

6th African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition

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A Coffee Journey to the Land of a Thousand Hills

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PREMIER RWANDA BARISTA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT COFFEE CONFERENCE

Rwanda's Top Baristas to Display their Expertise in Coffee Brewing

Who will win the title of “Best Rwandan Barista”? The answer to that question will be found when baristas from many of Kigali's coffee houses, hotels and restaurants come together to participate in the **1st EAFCA Rwanda National Barista Championship**. The competition will be held at the *6th African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition*, organized by the Eastern African Fine Coffees Association (EAFCA) at the Kigali Serena Conference Centre on 12th – 14th February 2009.

The EAFCA National Barista Championships have become exciting annual events held in a number of EAFCA member countries including Kenya, Zambia, Ethiopia, Uganda and South Africa. The event, which is the “Olympic Games” for professional coffee makers, also known as “baristas”, evaluates every element required to produce a great cup of coffee from technique and personal presentation to beverage quality and taste.

Once awarded the distinction of “National Barista Champion”, the winners take their skills to the World Barista Championship (WBC) event held around the world to compete against the best of the best in the barista world.

At the Rwanda National Barista Championships, contestants will be judged by a panel of local and international judges on their preparation of 3 different coffee drinks: Cappuccino, Espresso and a specialty Signature Coffee Drink. The signature drink is the barista’s own creative drink, served either hot or cold and should be “original, fun and delicious”. The winning contestant will have the honour of representing Rwanda at the 2009 World Barista Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

The Rwanda National Barista Championships will be the first of its kind in Rwanda and are expected to be one of the main highlights at the conference. The event is aimed at increasing national coffee consumption through barista training and proper coffee preparation techniques. The organizers also hope that the competition will stimulate domestic coffee consumption by allowing the public to taste quality coffee, gradually develop loyalty and to foster improvement of quality in all links of the value chain, from farm to cup.

Visit www.eafca.org or www.africanfinecoffee.org to register for the conference and exhibition NOW.

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