



Call for Abstracts

For Young Researchers on Women, Coffee, and Climate

***DeSIRA Project -
WOMEN, COFFEE AND CLIMATE: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FOR SOCIO-
ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCE OF COFFEE VALUE CHAIN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IN
ETHIOPIA***

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Introduction

We are delighted to announce this call for abstracts as part of the DeSIRA Project - *WOMEN, COFFEE AND CLIMATE: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FOR SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCE OF COFFEE VALUE CHAIN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IN ETHIOPIA*. This project, backed by esteemed partner institutions, including the Spanish Cooperation in Ethiopia (AECID), Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA), Ethiopian Forestry Development (EFD), Ethiopian Women in Coffee (EWiC), Jimma Agricultural Research Center (JARC), and Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), has been made possible through funding from the European Union (EU) and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECID).

At the core of this transformative project lies the dynamic intersection of coffee production, gender empowerment, and the formidable challenges posed by climate change. The coffee industry, a cornerstone of economic activity for many communities,

plays a pivotal role in shaping livelihoods, particularly for women, who hold integral roles across the coffee value chain. Understanding the complexities of gender dynamics and how climate change impacts coffee growers, especially women, is vital for building sustainable and equitable coffee value chains resilient to climate change.

We cordially invite young researchers to contribute to the knowledge base on "Women, Coffee, , and Climate" through this call for papers for a special issue in the OSSREA Social Science Research Review Series. Scholars, practitioners, and emerging researchers are encouraged to share their scholarly work, empirical studies, and theoretical insights that illuminate this captivating domain.

With an emphasis on socio-ecological resilience, the special issue aims to explore the socioeconomic implications of coffee farming on women's lives and potential strategies to empower women smallholder farmers in the face of climate challenges. We seek submissions that analyze gender-responsive policies, sustainable agricultural practices, and innovative approaches that enhance women's agency and foster environmental stewardship within the coffee industry.

The DeSIRA Project is committed to nurturing a collaborative space where young researchers can actively contribute to discussions around gender equality, climate resilience, and the sustainable future of the coffee sector. By amplifying the voices of young researchers, we aspire to generate evidence-based insights that inform policies, interventions, and best practices for women's empowerment and the long-term viability of the coffee value chain in Ethiopia.

Selected papers will form an integral part of the special issue publication, widely disseminated among policymakers, academia, development practitioners, and industry stakeholders. This platform presents an exceptional opportunity to showcase your research, expand your professional network, and contribute to shaping a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable coffee industry.

We extend a warm invitation to you to be part of this transformative journey by submitting your abstracts for consideration. The call for abstracts will be open for one month from the announcement date on August 10, 2023. Upon selection of six abstracts, authors will be requested to submit their full papers within three months.

Accepted authors will receive a grant of 1,500USD, distributed in three installments.

Thematic Areas for Research Papers:

Theme 1: Gender, Climate Vulnerabilities, and Resilience:

- **Gendered Vulnerabilities and Resilience to Climate Change:** Analyze gender-specific vulnerabilities and resilience strategies of women smallholder coffee farmers in the face of climate change. Explore the role of social norms, cultural practices, and traditional roles in shaping women's adaptive capacity and coping mechanisms.
- **Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices for Women Coffee Farmers:** Assess climate-smart agricultural practices that enable women to adapt to climate change, conserve natural resources, and enhance productivity. Examine the adoption and effectiveness of climate-resilient technologies and practices.

Theme 2: Gender, Climate Finance, and Policy Integration:

- **Gender-Responsive Climate Finance and Investment:** Analyze the availability and accessibility of climate finance and investment opportunities for women in the coffee sector. Evaluate the effectiveness of gender-responsive financial instruments in enhancing women's climate resilience.
- **Gender and Climate Policy Integration in Coffee Sector:** Assess the integration of gender and climate considerations in coffee sector policies and strategies. Examine opportunities for mainstreaming gender-responsive climate actions in coffee value chain interventions.
- **Empowering Women in Climate Change Adaptation Planning:** Examine the extent to which women's perspectives and priorities are incorporated in climate change adaptation planning and policy formulation in coffee-producing regions.
- **Climate Information Services for Women Coffee Farmers:** Evaluate the availability and effectiveness of climate information services in supporting women farmers' decision-making, risk management, and climate-smart practices in coffee cultivation.

Theme 3: Women's Participation and Decision-making:

- **Women's Participation and Decision-making in Coffee Value Chains:** Investigate barriers and opportunities for women's active participation and leadership roles across various stages of the coffee value chain. Examine their contributions to decision-making processes, and the impacts of gender dynamics on access to resources and benefits.



- **Gender-Responsive Extension Services and Training Programs:** Evaluate the impact of gender-responsive extension services and training programs on women's knowledge, skills, and agency in sustainable coffee production. Explore best practices for enhancing women's access to agricultural information and resources.

Theme 4: Women's Empowerment and Economic Inclusion:

- **Women's Economic Empowerment and Market Access:** Examine the role of coffee farming in women's economic empowerment, including access to financial resources, markets, and value addition opportunities. Assess gender-sensitive policies and market linkages to promote inclusive growth.
- **Women's Land Rights for Sustainable Landscape Management:** Investigate policies and programs addressing women's land ownership and tenure rights in coffee-growing regions. Examine their implications for sustainable land management and women's resilience to climate impacts.
- **Women's Entrepreneurship in Coffee Processing and Value Addition:** Explore women's involvement in coffee processing, roasting, and value addition activities. Assess the economic and social impacts of women-led enterprises in the coffee industry.

Theme 5: Contribution of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) to the livelihood of women coffee farmers.

- Describe major NTFPs in the coffee forests and their socio-economic importance to the smallholder women coffee farmers. Examine challenges and opportunities of NTFPs, and assess possible improvement measures to ensure sustainable management of the coffee forest and improve the livelihood of women coffee farmers.

Authors are encouraged to select one or more of these thematic areas and align their research papers with the objectives of the DeSIRA Women, Coffee and Climate Change Project. Contributions in these areas can advance knowledge on the critical nexus of "Women, Coffee, and Climate" in Ethiopia and foster transformative change in the coffee sector, empowering women, and building socio-ecological resilience against climate challenges.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Interested junior researchers are invited to submit an abstract of their original research and review papers (maximum 300 words) for consideration in the special issue.
2. Title and Abstracts along with CVs of applicants should be submitted via email to alemu@ossrea.net; cyberalex@gmail.com; with a copy to truphena@ossrea.net by the specified submission deadline. In the subject line, mention "Abstract Submission for Women, Coffee, and Climate Special Issue."
3. Please include the author's name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information in the email.

Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission Deadline: Sept 15th, 2023
- Notification of Abstract Acceptance: Within 30 days
- Full Paper Submission Deadline (for accepted abstracts): Feb 15th 2023
- Publication: May 31st 2023

Publication Opportunity: Selected abstracts will be invited to submit full research papers for the special issue. All full papers will undergo a rigorous peer-review process to ensure high-quality contributions. Accepted full papers will be published in the OSSREA Social Science Research Review Series, a reputable platform for disseminating social science research in Africa.

Participate in this special issue to share your insights and contribute to the growing body of knowledge on coffee, gender, and climate change. We encourage all junior researchers interested in this interdisciplinary field to submit their abstracts for consideration.

For any inquiries or submission-related questions, please contact Alemu Tesfaye (alemu@ossrea.net OR cyberalex@gmail.com).

Partner Institutions: Spanish Cooperation in Ethiopia AECID, Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority, Ethiopian Forestry Development, Ethiopian Women in Coffee, Jimma Agricultural Research Institute, Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA).