

# ICC-114-5 Rev. 1 Sustainability of the coffee sector in Africa

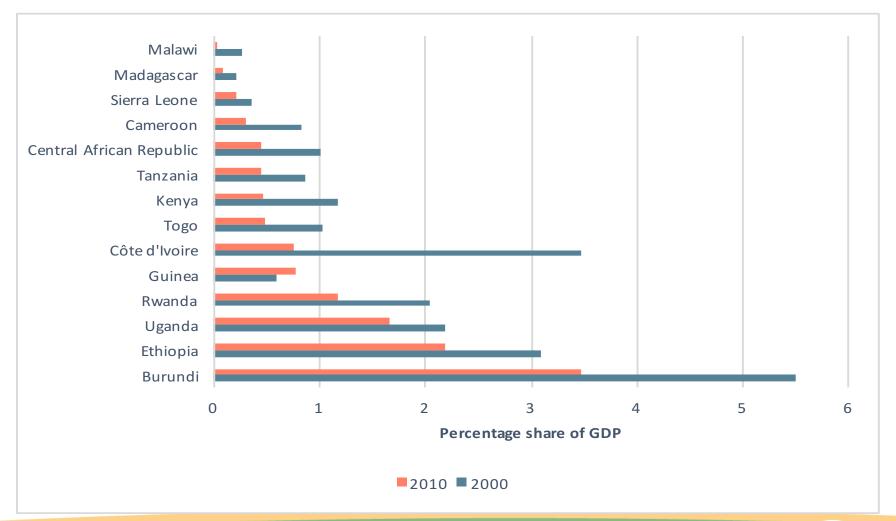
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## **Dynamics of the African Coffee Industry**

- Largest number of producing countries
  - 25 producing countries
  - Asia & Oceania (11)
  - Mexico & Central America (12)
  - South America (8)

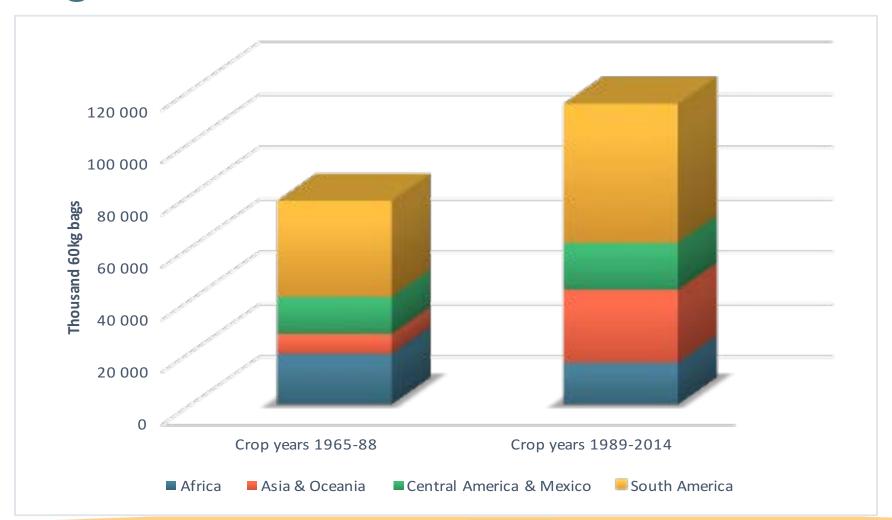


### Share of coffee in the GDP of selected producing countries in Africa



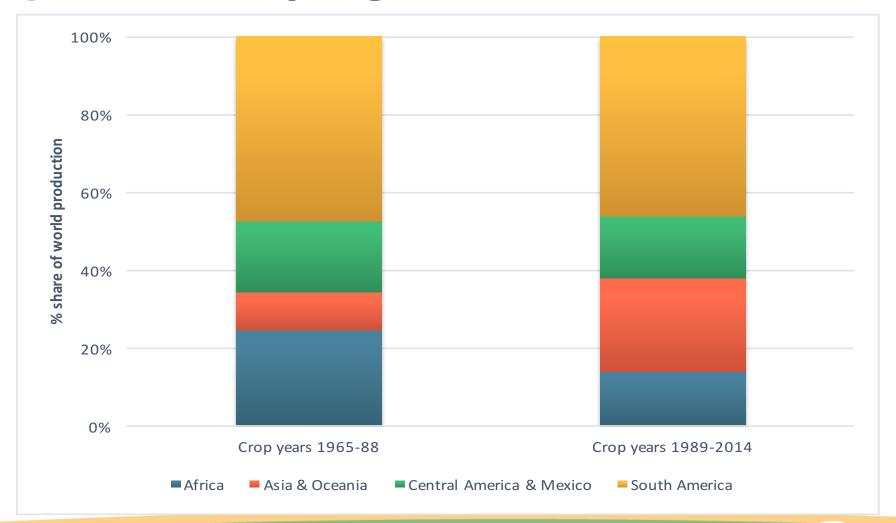


#### **Graph 1: Average world production by region**



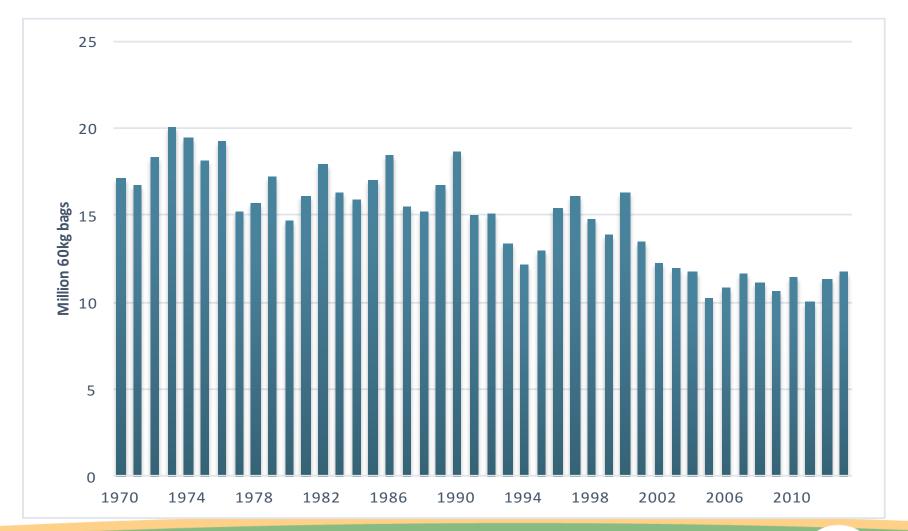


### Graph 2: Shares of world coffee production by region



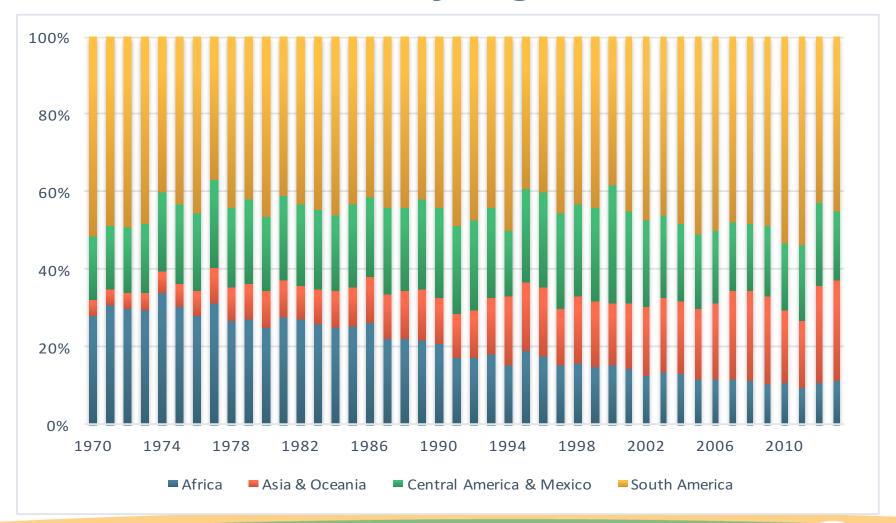


#### **Graph 4: Green coffee exports by Africa** since 1970





#### Graph 5: Share of export earnings from all forms of coffee by region





#### Challenges

- Farm productivity
- Low adoption of new technologies
- Limited extension services to growers
- Poor farmer's organizations
- Ageing farming population
- Complex gender equality issue
- Limited access to Finance



#### Conclusion

- Although many initiatives have been taken in some countries, many challenges remain to achieve a sustainable coffee sector in Africa.
- The main challenge is how to move the sector from a subsistence sector to an entrepreneurial one.
- Farmers need sustainable income generation and long term security of livelihood.





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