

PRESS RELEASE



New Collaboration between coffee&climate and CIAT Brings Science-Based Solutions to Smallholder Coffee Farmers

Hamburg/Rome, December 3, 2025. The initiative for coffee&climate (c&c) and the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) are joining forces to support smallholder coffee farmers in adapting to the challenges of climate change. This collaboration brings together CIAT's research-based expertise with c&c's farmer-focused work in coffee-growing regions, which is coordinated and implemented worldwide by Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS). The objective: improving access to climate-smart practices that strengthen farmers' livelihoods and sustain coffee landscapes.

Science Meets Practice

“CIAT’s core mission is to deliver research that informs forward-looking adaptation to climate change. This means that we need to deliver insights to producers faster than climate change develops,” says **Christian Bunn, Associate Scientist at CIAT**. “By partnering with the initiative for coffee&climate, we can fast-track bringing science into farmers’ hands – validating and enriching climate-smart practices that truly improve livelihoods on the ground.”

A central focus of the partnership is on the c&c toolbox, a digital platform developed by coffee&climate to provide farming families with easy-to-use step-by-step instructions on how to adapt their farms to climate change and secure their future in coffee production.

The practices promoted through the c&c toolbox are not only tested and proven by farmers, but will also be scientifically validated by CIAT. “The c&c toolbox was developed to give farmers and extensionists access to practical, climate-smart solutions that have already been proven on the ground,” explains **Anika Nicolaudius, Project Manager c&c toolbox at HRNS**. “Collaborating with CIAT allows us to ensure that the practices included in the toolbox are also scientifically validated. This strengthens its role as a trusted, accessible hub for the coffee sector.”

The collaboration also highlights ACLIMATAR, a platform developed by CIAT, which focuses on using climate projection data to support adaptation planning for coffee and other crops. In the future, both ACLIMATAR and the c&c toolbox will benefit from the collaboration, for example, by linking site-specific climate risk assessments with the toolbox’s practical guidance, helping farmers match data-driven insights with on-farm solutions.

Building Global Impact

Beyond these digital resources, the collaboration aims to facilitate global learning by exchanging experiences across countries, but also within regions. “Combining the strengths of both organizations, we can reach more farmers, create global learning opportunities, and open new pathways for scaling up climate adaptation efforts,” adds **Stefan Ruge, Program Manager Climate at HRNS**. “One element will be creating a community of practice where stakeholders can jointly advance climate adaptation in coffee farming.”

At the same time, both organizations will explore opportunities to mobilize financial support, engaging public and private partners. “Working together in this way enables us to build the momentum needed to take our efforts to scale and ensure long-term impact for coffee farming families,” emphasizes Stefan Ruge.

Through their new partnership, coffee&climate and CIAT demonstrate their joint commitment to addressing the pressing challenges of climate change in coffee production. By uniting scientific knowledge with farmer-driven solutions, both organizations are helping to create resilient farming systems and a more sustainable future for smallholder families worldwide.

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About Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT

The Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) delivers research-based solutions that harness agricultural biodiversity and sustainably transform food systems to improve people’s lives. Alliance solutions address the global crises of malnutrition, climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation.

The Alliance is part of CGIAR, a global research partnership for a food-secure future. CGIAR works for a world with sustainable and resilient food, land, and water systems that deliver diverse, healthy, safe, sufficient, and affordable diets and ensure improved livelihoods and greater social equality within planetary and regional environmental boundaries. Our mission is to deliver science and innovation that advance the transformation of food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis.

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About the initiative for coffee&climate

The initiative for coffee&climate (c&c) is a pre-competitive partnership of private and public actors. Working in seven regions worldwide, c&c strives to support smallholder coffee farming families and their communities to effectively respond to climate change, increase their resilience, and improve their livelihoods. More than 139,000 coffee farming households have been trained on climate-smart techniques to date.

c&c was founded in 2010 by the shareholders of International Coffee Partners (ICP) together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and is coordinated and implemented by Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS). Today it consists of the founding members Delta Cafés, Franck, Joh. Johansson, Lavazza Foundation, Löfbergs, Neumann Kaffee Gruppe, Paulig, and Tchibo, the associate members Julius Meinl, Smuckers, Tim Hortons, and Walter Matter as well as the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency as public partner.

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