

The Coffee and Climate Initiative

Coffee represents a major source of income for around 25 million farmers around the world, with more than 125 million being dependent on the crop for their livelihood. Through the Coffee and Climate Initiative, smallholder farmers and service providers along the coffee value chain get access to the knowledge and instruments they need to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The Coffee and Climate Initiative is a partnership between a group of leading privately owned European coffee (including Swedish coffee company Löfbergs Lila), Sida, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), and several other partners.

The aim is to enable coffee farmers to effectively respond to changing climatic conditions by assembling and disseminating best practice for climate change adaptation and mitigation into a globally applicable toolbox. The initiative combines state of the art climate change science and proven farming method, with an approach involving a network of stakeholders and the entire value chain for sustainably farmed products. Public and private resources combined can make this happen.

Sida has contributed 4 million SEK to the initiative's pilot projects in Vietnam, Tanzania, and the Trifinio region of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. Improved livelihoods for smallholder



coffee farmers and their families is a key objective.

The toolbox is a living format. Its main purpose is to collect, evaluate, further develop and disseminate best practices and experiences from the field, as well as to initiate a collaborative and global learning process.

"We have had very drastic changes in our weather, and water has begun drying up. But we have improved our methods and found plants and small

bushes that can cover the growing coffee plants and keep them cool, so we need less water", says Amani Fungo, who supports his family with a 6 acre coffee farm in Tanzania.

In addition to learning and sharing agricultural practices, Fungo and other producers in the area have had training in marketing, and have formed a producers' organisation to share best practice and market their coffee.



The Swedish Academy for Training in Iraq

The Swedish Academy for Training offers young Iraqis support in building their skills and finding employment.

The academy is the result of a partnership between truck retailer Scania, Sida, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), international education company EF, and the Kurdistan Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The initiative is based in Erbil, the regional capital of Kurdistan and was launched in April 2012, when almost one hundred young Iraqis enrolled for training in basic mechanics, computing and English. The academy is open to unemployed Iraqis under the age of 30 and almost all of the teachers are

from the region. Courses in advanced mechanics and driver training are also offered, with courses in sales and marketing to be added in the future.

This initiative combines Sida's mission to create economic opportunities for young Iraqis with the industry's need to recruit skilled workers in the region. Finding mechanics with the right skills has proved to be a major challenge for Scania in Iraq, and the academy will serve as an important recruitment base for the company's continued expansion in the region. The academy will, however, train far more mechanics than Scania needs. After graduation students are free to seek employment where they want. The academy helps connect students with Scania, which runs a maintenance center in Erbil, as well as with other companies.

"Before the invasion there were a lot of very skilful mechanics in Mosul, but after 2003 many of them migrated abroad and to the Iraqi Kurdistan, including my employer who migrated to the United States," says Ammar Akram, who previously worked as an apprentice in the Mosul industrial district, repairing cylinders and tractor grinders. At the academy, Akram is now learning how to repair heavy trucks and machinery, with the aim of finding a new job when he graduates.

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