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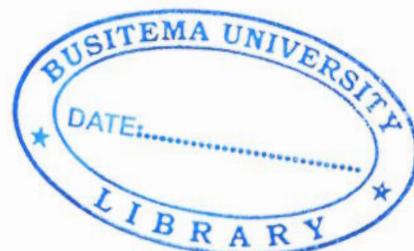
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VARIABILITY ON ARABICA COFFEE PRODUCTION: A CASE STUDY OF
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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in the Tingey county Kapchorwa district in Uganda aimed at assessing the effect of climate change and climate variability on Arabica coffee production. The objectives of the study were to assess the effect of climate change and climate variability on coffee production under the current and predicted climatic conditions of precipitation and temperature; to assess the adaptation techniques that farmers are applying and to assess the determinants of farmer's choice of adaption techniques.

To achieve these objectives, the study assessed the historical and forecasted precipitation and temperature patterns under the three emission scenarios of RCP 2.6, RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5. Questionnaires and key informant interviews were employed to gather information on farmer's adaptation techniques to the impacts of climate change and determinants of farmer's choice of adaptation techniques.

Gridded datasets of observed and modelled rainfall and temperature data from Climate Research Unit (CRU) and Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX) were used to assess the historical and forecasted patterns of rainfall and temperature.

The research findings reveal that climate change will negatively affect coffee production. Temperature will increase by 0.5°C for RCP 2.6, 1.7°C for RCP 4.5 and 4.6°C for RCP 8.5. Such temperature changes will lead to coffee flower abortion, early ripening of coffee beans and areas suitable for the growth of coffee will reduce. Arabica coffee farmers could be forced to move up the mountains for favourable temperatures and this will in turn affect the quality of Arabica coffee and farmers could also be forced to switch to the production of other cash crops.

Results also indicate that farmers are employing different techniques to adapt to climate change: 41.07 percent of the respondents use intercropping as an adaption technique followed by agroforestry at 34.40 percent.

In conclusion, climate change and climate variability will negatively affection Arabica coffee production in Tingey County, Kapchorwa District.

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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| °C | Degrees Celsius |
| CCKP | Climate Change Knowledge Portal |
| CH ₄ | Methane |
| CO ₂ | Carbon dioxide |
| CORDEX | Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment |
| CRU | Climate Research Unit |
| CW | Climate Wizard |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GEF | Global Environment Facility |
| GHG | Green House Gases |
| GIS | Geographic Information Systems |
| IFPRI | International Food Policy Research Institute |
| IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change |
| [RI] | International Republican Institute |
| LDC | Least Developed Countries |
| MAAIF | Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries |
| Masl | Meters above sea level |
| MNL | Multinomial logit model |
| MWE | Ministry of Water and Environment |
| NAPA | National Adaptation Programme of Action |
| NEMA | National Environment Management Authority |
| OWC | Operation Wealth Creation |
| Ppm | Parts per million |
| RCM | Regional Climate Model |
| RCP | Representative Concentration Pathway |
| UBOS | Uganda Bureau of Statistics |
| UCDA | Uganda Coffee Development Authority |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Program |
| UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

In this chapter, we present background to the study, the major and specific objectives, research questions, statement of the problem, justification and significance of the study and the conceptual framework.

1.1 Background to the Study

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) defines climate change as a variation between normally experienced climate conditions and a different, but recurrent, set of climate conditions over a given region of the world over a period of 30 (thirty) years (IPCC, 2001). The key cause of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels, these lead to the increase in greenhouse gases (GHG) such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and Methane (CH₄) content of the atmosphere that weaken the ozone layer leading to global warming (IPCC, 2001).

There is strong evidence that suggests that climate is changing such as increase in global land surface temperatures, melting of ice on mountain Rwenzori, more frequent droughts, unpredictable rainfall patterns, and many more. Agriculture which is a backbone of Uganda's economy is predominantly rain fed and is highly vulnerable to climate change and climate variations. Over 80% of Uganda's population is rural and 73% of the working population are employed in agriculture and related activities (MAAIF, 2010).

Studies by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) have showed that increased floods and droughts increase the likelihood of short-run crop failures and long-run production declines in both crops and animals (IFPRI, 2009). If left unchecked, climate change is expected to lower global per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 20% by 2200, threatening global food security (Stern, 2010).

High yields in Arabica Coffee is linked to climate, and is thus strongly influenced by changes in climate (Sys et al., 1993). The stated optimum mean annual temperature range for Arabica is 16–22 degrees Celsius. At temperatures above 22 degrees Celsius, development and ripening of fruits are accelerated, often leading to the loss of beverage quality (Carmago, 2010) although in some locations higher temperatures 24 to 25 degrees

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