



UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

Highlights:

- This is the fourth report for the coffee year 2016/17. A total of 404,673-kilo bags of coffee valued at US\$ 48.98 million were exported in January 2017 at an average weighted price of US\$ 2.02 US cents, same as the previous month.
- Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,600/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.5,250/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 6,550/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 6,250/kilo.
- Coffee exports for 12 months (February 2016 to January 2017) totalled 3.54 million bags worth \$371 million comprising Robusta 2.60 million bags worth \$252 million and Arabica 0.94 million bags worth \$120 million.
- 72.4% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 30 who performed during the month compared to 78.9% in December 2016.
- The ICO Composite Indicator price increased from US cents 131.70 per lb. in December 2016 to US cents 139.07 per lb. in January 2017.

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

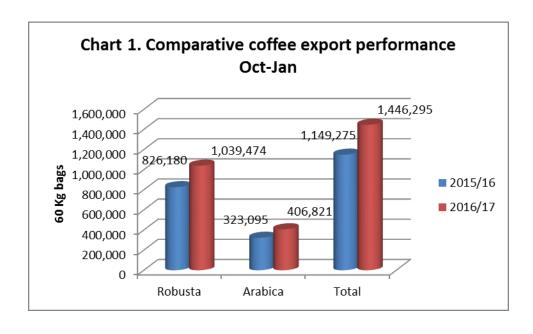
Coffee exports in January 2017 amounted to 404,673 60-kilo bags worth US \$ 48.98 million comprising 304,787 bags (\$ 33.97 million) of Robusta and 99,886 bags (\$15.01 million) of Arabica (see Table 1).

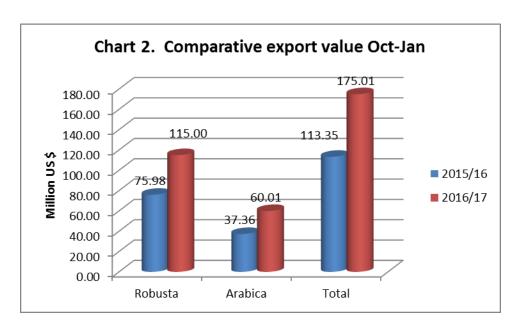
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance - 60-kilo bags; US\$

Coffee Vers	2016/17		2015/16		%-age Chai	nge
Coffee Year	Qty	Value \$	Qty	Value \$	Qty	Value \$
Grand Total	1,446,295	175,005,241	1,149,275	81,223,957	25.84	54.39
Total Robusta	1,039,474	114,996,929	826,180	75,985,134	25.82	51.34
Total Arabica	406,821	60,008,312	323,095	37,364,302	25.91	60.60
January	404,673	48,981,950	334,727	32,125,478	20.90	52.47
• Robusta	304,787	33,973,480	257,330	22,889,563	18.44	48.42
• Arabica	99,886	15,008,470	77,397	9,235,915	29.06	62.50
December	424,451	51,416,282	342,429	33,307,635	23.95	54.37
Robusta	327,374	35,937,583	263,214	23,957,649	24.38	50.00
Arabica	97,077	15,478,699	79,215	9,349,986	22.55	65.55
November	408,027	50,406,739	248,921	25,048,473	63.92	101.24
Robusta	278,245	31,508,240	157,358	14,836,751	76.82	112.37
• Arabica	129,782	18,898,499	91,563	10,211,723	41.74	85.07
October	209,144	24,200,270	223,198	22,867,849	-6.30	5.83
• Robusta	129,068	13,577,626	148,278	14,301,171	-12.96	-5.06
• Arabica	80,076	10,622,644	74,920	8,566,678	6.88	24.00

Compared to the same month last year, Robusta and Arabica exports increased by 18.44% and 29.06% respectively. Similarly, Robusta and Arabica values increased by 48.42% and 62.50% respectively compared to January 2016. Coffee exports for 12 months (December-January 2017) totalled 3.54 million bags valued at \$ 371 million compared to 3.60 million bags worth US \$ 402 million in the corresponding period the previous year, a reduction of 1.66% and 7.71% in quantity and value of coffee exports respectively.

Charts 1 and 2 give comparative export performance by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first 4 months (October, November, December and January) of 2016/17 and 2015/16. Chart 1 shows an increase in exports for both Robusta and Arabica over last year. The Arabica exports' performance is attributed to drawdown of stocks at exporter level while Robusta's increase was on account of earlier planted coffee which has started fruiting, the unfavourable weather notwithstanding. This led to increased production and hence procurement from Robusta growing regions but with relatively smaller bean sizes. Chart 2 also shows an increase in value for the 2 coffee types on account of high export volumes and improvement on the global prices. The January-February dry spell will affect the main crop in Central and Eastern regions on account of flower abortion in some areas and poor bean formation.





2.0 EXPORTS BY TYPE AND GRADE

Table 2 shows coffee exports by type, grade and average realized price for each coffee grade during the month of January 2017. The weighted average export price was US\$ 2.02 per kilo, the same as what was realized last month. Robusta exports accounted for 75.32% of total exports compared to 77.13% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US\$ 1.86 per kilo, 3 cents higher than US\$ 1.83 per kilo realized last month. Organic Robusta had the highest price of US\$ 2.38 per kilo compared to US\$ 2.31 per kilo in December 2016, fetching a premium of 31 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US\$ 2.07 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of us \$ 2.50 per Kilo, US cents 16 down from US\$ 2.66 per kilo realized last month. The highest price was for Bugisu PB but with very minimal quantities and was sold at US\$ 5.29 per kilo, US\$ 2.17 higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by Fully Washed Organic Sipi Falls at a unit price of US\$ 3.88, with a premium of 76 cents over conventional Bugisu AA price.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in January 2017

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US \$	%-age Value	Unit Price \$/Kilo
TOTAL	404,673		48,981,950		2.02
ROBUSTA	304,787	100.00	33,973,480	100.00	1.86
ORG ROBUSTA	1,344	0.44	192,045	0.57	2.38
ROBUSTA UTZ	350	0.11	48,611	0.14	2.31
WASHED ROBUS	3,480	1.14	464,500	1.37	2.22
SCREEN 18	16,578	5.44	2,063,516	6.07	2.07
SCREEN 17	20,063	6.58	2,373,012	6.98	1.97
SCREEN 15	159,776	52.42	18,642,837	54.87	1.94
SCREEN 14	320	0.10	39,789	0.12	2.07
SCREEN 12	61,456	20.16	6,785,977	19.97	1.84
BHP 1199	23,625	7.75	2,044,666	6.02	1.44
OTHER ROBUSTAS	17,795	5.84	1,318,527	3.88	1.23
ARABICA	99,886	100.00	15,008,470	100.0	2.50
ORGANIC BUGISU	2,000	2.00	353,018	2.35	2.94
ORGANIC OKORO	720	0.72	124,604	0.83	2.88
ORGANIC WUGAR	320	0.32	48,148	0.32	2.51
FW ORGANIC SIPI FALLS	3,160	3.16	735,243	4.90	3.88
FW ORG WHITE NILE	350	0.35	74,075	0.49	3.53
ORGAMIC DRUGAR	320	0.32	48,678	0.32	2.54
OKORO A+	720	0.72	114,286	0.76	2.65
MT.ELGON A+	2,430	2.43	466,587	3.11	3.20
MT.ELGON AA	333	0.33	48,453	0.32	2.43
MT ELGON A	5,720	5.73	846,010	5.64	2.47
MT.RWENZORI	360	0.36	47,619	0.32	2.20
RWENZORI A	1,400	1.40	185,186	1.23	2.20
BUGISU AA	4,810	4.82	901,183	6.00	3.12
BUGISU AB	4,826	4.83	810,659	5.40	2.80
BUGISU PB	10	0.01	3,175	0.02	5.29
BUGISU A	2,160	2.16	300,002	2.00	2.31
WUGAR	20,110	20.13	2,880,471	19.19	2.39
DRUGAR	45,752	45.80	6,600,754	43.98	2.40
OTHER ARABICAS	4,385	4.39	420,320	2.80	1.60

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of January 2017 in terms of quantity, relative position compared to the previous month and market share. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led with a market share of 14.50% compared to a market share of 14.01% last month. It was followed by Olam (U) Ltd with a market share of 8.72% compared to 8.17% last month, followed by Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd- 8.72% (9.44%), Kampala Domestic Store 7.72% (6.03%); Ugacof (U) Ltd. -6.85% (15.39%); LD Commodities (U) Ltd- 5.86% (1.32%); Ibero (U)

Ltd. -5.76% (7.39%); Besmark Coffee Co Ltd.- 5.75% (2.14%); Kawacom (U) Ltd. -4.26% (5.70%); and Commodity Solutions (U)Ltd- 4.25% (5.05%) in that order. The first 10 exporters held a market share of 72.38% compared to 78.87% last month reflecting reduced concentration at this level. Out of the 34 exporters who performed, only 14 compared to 11 exported Robusta Coffee only while 8 compared to 6 the previous month exported Arabica coffee only. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd. had the highest Robusta exports followed by Ideal Commodities while Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd also led in Arabica exports followed by Olam (U) Ltd. The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in December 2016.

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in January 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN DECEMBER	QUANTITY	(BAGS)		PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE		
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulati ve	
			304,787	99,886	404,673	100.00		
1	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	2	41,389	17,293	58,682	14.50	14.50	
2	Olam (U) Ltd	4	20,120	15,165	35,285	8.72	23.22	
3	Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd	3	34,294	990	35,284	8.72	31.94	
4	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	6	31,238		31,238	7.72	39.66	
5	Ugacof Ltd	1	15,618	12,088	27,706	6.85	46.51	
6	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	16	8,672	15,060	23,732	5.86	52.37	
7	Ibero (U) Ltd	5	23,300	,	23,300	5.76	58.13	
8	Besmark Coffee Co. Ltd	15	20,099	3,150	23,249	5.75	63.87	
9	Kawacom (U) Ltd	7	6,284	10,955	17,239	4.26	68.13	
10	Commodity Solutions (U) L	8	17,188		17,188	4.25	72.38	
11	Savannah Commodities Ltd	12	14,236	640	14,876	3.68	76.06	
12	Ishaka Quality Commodities	11	14,629		14,629	3.62	79.67	
13	Coffee World Ltd	10	14,258	320	14,578	3.60	83.27	
14	Export Trading Company Ltd	9	3,860	8,306	12,166	3.01	86.28	
15	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	13	·	11,544	11,544	2.85	89.13	
16	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	14	6,921	,	6,921	1.71	90.84	
17	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	18	5,985		5,985	1.48	92.32	
18	Bakhsons Trading Co (U) L	23	5,328		5,328	1.32	93.64	
19	Ankole Coffee Processors	19	4,838		4,838	1.20	94.83	
20	Bulamu Coffee Buyers Ltd	21	4,754		4,754	1.17	96.01	
21	Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Society	17	3,868		3,868	0.96	96.96	
22	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	24	2,840		2,840	0.70	97.67	
23	Banyankole Kweterana Cooperative Union	28	2,682		2,682	0.66	98.33	
24	Risala (U) Ltd	20	1,028	720	1,748	0.43	98.76	
25	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	27	668	320	988	0.24	99.01	
26	Mbale Importers & Exporters Ltd	22		970	970	0.24	99.25	
27	Bukonzo Joint Cooperative Ltd	26		640	640	0.16	99.40	
28	Bio Nile (U) Ltd	-		400	400	0.10	99.50	
29	Kibinge Coffee Farmers Lt	-	360		360	0.09	99.59	
30	Superbia International Trading Company Ltd	-		349	349	0.09	99.68	
31	Nitubaasa Export Ltd	-		330	330	0.08	99.76	

32	NUCAFE Ltd	30	330		330	0.08	99.84
33	Touton (U) Ltd	-		326	326	0.08	99.92
34	Empire Agricultural Coffee Company	-		320	320	0.08	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,200-3,000 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,700-5,800/= for FAQ; Sh. 6,400-6,600/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 6,000-6,500/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,600 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,250 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 6,500 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 6,250/= for Drugar.

5.0 GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports for the first quarter of 2016/17 coffee year were 29.8 million bags, 8.3% higher than the same period of 2015/16 coffee year. Arabica exports were up by 8.5% at 19.2 million bags which was a result of higher exports from Honduras, Peru and Papua New Guinea. Robusta exports were 7.9% higher than the same period last coffee year on account of increased exports from Vietnam and Indonesia.

The 2016/17 Global production is still estimated at 151.6 million bags, an increase of 0.1% from last year and consumption at 155.1 million bags, which is a slight decrease of 0.4%.

The ICO Composite Indicator price increased from US Cents 131.70 per lb. in December 2016 to US cents 139.07 per lb. in January 2017. It ranged from US cents 127.62 to 144.54 per lb. Although the price increased in January, it remained below the level US cents 145.82 realized in November 2016 and this was attributed to the steady exports and news of more favourable weather conditions in Brazil.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 illustrates the destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of January 2017. Exports to EU countries totaled 227,138 bags with a market share of 56.13% compared with 282,912 bags (66.65%) exported last month. EU was followed by Sudan with 52,056 bags (12.86%) compared to 49,429 bags (11.65%) the previous month. USA imported 38,914 bags (9.65%) compared to 18,300 (4.31%); Tunisia -21,919 (5.42%) compared to 15,412 bags (3.63%); India 21,454 bags -5.30% compared to 22,326 bags (5.26%) in December 2016. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 80,709 bags, a market share of 19.94%. The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in January 2017

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN DECEMBER	QUANTITY	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE		
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative		
	Total		304,787	99,886	404,673	100.00			
1	EU	1	177,021	50,117	227,138	56.13	56.13		
2	Sudan	2	52,056		52,056	12.86	68.99		
3	USA	4	25,310	13,604	38,914	9.62	78.61		
4	Tunisia	5	635	21,284	21,919	5.42	84.03		
5	India	3	20,834	620	21,454	5.30	89.33		
6	Switzerland	7	16,253	2,600	18,853	4.66	93.99		
7	Korea	21		4,676	4,676	1.16	95.14		
8	Morocco	10	4,142		4,142	1.02	96.16		
9	Japan	9	2,210	400	2,610	0.64	96.81		
10	Canada	8		2,240	2,240	0.55	97.36		
11	South Africa	11	1,624	300	1,924	0.48	97.84		
13	Singapore	17	320	1,440	1,760	0.43	98.27		
14	Russia	13	960	480	1,440	0.36	98.63		
15	Israel	14	1,300		1,300	0.32	98.95		
17	Australia	19	480	485	965	0.24	99.19		
18	Algeria	-	668		668	0.17	99.35		
19	Syria	-	334	320	654	0.16	99.52		
20	China	15	640		640	0.16	99.67		
21	Turkey	20		640	640	0.16	99.83		
22	New Zealand	-		360	360	0.09	99.92		
23	Vietnam	-		320	320	0.08	100.00		

BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Buyers of Uganda coffee in January 2017 are shown in table 5. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 57.57% compared to 66.56% last month. Olam International led with a market share of 8.54% compared to 8.87% last month. This was followed by Sucafina -7.00% compared to (15.47%); Socadec -6.65% (5.26%); Volcafe -6.18% (4.34%); Louis Dreyfus -5.77% (0.69%); Bernhard Rothfos - 5.68% (7.39%); Icona Cafe - 4.71% (4.21%); Aldwami-4.58% (2.72%); Bercher -4.56% (4.27%); and Ecom Agro Industrial - 3.90% (4.33%). The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to last month reflect fair competition for Uganda coffee among different buyers. Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month -December 2016*.

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in January 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKI	ET SHARE
		DECEMBE R					
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		304,787	99,886	404,673	100.00	
1	Olam International	2	32,068	2,490	34,558	8.54	8.54
2	Sucafina	1	16,258	12,088	28,346	7.00	15.54
3	Socadec	5	22,782	4,140	26,922	6.65	22.20
4	Volcafe	6	19,896	5,093	24,989	6.18	28.37
5	Louis Dreyfus	27	8,274	15,060	23,334	5.77	34.14
6	Bernhard Rothfos	4	22,966		22,966	5.68	39.81
7	Icona Café	9	17,372	1,680	19,052	4.71	44.52
8	Aldwami	12	18,550		18,550	4.58	49.11
9	Bercher	8	18,446		18,446	4.56	53.66
10	Ecom Agro Industrial	7	6,284	9,505	15,789	3.90	57.57
11	Al-Tasheel	3	14,700		14,700	3.63	61.20
12	Office Coffee	-		12,675	12,675	3.13	64.33
13	Tata Coffee	14	9,355		9,355	2.31	66.64
14	Indus Coffee	13	8,900		8,900	2.20	68.84
15	Complete	-	8,750		8,750	2.16	71.00
16	Touton	22	7,840		7,840	1.94	72.94
17	Cofftea	16	7,670		7,670	1.90	74.84
18	Elmathahib	-	6,300		6,300	1.56	76.39
19	Coex Coffee	17	5,934	330	6,264	1.55	77.94
20	Strauss Commodities	15	3,570	2,520	6,090	1.50	79.45
21	Tropicore	25	3,690	1,440	5,130	1.27	80.71
22	Mitsubishi	19		5,120	5,120	1.27	81.98
23	ETG Company	23	3,270	1,650	4,920	1.22	83.19
24	Hamburg coffee	-	4,584	326	4,910	1.21	84.41
25	Intergrano	24	4,360		4,360	1.08	85.49

26	Guzman Global	21	3,034	998	4,032	1.00	86.48
27	Lavazza	10	3,868		3,868	0.96	87.44
28	Others		26,066	24,771	50,837	12.56	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1. The Weather Situation

Central Region

• The month was hot & dry with almost no rains received throughout the Region. Crops in the field continued withering & drying up. Water sources continued drying up and farmers as well as nursery operators continued to struggle to water their plants. Coffee ripening and harvesting was tapering off.

Western Region

- Kyenjojo & Rwenzori sub regions experienced drought that affected coffee both young and old. Identification of areas that are prone to drought has been done by some districts so that farmers in those areas are advised to plant annual crops and only plant coffee if it's under irrigation.
- Mityana and Hoima sub regions generally experienced a dry spell and most of the newly
 planted coffee was affected. The districts of Kiboga, Mubende and parts of Kamwenge were
 more affected.

Northern Region

• The weather remained hot, dry and windy though some light to medium rains were encountered in Mid North during the last two days of the month which was fairly distributed both in time and space. The anticipated effects might have high flower abortion for plants under production and high mortality rates for the young coffee plants. The spotted coffee berry development and flower formation were at their dormancy stages of development and coffee yields are expected to decrease.

Eastern Region

 The month was a very hot and dry one throughout the region. Water stress was evident on plant life and some crops had passed the permanent wilting points. This has greatly had a negative impact on the development of newly planted coffee seedlings in farmers' fields. Increased defoliation due to effects of drought was observed especially in plantations without shade trees.

South Western Region

• The weather was quite dry throughout the month across the entire region. Farmers continued to be guided to start digging holes for next planting season and provide shade and water for stressed up coffee trees. However, during the last quarter of the month, rain showers commenced in most part of the region.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- A cumulative total of **56,121 MT** of seed was distributed to nursery operators.
- A total of 132 million seedlings is available for planting during March May 2017 season.

6.3 Coffee Planting

• Allocation of seedlings for March - May 2017 planting will be done in March 2017. Tentative demand by the districts is 128 million seedlings.

6.4 Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

Pest and disease incidences:

Type of pest or disease	Extent of damage
a) Pests	
1. Stem borers	Affecting mainly old trees which need stumping
_	Very common on Arabica but affects 60% of Robusta coffee in Busoga region
J	Scattered incidences have been reported in all the Robusta growing Districts. Farmers have been advised to spray their coffee with pesticides which has proved to be very effective. Drying of coffee trees due to the dry spell has also been confused to be symptoms of the BCTB attack.
b) Diseases	
	Severity is low. Most of the coffee trees look disease free although there are localized fields showing symptoms of nutrient deficiency.
_	Affecting most Arabica coffee fields in Kapchorwa and Bulambuli especially ripening berries
disease	Mostly affected Robusta coffee fields with poor husbandry practices and farmers have been told to practice on methods that improve and enhance soil fertility.
4. CWD	The disease has not been reported as a major issue across all Robusta growing regions.

6.5 TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

As part of exposure to stakeholders on impending new procedures for coffee processors and buying stores, one meeting was held at Bushenyi Regional office where it was resolved that:

- Engine run coffee hullers be banned completely unless if the operators upgrade to using generators
- All coffee processing factors to be well built (brick walls at least up to beam level and to have cemented floors and plastered walls
- All processing factories to mandatorily be in possession of moisture meters and fire extinguishers before they can be licensed
- Coffee processing machinery to mandatorily have a catador as part of the processing unit
- UCDA was requested to strengthen enforcement of Coffee Regulations as provided for by the law.

7.0 COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

7.1 Training of Trainers Workshop on Harmonized Coffee Extension Materials

- In collaboration with Feed the Future Uganda Enabling Environment for Agriculture Activity, a U.S. Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative, training of Trainers (ToTs) workshop on harmonized coffee extension materials was attended by district agricultural officers from all Coffee Growing Districts. The trainings were conducted in Mbale (Northern and Eastern Regions) and Masaka (Western and Central Regions).
- The training materials covered the whole range of topics on coffee value chain from agronomy, disease and pest management, soil and water conservation, drought resistance, pollution of water and waste management, safe use of agro-chemicals and post-harvest handling.

7.2 Monitoring and Evaluation Visit by Budget Monitoring & Accountability Unit Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

The Budget and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of finance visited various coffee growing Districts.
The team was interested at the performance of UCDA in the region for the period July to
December 2016 and specifically information on planned against actual outputs, budgets for
each output against the actual expenditures.

7.3 Capacity building of industry players through training and skills development to enhance skills of industry players.

• UCDA trained 101 sector players (26 female) on post-harvest and value addition in the districts of Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Kabalore and Kamwenge. They were trained on best handling practices and processing techniques to produce good quality coffee. Value addition training sessions were also held for farmers in Butambala (20 male & 4 female) and Mpigi (45 male & 7 female).

7.4 Domestic Coffee Consumption

- UCDA promoted domestic coffee consumption at the Media Centre and over 60 people were served with coffee and health benefits of taking coffee were explained. Awareness and interest about coffee drinking was created.
- The 4th National Cup taster's competition was held at Protea Hotel Kampala. Over 30 competitors (12 female and 18 male) were trained and competed in the preliminaries. Tony Bucana emerged the winner.
- The 9th Uganda National Barista Championship was held at Protea hotel, Kampala where Mark Okuta emerged the winner.
- Fifteen (5 female) semi-finalists were trained in basic coffee quality control, bean selection and brewing skills with emphasis on espresso based drinks. 12 Judges were trained and calibrated by an international Judge.

7.5 Support and promote specialty coffee concept

- Hosted the Uganda National Taste of Harvest competition.
 - o 27 samples submitted, 16 from Uganda (14 Arabica, 3 Robusta)
 - 8 samples from Uganda scored above 83%
 - Winning coffees would be auctioned online on 17th of February 2017 and were sent to prospective buyers for tasting. One UCDA staff participated as one of the cuppers.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR FEBRAURY 2017

February exports are projected at 300,000 bags since the harvesting of the main crop in Central and Eastern is at its tail end.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Harvest money expo; Nambole Stadium 18th -19th February 2017. In an effort to promote domestic coffee consumption, UCDA will participate in the expo. On top of serving free coffee, Information on coffee value chain, health benefits of coffee drinking will be disseminated.
- Elementary Basic Quality Control training for sector players at UCDA office, Lugogo.6th February to 31st March 2017. In order build capacity of sector players UCDA will conduct a training on basic Quality Control for processors. This is aimed building capacity to ensure good quality coffee.

• Africa Fine Coffee Conference and exhibition; Addis Ababa 15th - 17th February 2017. In order to promote Uganda coffee at the international market, UCDA will participate in the exhibition as well as the Africa Barista Championship where Uganda coffee will be showcased.