Innovative Cooperation and Collaboration: A Case Study on Rwandan Coffee Cooperatives

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Abstract

This study assessed the impact of three coffee cooperatives in Rwanda by investigating how the government has promoted innovative cooperation and collaboration among Rwandan farmers, and in turn developed a once struggling coffee industry into a niche market within the country. The research questions used to accomplish the purpose of this study focused on the principles of cooperative identity, participation and decision making, internal and external communications, organizational and leadership development.

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