Women, Coffee and Climate

Women's Empowerment for
Socio-Ecological Resilience of Coffee Value Chain
Against Climate Change in Ethiopia

ETHIOLATINCOFFEE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

The "**Women, Coffee, and Climate**" project aims to enhance gender equality and sustainability within the Ethiopian coffee sector through eco-efficiency, social innovation, and South-South cooperation.

The primary objectives are:

1. Empower Women: Improve the participation and benefits for women in the coffee value chain.
2. Climate Resilience: Foster socio-ecological resilience against climate change.
3. Sustainable Practices: Promote sustainable coffee production and byproduct utilization.
4. Knowledge Sharing: Facilitate international exchange of best practices and innovations

Activities Conducted:

1. **Community of Practice (CoP):** Engaged stakeholders from Ethiopia, Colombia, and Honduras to share knowledge and best practices on gender equality, climate action, and coffee sustainability.
2. **Research and Assessments:**
   - **ECTA** – Assessment of women's participation and benefit in the coffee value chain in Yayu coffee forest biosphere reserve
   - **EFD** – 1) Ethnomycology and wild mushrooms in Yayu Coffee biosphere Forests Reserve, Southwest Ethiopia; 2) Socioeconomic assessment of major Non-Timber Forest Products in Yayu Coffee Forest Biosphere Reserve (YCFBR)
   - **JARC** – Coffee based diversification and gender role in coffee production in YCFBR
   - **WICE** – Assessment of the Role of Women and Traditional Values and aspects of Coffee production and Brewing Ceremony.
3. **International Exchange Visits:**
   - Facilitated visits between Ethiopia, Colombia, and Honduras to exchange experiences and learn about innovations in the coffee sector.
4. **Workshops and Training:**
   - Conducted policy dialogue forums/workshops to frame coffee marketing strategy for women in the value chain
   - Evidence based workshops focused on empowering women in coffee production, processing as well as in non-timber forest products
5. **Policy Advocacy:** Developed policy briefs and advocated for gender-responsive policies in the coffee sector.

International Conference of Women in Coffee

Policy dialogue with Women in Coffee

Visiting Farm's of Women Coffee Producers

International Learning Exchange

Achievements:

- **Enhanced Gender Equality:**
  - Increased women's participation in the coffee value chain and decision-making processes.
  - Engaged with key stakeholders to improve access to credit, training, and market information for women coffee producers.
- **Climate Resilience and Sustainability:**
  - Promoted the utilization of coffee byproducts, reducing waste and generating additional income for farmers.
  - Developed climate-smart agricultural practices and adaptation strategies.
- **Knowledge Exchange:**
  - Successfully conducted international exchange visits that led to significant lessons and recommendations shared among coffee-producing countries.
  - Created a repository of resources and best practices accessible to all stakeholders through the EthioLatinCoffee Community of Practice.

Lessons Learned:

- **Collaboration is Key:** Effective collaboration between public and private institutions, NGOs, and coffee cooperatives is crucial for the successful implementation of initiatives.
- **Empowerment through Education:** Continuous education and capacity building for women in the coffee sector are essential to enhance productivity and ensure sustainable practices.
- **Adaptability and Innovation:** Adapting innovative technologies and practices is necessary to cope with the impacts of climate change and improve the overall sustainability of the coffee sector.
- **Holistic Approach:** Addressing socio-economic and environmental challenges requires a holistic approach that includes policy advocacy, community engagement, and sustainable agricultural practices.