

## CFC PROJECT TRIP SUMMARY TO ETHIOPIA

### 1.0 Introduction

A field visit was undertaken to Ethiopia by Mr Samuel Kamau (Executive Director) and Filtone Sandando (Project Manager) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February for purposes of deliberations on the CFC/ICO/EU Project implementation process in Ethiopia. In the same vein, the visit was tailored to hold high level meetings with authorities at the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) in Ethiopia which would culminate into signing of a project partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The in country facilitation of the visit was done by Mr Tewodros Yilma (EAFCA Chapter Chairman, Ethiopia).

### 2.0 Meetings in Ethiopia

Three separate meetings were held in Ethiopia on the 4<sup>th</sup> February as highlighted below.

#### 2.1 Meeting with the Director of Agriculture

A meeting was held with the Director of Agriculture, Dr Berhe and the team to deliberate on the CFC Project. A presentation on the project was done and the meeting agreed that an internal review of the MOU document by the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) be done before signing process. The MOA will advise when the internal evaluation is complete. In attendance were the representatives from the MOA, EAFCA and Ethiopia Coffee Exporters Association (ECEA).



#### 2.2 Meeting with Ethiopian Chapter Chairman and Ethiopia Coffee Exporters Association (ECEA)

The meeting with Apha Trading and ECEA focused on the planning process of strengthening the EAFCA Chapter in view of Ethiopia hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> African Fine Coffee Conference and Exhibition (8<sup>th</sup> AFCC&E) in Addis Ababa in the year 2012. The meeting explored how to equip a functional office in order expedite the conference preparation. Feedback was awaited from the Ethiopia Chapter on the progress.

#### 2.3 Meeting with the Ethiopia Commodity Exchange (ECX)

A brief visit was made to the Ethiopia Commodity Exchange (ECX). Deliberations were made to explore collaborations between the ECX and EAFCA. Follow-up was required to explore how other EAFCA country members were to benefit from the operations of the ECX.

### 3.0 The Way Forward

The way forward was to finalize the signing of the CFC project MOU and commence the implementation of the project activities in Ethiopia. Further, it was expedient to establish the EAFCA Chapter office with local support to facilitate the preparations of the 9<sup>th</sup> AFCC&E in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It was noted that more collaborations with the ECX were required in order to explore areas of mutual benefit.

### 4.0 Conclusion

The field visit to Ethiopia was successful in that successful meetings were held with the stakeholders of coffee industry in Ethiopia. Follow activities have been instituted to actualized the resolutions made in these meetings.