

MEDIA BRIEF ON RE-STABILIZATION OF COFFEE PRICES

Fellow Coffee Farmers, Stakeholders, and Countrymen;

In my earlier brief of June 2025, I highlighted the challenges that had led to a decline in coffee prices, particularly global demand and supply imbalances and oversupply from major producers including Brazil, Vietnam, and India. At that time, I assured you that the Ministry of Agriculture animal industry and fisheries was working diligently with all stakeholders to safeguard our coffee sector and stabilize farm-gate prices.

I also indicated that based on our predictions, by mid-August 2025, coffee prices would recover. I am pleased to confirm to you today that this prediction has come true. Coffee prices have indeed rebounded to the expected levels. As per today's coffee market report from our Department of Coffee Development, a Kilogram of coffee is selling at between Ugx.13,000-14,000 (FAQ) and Ugx.13,500-14,000 (Arabica parchment) per Kilo. This reflects our commitment, confidence in Uganda's quality coffee by international buyers, and farmers' resilience.

As we embrace this positive development, I call upon all farmers and actors in the coffee value chain to continue focusing on:

- 1. Maintaining high quality standards at harvesting, drying and processing to safeguard Uganda's reputation as a producer of premium coffee;
- 2. Adopting good agricultural practices to increase productivity and quality;

- 3. Strengthening farmer organizations and cooperatives to enhance bargaining power; and
- 4. Exploring value addition opportunities to reduce vulnerability to international price fluctuations.

The Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries remains committed to protecting the interests of coffee farmers and ensuring that Uganda's coffee sector continues to thrive as a cornerstone of our economy and a source of livelihood for millions of households.

I urge you all therefore, to maintain the momentum and most importantly to continue adhering to correct practices in production, harvesting and post-harvest.

I thank you,

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