prolonged phase of low coffee prices could negatively affect the supply of high quality coffee beans and could have adverse effects on household incomes in coffee growing communities. Hence, specific policies need to be formed to address the issue of economic sustainability of coffee production, stabilising supply in the future and enabling farmers to be fairly remunerated.

This new study assesses the cost structure of coffee production in selected countries

(Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, and El Salvador), and derives recommendations on how to improve the economic viability of coffee production.

Research by the International Coffee Organisation shows that price volatility in the coffee market and increasing costs of production for farmers means that many producers operate at a loss in both the short and long term.

Coffee production is not economically sustainable for many producers, and those who can make a profit struggle to cover the costs of establishment and plant renewal.

Costs of production generally increase consistently over time, whereas international prices vary significantly with no clear upwards or downwards trend, meaning that coffee growing is on average becoming less profitable over time.

### Why does this matter?

The living conditions of millions of coffee farmers are deteriorating

Reduced profitability over time could result in consolidation of coffee farms and/or

disruption to coffee supplies, with farmers choosing to leave the market, or even abandoning their crops, which can pose a phytosanitary threat to neighbouring coffee farms.

### Conclusions

Existing data on costs of production is very limited and more data is needed about costs of production at the country level.

More research is needed to find out how to address low profitability of coffee farming

### Recommendations

More research, Across the board productivity

increases, reduce market risk (price risk) is a particularly important variable. Farmers need to get access to risk management tools. Some countries have developed effective policy responses to factors which negatively affect the profitability of coffee farming. For example, Colombia responded successfully to the threat of coffee leaf rust, which Costa Rica has become a pioneer for measures to mitigate the impact of climate change in the coffee sector. These positive experiences should be shared between countries. For the full report – email [ucf@ugandacoffeetrade.com](mailto:ucf@ugandacoffeetrade.com)





# PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Mr. Robert Kabushenga, CEO Vision group (in Blue overall) showing the King of Toro his new coffee plantation at Rugyeyo farm in Wakiso District on October 22nd 2016. After visiting, King Oyo noted that Kabushenga should be an inspiration to the youth who are interested in doing farming.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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- National coffee Festival 4th Nov,2016 at Mandela National Stadium organized by NUCAFE.
- International buyers (USA) tour to Uganda –details via UCDA
- Uganda Coffee year book compilation of articles, information, news and Ads in on-book your space today with UCF .
- UTZ | Better farming. Better future. Has a Peer regional workshop on 29-30th November.
- AFCA is organizing a Roaster & Baristas Origin Retreat 2016 in Kenya NOVEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 18 .
- 15th African Fine Coffees Conference and Exhibition Preparations in Full Gear!
- University coffee clubs Barista training: On going
- Inter university Barista competitions: 10th-11th Nov 2016, Kyambogo University
- Barista Training: 14th Nov -9th Dec 2016, UCDA, Lugogo
- Origin Tour: 7th-19th Nov 2016

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