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NTFII Uganda Uses Hands-On Approach to Help Farm Associations Enhance Skills

The NTF II Uganda project to promote the coffee industry is making steady progress, an ITC steering group was told during a June 4-6 mission to visit farm associations and farms and meet with partner institutions UEPB, UCDA and EPC, the Ministry of Trade and the Ministry of Agriculture. [More info](#)

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Ugandan Trade Minister Kyambadde Presents Working Draft of Coffee Sector Strategy Update

Ugandan Trade Minister Amelia Kyambadde unveiled the working draft of the Uganda Coffee Sector Export Strategy Update on June 5 as part of the Netherlands Trust Fund II (NTF II) programme. The update examines the challenges confronting the coffee sector and offers potential solutions as well as an action plan. [More info](#)



Kenya Competitive Tree Fruit Project Commodity Business Plans Make Substantial Progress

Steady progress has been made in the last six weeks to develop commodity business plans for avocado, mango and passion fruit, a primary goal in the first phase of NTF II's Kenyan Competitive Tree Fruit project, which aims to identify hurdles to the commercial success of the country's fruit sector and to develop strategies to overcome these obstacles. The three CBPs



Rooibos Council Wins Funding to Help Boost Exports and Enhance Competitiveness

The South African Rooibos Council has secured R1.2 million in international grant funding to improve export competitiveness during the second phase of a technical-assistance project financed by the Dutch Government to improve the volume and value of rooibos tea exports. The funding is being used on an in-depth analysis of

will form the cornerstone for piloting activities which will monopolize the project's attention and resources in the coming 12 months. [More info](#)

the way production data are collected, studied and disseminated to ensure better production forecasts and supply capacity and help to curb major price fluctuations. [More info](#)



NTFII Bangladesh Interview with Mr. Javed M. Ahmad, CEO of Aprosoft Consulting and Training Corp.

Mr. Ahmad talks about his company and how he is leveraging the skills of the young and talented Bangladeshi human resources in IT to the benefit of his offshore clients. [Watch video](#)



NTFII Bangladesh releases new exporter directory

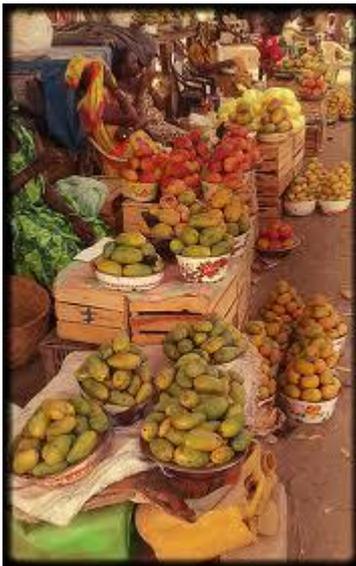
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Diagnostic Quality Analysis Gives Mango Producers Tools to Satisfy Quality Standards for Certification

Two groups of mango producers in Senegal's Niayes region participated in diagnostic quality evaluations to improve the quality of their crops so they can obtain Globalgap or bio-farming certification which could enable them to access export markets themselves. Both groups are to implement an action plan including recommendations was developed following these diagnostic results to satisfy the requirements of "quality standards" for certification.

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Buyer-Seller Development Partnerships Stimulate Senegalese Mango Exports to European Markets

NTF II's Senegal team is driving the creation of targeted market linkages and promoting opportunities to develop mid- to long-term relationships between domestic mango producers and specialised European importers. The effort aims to establish "development partnerships" which move beyond opportunistic transactions, towards a more strategic, sustainable and relationship-based approach where both parties collaborate to shape the future of their businesses. [More info](#)

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