

Guest Profile



Name: Mr. John Nuwagaba

Title: General Manager

Organisation: Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Union Ltd (ACPCU)

Location: Ishaka, Bushenyi, Uganda

Responsibilities in present Role

As the General Manager, he is responsible for the day to day management of the coop. His duties include the following: overall management of the union, networking with other organizations, soliciting resources like working capital for the union, building the organization culture, writing Board and AGM minutes, supervision of workers, working as secretary to the Board, leading in the initiation of new projects, working as union sales manager and any other duties the board may assign.

Educational Background:

- Degree in Economics and Political Science
- Post graduate diploma in Management
- Plus many other short courses

Organisational Profile

Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Union Ltd (ACPCU)

- 6,600 smallholder coffee growers
- Located in the Bushenyi district in South West Uganda
- Established in 1998

Brief History:

Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Union Ltd (ACPCU) was formally registered with the registrar of Cooperatives of Uganda in July 2006. It was formed by 10 primary cooperative societies in the districts of Bushenyi and Ntungamo, in south western Uganda, and is based in Ishaka, Bushenyi district. All the member coops are Fairtrade certified small farmer organizations, and have been individually supplying the Fairtrade market with robusta coffee since 1997, via a Kampala based exporter, UNEX Ltd.

Organization's Objectives:

- To create capacity and competence so that members can directly export the commodities
- To enable members have more control of their coffee business
- To increase the income of the majority of farmers
- To add value to the product and hence additional income for the members
- To enjoy economies of scale
- To strengthen cooperative business
- To increase the capacity and impact of cooperatives in the market

Uganda facts

Full Name: Republic of Uganda

Population: 31.3 million

Capital City: Kampala

Languages: English is the official language, Swahili and Luganda are also widely spoken.

Currency: Uganda Shilling (USH)

Major agricultural exports: coffee, tea, tobacco, cotton, textiles

Life expectancy: 50 years

Adult Literacy Rate: 67%

Did you know?

- 80% of the Ugandan population are involved in agriculture
- Mount Elgon is Uganda's highest mountain (4,321m)
- Uganda is the tenth largest coffee producing country in the world



Bushenyi District, Uganda