

COPA 2026 Concept Note

The “Coffee for Peace Africa -COPA” initiative uses coffee farming and trade to build peace by improving economic stability in conflict-affected regions of Africa. The concept note focuses on providing training for farmers, improving coffee quality, developing infrastructure and connecting communities to local and international markets as demonstrated by projects like Coffee for Peace in the US, the “Coffee Market Building for Peace and Prosperity “ in Rwanda etc. The goal is to create sustainable livelihoods that foster community development and reduce tensions.

Key component of COPA

~ **Conflict-sensitive approach:** The initiative is designed to be “peace responsive,” meaning it avoids exacerbating conflicts and aims to contribute to peacebuilding through economic development.

~ **Training and capacity building:** This involves providing farmers with hands-on training in areas like coffee processing, plantation management , business skills and leadership.

~ **Quality and market access:** Efforts focus on improving the quality of coffee through better management and quality control to access higher-value markets. The initiative also connects farmers directly to these markets.

~ **Infrastructure development:** This includes improving processes and infrastructure related to coffee production, from farming to processing and export.

~ **Community-led approach:** Projects emphasize community ownership and benefit-sharing, with the goal of building local capacity and fostering sustainable development.

Monitoring and evaluation: Regular reporting, mid-term and final evaluations includes progress tracking and making adjustments.