



National Coffee Research Institute



UCDA MARKS 25 YEARS OF SUPPORT TO THE COFFEE SUB-SECTOR

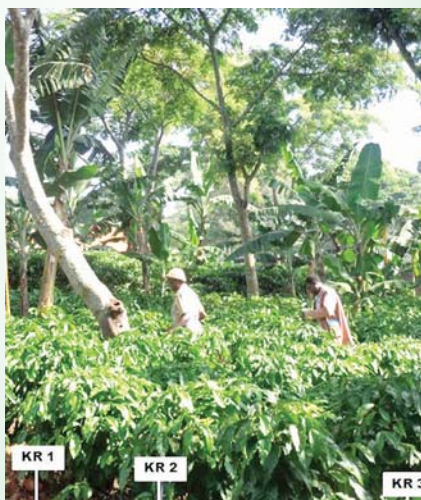
What is NaCORI?

The National Coffee Research Institute (NaCORI) is one of the 16 Public Agricultural Research Institutes under the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO). NaCORI's mandate is to conduct and manage basic and applied research of strategic nature and national importance in all fields pertaining to coffee and cocoa. The institute operates through three programmes, namely: -

- i. Coffee and Cocoa Variety Improvement and Management Programme (CViM-P). This programme aims at developing improved coffee and cocoa varieties accompanied with cost-effective agronomic practices, while collecting, conserving and using genetic resources using bio-technological tools.
- ii. Coffee and Cocoa Plant Health Management Programme (CPhM-P) aims at managing and mitigating the harmful effects of pests, diseases, weeds and the

changing climate, and ensuring proper plant nutrition of coffee and cocoa.

- iii. Coffee and Cocoa Value-addition and Agribusiness Programme (CVA-P) that generates post-harvest and value-addition technologies, information and knowledge to enhance profitability of coffee and cocoa as well as scaling uptake and use of coffee and cocoa research outputs.



A coffee mother garden at NaCORI in Mukono

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



DR. WILLIAM WAMALA WAGOIRE
DIRECTOR

On behalf of the NaCORI fraternity, I salute the Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA) on this auspicious day when they have clocked 25 years of guiding and developing the coffee sub-sector in Uganda. The relationship between NaCORI and UCDA has been boosted by the cordial relationship between the management of both entities, as well as that of the UCDA Board. I appreciate this working relationship that I believe has contributed significantly to attainment of our mutual goals in the coffee industry.

The technological achievements that NaCORI has demonstrated include development of Coffee Wilt Resistant (CWD-r) varieties and accompanying recommendations for managing diseases such as the coffee wilt disease (CWD), coffee leaf rust (CLR), pests such the black coffee twig borer (BCTB) and mitigation measures for drought through use of recommended shade trees. NaCORI further offers specialized training to farmers and other stakeholders in application of good agronomic practices for enhancement of productivity in the coffee sub-sector.

It is notable that UCDA has been channelling substantial financial support to coffee research for the last decade having commenced in 2007. To date, this support, in addition to tangible technologies such as the seven (7) CWD-r varieties, includes real-time infrastructure development such as the newly-operationalized bio-technology

laboratory. This laboratory was constructed and is being equipped with financial support from UCDA. The laboratory is expected to facilitate enhanced availability of quality planting material produced using tissue culture applications.

Further, NaCORI with support from UCDA is fast-tracking the formulation of the National Coffee Research Agenda (NCRA). Overly, NaCORI targets to provide the required technological advances and innovations that will enhance production and productivity along the whole coffee value-chain.

I, take this opportunity, as we celebrate the success of UCDA to-date, to appeal to all coffee stakeholders to support and facilitate the operationalization of the NCRA. Long live UCDA and all the coffee fraternity!

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