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## "Gateway to the world's wildest coffees"

### "WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR"

In our 12<sup>th</sup> issue of the newsletter, which covers the months of July and August we focus our attention on a number of activities that have kept the EAFCA Secretariat abuzz.

With the assistance of the Regional Agricultural Trade Expansion Support (RATES) Program and in conjunction with the Coffee Quality Institute (CQI), EAFCA held trainings for coffee stakeholders in Rwanda and Burundi, which were highly acclaimed by the participants. In addition, a coffee club was held in Rwanda and Burundi for purposes of coming together to discuss various coffee issues in a relaxed setting.

The past few months have seen preparations for international coffee events go into another gear as EAFCA plans to officially launch the WWC 3 in Dar-es-Salaam and Moshi, Tanzania, attend the 2005 Tea & Coffee World Cup & Symposium in Hamburg, Germany, as well as the 2005 Sintercafe Conference & Exhibition in San Jose, Costa Rica.

EAFCA is also striving hard to expand its membership base in the region and put final touches on our calendar of activities as we come to the end of another successful coffee year at EAFCA. We thank all our members and partners for their tremendous support over the 2004/05 coffee year!

### TRADE FINANCE FOR SMALLHOLDER PRODUCERS

In July, Ecologic Finance received a global 2-year fund from the United States Agency for International Development (USAid) to facilitate agricultural production by smallholder farmers.

At the beginning of July, the Regional Director, USAid/REDSO/ESA, Andrew B. Sisson, the President of Ecologic Finance, William Foot and the EAFCA Executive Director, Robert W. Nsibirwa attended a meeting at the REDSO/ESA office in Nairobi, Kenya to sign the relevant documents for the fund.

EAFCA is working with Ecologic Finance on the grounds of shared values in the facilitation of smallholder producers who make up the majority in the producers. Many of these farmers are involved in coffee production and stand to benefit from the fund.



Regional Director, USAid/REDSO/ESA, Andrew B. Sisson (centre) and Executive Director, EAFCA, Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa (right), shake hands after signing of the grant document as the President of Ecologic Finance, William Foot (left) looks on

### NUMBERS OF CERTIFIED CUPPERS GO UP THROUGH TRAINING IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI

EAFCA, in conjunction with its strategic partners the Regional Trade Expansion Support (RATES) and the Coffee Quality Institute (CQI), USA, will be conducting a 2 day *Cupping Training* and a *National Cupping Competition* in all EAFCA member countries. The objective of this training is to increase the knowledge within the coffee industry of the importance of quality, to increase domestic awareness and pride in their national coffees.

To this end, EAFCA seeks to increase the number of certified cuppers throughout the region and hopes to lay the foundations for future domestic and national competitions.

Through the National Cupping Competitions, the top five

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of the domestic coffees from each of the member countries, from the 2005 season, are selected and will ultimately take part in the *African Taste of Harvest Competition* on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, where a panel of international judges made up of roasters, buyers and traders from the coffee consuming world will select the best of African coffees from each country.



**Isabelle Sinamenye of OCIBU concentrates while cupping the coffees during the training workshop at OCIBU in Burundi**

In August 2005, Burundi and Rwanda took part in the cupping training and held successful National Cupping Competitions in their respective countries. Volunteers from the Coffee Quality Institute (CQI), USA, conducted the trainings, namely Keita Matsumoto and Miguel Angel Turcois, both of whom are recognized international coffee cuppers with a “Q” grade certification.



**OCIBU Economics Manager, Emmanuel Nkengurutse (near left) and other participants take notes during a session at the training workshop at OCIBU in Burundi**

In Burundi the Cupping Training and National Cupping Competition was held in Bujumbura at the Office du Café du Burundi (OCIBU) on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August and 27<sup>th</sup> August respectively, with 30 participants successfully completing the training.

15 participants attended and successfully completed the Cupping training in Kigali, Rwanda that was held at

the OCIR Café offices on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005. The Rwanda National Cupping Competition was held on 1<sup>st</sup> of September at the same venue.

Participants in both countries, who mainly included cuppers, liquorers, roasters and co-operative members, were excited about the training that included lectures on quality and defects, practical cupping for quality and training on competition protocols.

All participants received certificates of completion at the end of the training from EAFCA and were promised to utilize and share their skills for the promotion of the coffee industry in their respective countries.



**EAFCA/RATES Coffee Specialist, Chris von Zastrow (kneeling left) and CQI trainers, Miguel Turcois (squatting right) and Keita Matsumoto (standing fifth left) with participants after awarding of certificates at OCIR Café in Rwanda**

## SELECTION OF BEST AFRICAN COFFEES BEGINS

The *African Taste of Harvest*, a coffee cupping competition to choose the best of African coffees, will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007, as part the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition to be held in Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Tanzania on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

To this end, *National Coffee Cupping Competitions* will be held in each of the 10 EAFCA member countries, to identify the top 5 domestic coffees in each of these countries that will ultimately be represented at the *African Taste of Harvest*. A 2-day Coffee Cupping training will be held in each of these countries just prior to the competition. So far, Cupping Trainings and National Cupping competitions have successfully been held in Burundi and Rwanda.

The winning coffees from each of the EAFCA member countries will be showcased and tasted at international conferences and exhibitions. The 2005 Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA) is one such conference at which the winning coffees have so far been showcased.

Coffees will also be exhibited and tasted at the 2005 Tea & Coffee World Cup, in Hamburg in September, and in November 2005 at the Sintercafe Conference, Costa Rica in November 2005 where EAFCA is invited as the "Guest region".

Upcoming National coffee cupping competitions will be held in Zambia (20<sup>th</sup> October 2005), Tanzania (27<sup>th</sup> October 2005), Uganda (14<sup>th</sup> January 2006), Ethiopia (21<sup>st</sup> January 2006) and Kenya (28<sup>th</sup> January 2006).

**National Coffee Cupping Competitions – Winning Coffees in Rwanda and Burundi (in descending order)**

Rwanda:

1. Maraba
2. Nkora Café FW "A" Kayove, Gisenyi
3. BUF
4. Musasa
5. Kopakama Co-op, Mashumbati Washing Station FW "A-1"

Burundi:

1. Stock C 1 – 2 FW "A" Mimirwa
2. Kivogero 01 FW "AA" Kirimiro
3. Stock C 1 – 2 FW "AA" Mimirwa
4. Kigingo 3 FW "AA" Kirundo
5. 2002 FW B Kayanza

**BURUNDI AND TANZANIA HOST COFFEE CLUBS**

EAFCA encourages chapters to organize Coffee Clubs, whose primary objective is networking. A Coffee Club is an informal gathering where all who are directly or indirectly involved in the coffee industry can meet, network and exchange ideas and information, while enjoying complimentary cocktails and refreshments, in the hope of building friendships and fostering business relationships, thus leading to an even stronger coffee industry in the individual chapters.

Heeding to this call, Burundi and Tanzania coincidentally, on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2005 evening, hosted separate Coffee Clubs in Bujumbura and Moshi respectively.

In Bujumbura, Burundi, the Coffee Club cocktail was hosted in conjunction with EAFCA, at the Eden du Lac, a lavish hotel by the shores of Lake Tanganyika. This cocktail was held, at the conclusion of a two-day Cupping training that was successfully organized by EAFCA, and held at the OCIBU offices in Bujumbura. A total of 60 people from various sectors of the coffee industry in Burundi attended the cocktail.

The cocktail was addressed by amongst others the President of OCIBU, Salvator Matata, who was the Guest of Honour, and the Executive Director of EAFCA, Robert W. Nsibirwa. At the function, 30 trainees who had successfully completed the Cupping training held 2 days earlier were presented with certificates of completion by the President of OCIBU. Amongst other guests that attended the evening were the Burundi EAFCA Chapter Chairman, Francois

Nkurunziza and the Managing Director of C & A Business, Ciza Angele Mbonigaba.

Across the border that same evening, the Tanzania Chapter, under the chairmanship of Leslie Omari, held their Coffee Club at the Hotel Sal Salnero in Moshi, where over 50 people from the Tanzania coffee industry attended. At the function,

Mr. Omari addressed the guests on behalf of the EAFCA Executive Director, Robert Nsibirwa, who was in Burundi attending the Burundi Coffee Club (mentioned above) on the same evening. Mr. Omari talked on the importance of coffee to the economy of Tanzania, and emphasized the need to hold regular Coffee Clubs.

Mr. Omari also updated the guests on the upcoming coffee breakfast launch of the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Fine Coffees Conference and Exhibition, to be held in Dar-es-Salaam (20<sup>th</sup> September) and in Moshi (22<sup>nd</sup> September), and invited all to attend. The Conference, organized annually by EAFCA, will be held in Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Tanzania on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at the Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge & Golf Club.



**Mr. Omari (with back to camera) leads guests at the Tanzania Coffee Club in a toast to the future of EAFCA and the Tanzania coffee industry**

**WWC 3 UPDATE: CONFERENCE PROGRAM FINALIZED**

We continue updating you on the ongoing preparations towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Fine Coffees Conference & Exhibition (fondly referred to as WWC 3) to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at Mt. Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Tanzania at the spectacular Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge & Golf Club.

The WWC 3 program is finally out and in circulation, and can also be accessed on the EAFCA website [www.eafca.org](http://www.eafca.org) or [www.worldswildestcoffees.org](http://www.worldswildestcoffees.org) and promises to be a conference with a difference and one that you cannot afford to miss out on. This conference is expected to attract over 500 coffee professionals from all sectors of the industry and will offer all attending the unmatched opportunity to meet in one spectacular venue.

**WWC 3 Launch:** This will be held at a Coffee Breakfast in Dar-es-Salaam on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005, at the Movenpick Hotel, and in Moshi on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2005, at the Uhuru Hostel. In Dar-es-Salaam, the Guest of Honour will be H.E Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, while in Moshi it will be Hon. Hilda Ngoye, the Regional Commissioner for Kilimanjaro.

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Jane Goodhall, one of the foremost primate researchers and the United Nations "Messenger of Peace", will be the keynote speaker at the WWC 3. Dr. Goodall is the founder of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) that supports the GOMBE research and TACARE projects in Tanzania and promotes the harmonious coexistence of chimpanzees and coffee production.

**Registration Deadlines:** Save 15% on conference registration and 30% on exhibition registration, by registering early.

**Early Bird Registration: by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005**  
**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

**Travel:** Special international and domestic fares are available for all those attending the WWC 3 conference. For more information and specific routing details, please contact:

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For any additional information and to download the registration forms, please visit [www.worldwildestcoffee.com](http://www.worldwildestcoffee.com)

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE SINTERCAFE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION?

Eastern African Fine Coffees Association (EAFCA) will participate at the Specialty Coffee Association of Japan (SCAJ) Conference & Exhibition from 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sintercafe Conference & Exhibition in San Jose, Costa Rica from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at the Hotel Herradura.

At the Japan event, EAFCA intends to promote the WWC 3 Conference & Exhibition as well as give information on membership coffees. As mentioned in our last issue of the *Fine Coffees Bulletin*, EAFCA will feature as the invited "Guest Region" at the Sintercafe Conference & Exhibition in San Jose, Costa Rica. This means that special focus and attention shall be given to EAFCA and its coffees.

At the conference, the EAFCA Executive Director, Robert W. Nsibirwa will make a special presentation on EAFCA and its coffees as well as promote the upcoming *African Fine Coffees Conference & Exhibition* to be held in Kilimanjaro, Arusha on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

EAFCA has taken up booth number 16 at the exhibition area in Sintercafe, where participating member countries will have a chance to display their winning coffees. Delegates from the world over attending the conference will get a chance to taste these coffees that will be brewed at the EAFCA booth. And who knows what business prospects can come out of this.

As part of the main events at the conference, a lunch dubbed "*The Bush Lunch*", in honour of EAFCA, will be hosted for all delegates.

We encourage all our members who wish to attend this world-class international conference to register now, if not already done so. EAFCA is offering assistance to members wishing to travel, with visa processing, and with information regarding registration and hotel accommodation.

For registration and/or further information on the Sintercafe Conference & Exhibition, please email the EAFCA Secretariat now at [secretariat@eafca.org](mailto:secretariat@eafca.org)

## OUR NEW MEMBERS

We gladly welcome the following 3 companies/organisations who joined EAFCA in July and August 2005:

1. Mitsubishi Corporation (Japan)
2. Makandi Tea & Coffee Estates Limited (Malawi)
3. Sable Farming Company Limited (Malawi)

The next issue of the "Fine Coffees Bulletin" will be out in early November 2005. If you think someone might enjoy receiving this publication, please forward his or her contact address to [secretariat@eafca.org](mailto:secretariat@eafca.org)

### COMING IN THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ISSUE:

- ☞ The WWC 3 launch in Tanzania
- ☞ Highlights of activities in the months of September and October 2005
- ☞ And much, much more ...

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