

The Evolution of UCDA, CQI & Fine Robusta

2003



First Robusta Symposium took place in Kampala in 2009, in which CQI and UCDA developed the cupping protocols and form (which was refined several times, over many years).

2010



CQI and UCDA conduct Agribusiness Initiative Trust (aBi)-funded quality improvement activities. CQI is a facilitator between UCDA and aBi and an instrument for UCDA to achieve national coffee sector development goals.

New standards continue to be developed in partnership with UCDA.

CQI certifies first ever Q Robusta coffee

2013



CQI certifies 13 Q Robusta coffees and has 243 Q Robusta Graders worldwide.

Five Q Assistant Instructors from Uganda are active and working to improve quality and value of robusta coffees (and achieve Q Instructor status).

Conducted by CQI, field trainings to improve quality continue.

2009



CQI implements training programs funded by USAID with the Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA).



Uganda Coffee Development Authority

CQI continues work with UCDA to define and develop differentiated robusta standards for the international coffee community.

First ever Q Robusta Course, and first ever Q Robusta Grader

2012



CQI hosts the first Q Robusta Train-the-Trainer Course.

Coffee producers and mill/factory technicians trained not only in best practices for production and processing, but also basic cupping skills and quality assessment.



2014

