Effects of Climate Change on Global Arabica Coffee (Coffea arabica L.) Production

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Abstract: Coffee is the world’s most important tropical export crop. However, recent studies predict severe climate change impacts on Coffea arabica. Climate change has emerged in recent years as one of the most critical topics. Global and regional climate change impacts analysis shows that the impacts of climate change on climate suitability of Arabica coffee would be very variable at both the national and global levels. The global areas growing Arabica coffee divided into Mesoamerica, South America, Africa and Asia-Pacific. The geographically differentiated impacts of climate change may alter the relative importance of coffee from different countries in the global market. Moderate climate change will increase the area suitable for Robusta coffee cultivation across the globe, but decrease it for Arabica. The key cause of the climate change is the burning of coal, oil, natural gas and mineralization of organic matter. The global dimension and scale of climate change with its pronounced variation of impacts on Arabica producer countries at regional, continental and global scales. Climate change will have different impacts and producers will have different vulnerabilities at small scales in the mountains where Arabica coffee grown some countries, such as in Mesoamerica, will lose competitiveness on global markets for quality coffee. They have to diversify into other products to prevent adverse effects on their rural economies generally, further research have to focus on discovering climate change adaptation strategies feasible for smallholder producers for practically implement.

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INTRODUCTION

Coffee is one of the most lawful globally traded commodities of many countries, consumers from all the region purchase and enjoys coffee in their daily activities [1]. In addition Davis et al. [2] concluded during their study, that coffee is the most traded commodity in the world next to petroleum. Brazil is the top coffee producer and exporter followed by Vietnam and Colombia [3]. In Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and Ethiopia, coffee is the main source of income for their societies [4]. The economically important coffee species are Arabica and Robusta which dominate the world trade [5]. The production and productivity of both species are largely dependent on the climate for attain high yields and quality [4].

Climate change has appeared currently as the most critical issue. It is predicted that rising temperatures and water shortages force unhelpfully affect coffee production suitability at lower altitude. The currently existing and the future predicted adverse effect of climate change on coffee production would affect all coffee industry including consumers. Population of the world will rise to nine billion by 2050. By this scenario, coffee production is decrease globally, especially in Africa. Coffee price varies inversely with production altering and generating the largest price increase. Merely half of the area currently available for coffee production by 2050. Two and half times of the current area would be needed to be meeting the future demand. Decreased production and raised in prices were indicated to reduce the coffee market by more than 5 million tons annually. As a result, many authors...
believe that the area with ability for growing coffee would be reduced by 16% by 2050, particularly for coffee Arabica [4].

In Kenya, appreciable success has been made in coffee breeding to improve yields, quality and to manage the important fungal diseases, Coffee berry deceases and Coffee leave rust. Still there is emerging issues such as climate changes have brought up new challenges that require to be addressed to guarantee sustainability in coffee industry. The challenges faced forms the basis for future approaches to develop cost effective and sustainable varieties that increase coffee production [6].

The global impacts of climate change analysis indicated that, the impacts of climate change on climate suitability for Arabica coffee production would be very variable at both regional and global levels. Generally, the impact of climate change in most of producing countries is predicted to be negative, although within each country it would vary a lot. Some areas would lose suitability while others would gain from increases in temperature and possibly in rainfall [7]. The implications for adaptation strategies of earlier studies indicated the strong local dimension needed to adapt to climate change. Climate change will have different impacts and producers will have different exposure in the mountains where Arabica coffee grows. The global analysis provides a broad categorization of countries as either seriously or less severely affected by climate change. When some areas become more suitable, the others will lose suitability. This calls for approaches at the limited scale to help farmers to adapt to climate change [7].

The prediction study of Magrach and Ghazoul [8] indicated that climate change will be detrimental for Arabica production, though the area suitable for Robusta will increase greatly by 2050. Both Arabica and Robusta will be subject to important geographical transformation in their distribution. Many projected coffee-optimal areas will coexist with existing forest and agricultural land uses. The expectations projected distribution and expansion of Robusta coffee-growing areas can potentially be meeting without incurring deforestation or crop substitution, as climatic conditions across most of the future suitable coffee-growing area advantage the hardier Robusta variety. In contrast, only 17% of the area is optimal for Arabica. This raises some concern as Arabica is the preferred variety and presently accounts for 70% of global coffee production [8].

Most areas of projected increased coffee cultivation suitability will be found in currently forested locations. This creates potential for forest conversion, typical of recent trends in agricultural expansion in the past decades. Invasion of coffee into forested areas under the above-mentioned scenarios will have express for vulnerable vertebrate species and preservation areas. By assigning values to each grid cell for the number of vulnerable variety and number of overlapping priority areas for preservation, they projected that up to 2.2 million hectares of forest area were needed for Arabica development [8].

A lot of evidence shows that climate change has appeared currently and directly change common conceptualization of many people in few years, makes looking forward the serious topics of all stake holders [4]. Since early 1900s Climate variation has been perceived and the causes usually anthropogenic and natural drivers of climate [9]. The effect of climate fluctuation on natural systems has begun as one of the most critical issues of humankind [10]. Many discovery proofs that weather alteration is hastening at ample quicker stride than earlier that leading to irreversibly changes in major earth systems and ecosystems [11].

Coffee Arabica requires very specific environmental conditions for successful production, depending on the coffee variety grown. However, the crop is perennial, tropical crop that can grow under both humid lowlands and tropical humid or sub humid highlands. Even though the average temperatures required for coffee Arabica range between 15 and 24°C, rain fall 2000 mm per annul and elevation between 1000 and 2000 m above sea level. However, Robusta coffee required average temperature range between 24 and 30°C, rainfall ~2, 000 mm and altitude of about 800 m above sea level [12]. The objective of this manuscript is to review the impacts of climate change on Arabica coffee production and change in Ecological suitability of the crop.

**Climate Change and Coffee Production:** All coffee producing countries in America, Africa, Asia and Oceania would gain some suit ability for growing Arabica coffee. Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mexico and Guatemala have large areas of land at high elevation that receive adequate rainfall. An upward move of their coffee growing areas could moderate the general impact of climate change on their countries’ coffee production. An important condition is that the areas at higher altitudes are convenient, have appropriate soil conditions and whose current or future inhabitants are willing to grow Arabica coffee rather than other crops [13]. Frequently, these conditions may not all come together, with the outcome that Arabica coffee production may locally decline [7].
The current altitude range coffee-growing areas in each region, together with their topography, will determine the overall consequence of climate change on current farms. They will also determine whether farm expansion at higher elevations can counterbalance for unsuitability at lower elevations. The assumption of Arabica coffee transmigrate to higher altitude, as temperatures increase is unlikely to be modified by changes in precipitation, which were mostly minor. The ample impacts are due to precipitation changes during the dry season, but there is much uncertainty in their forecasting [7].

**Influence of Climate Change on World Coffee Production:** The global areas growing Arabica coffee were divided into Mesoamerica, South America, Africa and Asia-Pacific [7]. The patterns of change by 2050s in climate and land suitability of Arabica coffee for these regions; Mesoamerica Located at latitude 10–20°N on the narrow land of Central America, this zone is characterized by rugged volcanic natural elevation up to 4000 m.a.s.l with various levels of suitability for Arabica coffee. The General crop models predict that annual precipitation would only decrease from 1670 mm now to 1600 mm and the magnitude of dry months or months with less than 100mm of rainfall would decrease from six to five months. Maximum and mean temperatures would rise by 2°C [7].

Higher temperatures would move the climates suitable for Arabica coffee from the current 400–2000 m above sea level to 800–2500 m above sea level. Nicaragua and El Salvador, which do not have high elevations, would be most affected. Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras and Costa Rica would increase suitability at elevations 1500–2500 m above sea level, which could counterbalance in part for losses at lower altitudes. Land at higher altitudes is often coved by forest. Consequently, we expect increased land-use pressure on high-elevation forests. Mesoamerica would face an average decrease in the area suitable for Arabica coffee up to 30%, with largest losses for Mexico (29%) and smallest losses for Guatemala (19%) [7].

The geographically differentiated impacts of climate change may alter the relative importance of coffee from different countries in the world market. Accordingly, Guatemala and Costa Rica regions may compensate for adjacent Nicaragua and El Salvador as when their supply volumes and quality turn down. On the other hand, the Andean producers may gate advantage from a decline in coffee volume and quality in the adversely affected Mesoamerica and Brazil. When we see at global level, there could be a shift in production from Latin America to East Africa and Indonesia. Even though no country would experience better climatic suitability, there could be countries which were less negatively affected by climate change than their competitors on the global Arabica coffee industries [7].

**Coffee Sector and Climate Change:** Coffee is the world’s most important legal export stimulant crops. However the recent studies predict severe climate change impacts on its production [14]. The expected decrease in profit and greater economic risk of coffee production may locally and temporarily have positive environmental affects, however in general and over a long period of time these impacts will likely be severe and negative [15]. Merga and Alemayehu [16] identified that global coffee industries were under risk because of declining forests species; water pollution, diminishing biodiversity to persistently uncertain incomes and makes currently a fluctuated market in action [17].

Most scientific studies predicted that coffee sectors would be affected due to climate variation over the next four decades [12]. According to Osbahr et al. [12] reveal, that coffee production area changed since suitable areas become prone to periodic drought. Many suitable areas become unsuitable due to climate variation [18]. The reduction of suitable land for coffee production will influence the world coffee market and increase the price of coffee [19]. The influence of this climate variation makes the farmers to be obliged, reduce ability to invest in production and decrease their profits [20]. The climate variations influence coffee industry from production to export [4]. World population will increase to nine billion by 2050 and in this situation, coffee production is too decrease worldwide, mainly in Africa generate the largest price rises [7].

East African countries are the regions where Arabica coffee would be least affected by higher temperatures with the exception of Uganda and Papua and New Guinea in the Pacific. On the other hand, Mesoamerica would be the most affected area, particularly Nicaragua and El Salvador. While Arabica coffee is an important export of Mesoamerica, there would be expected that severe economic impacts occur there. Zullo et al. [21], suggested that climate change negatively effects Brazil the worlds leading Arabica producer, as well as India and Indochina. Were as Andes, parts of southern Africa and Madagascar and Indonesia were moderately affected regions by climate change [7]. Some countries, such as Mesoamerica, will lose competitiveness in global markets.
for quality coffee. They might need to diversify into other products to avoid adverse effects on their rural economies [22]. While other regions such as Andes, East Africa and Indonesia may take advantage of new market opportunities. But they may require particular policies and strategies to ensure that expansion of coffee farmlands takes place in ecologically suitable areas [7].

**Impact of Climate Change on Coffee Production:**
Many researchers concluded that the fluctuation of climate in the coffee growing area resulted in reduction in the yield and quality, increasing the outbreak of pest disease, increasing cost of production by oblige using supplementary irrigation and other inorganic inputs and reduced production area. This outcome of the problem may make the sector to have negative impact on all the actors in the sector [4]. Davis [2] declared that the profoundly negative trend for the future distribution of indigenous Arabica coffee would be 65% reduction in the number of ecologically suitable areas and at worst scenarios almost 100% reduction, by 2080 under the effect of raised global climate. The global climate is predicted to raise and the change in precipitation regimes and as a result, traditional coffee growing area may disappear and new areas may appear [20]. The associations between the climatic parameters and coffee production are quite difficult, because it affect the overall growth performance of the plants at different growth stages [23].

**Impacts on Coffee Yield and Quality:** The geographically differentiated impacts of climate change may change the significance of coffee from different countries in the world market. In regional coffee industry, Guatemala and Costa Rica may compensate for neighboring Nicaragua and El Salvador as their production amount and quality decline. On a continental scale, the Andean producers might be benefit from a decline in coffee quantity and quality in the more negatively affected Mesoamerica and Brazil. When the worldwide arabica coffee production, there could be a shift in production from Latin American to Eastern African and Indonesian regions. Even though no region would get improved climatic appropriateness, there possibly will be countries less affected by change in climate than their competitors in the world Arabica coffee producing countries [7].

The possible yield and quality of coffee is determined by weather condition [24]. The extended drought periods, this resulted in the reduction of coffee amount and quality [25]. In other cause of climate change such unreliable precipitation throughout growth stages of the crop, be able to influence the easy to discover the soil water and reduce of the crops production [23]. The Arabica coffee is more susceptible to climate change, mostly during flowering and fruit filling stage [24]. In particular, coffee flowering triggered by the beginning of precipitation at the begin of rain season, in the meantime if precipitation drops off or becomes too serious, flowers and fruit might drop from the tree [26]. The unpredictable rains will make coffee to flower at various times throughout the year, making the farmers to harvest small volume of yield continuously [27]. This change will affect the crop physiology in particular during the blossoming and fruit filling stage [27].

**Changes in Suitable Land for Coffee Cultivation:** Arabica coffee grows in most of tropical countries at different altitudinal ranges. However, currently the suitable area for coffee production shifted from low elevation to high lands due to climate change. In Andes, it predicted to move from presently 500-1500 m above sea level to 1000-2800 m above sea level. Areas below 1800 m above sea level in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador would become less suitable; however, they will gain some suitable areas at higher elevations. In Brazil, there would be a shift in suitable climates from the current 400-1500 m above sea level to 800-1600 m above sea level. Brazil has no high elevations growing large areas of Arabica coffee at low elevations, which predicted to suffer significant losses in suitability for coffee. Only a few producers at higher elevations could be gain suitability. Generally, the Andes countries would lose 16-20% of the present land suitable for Arabica coffee whereas Brazil would lose 25%. These emphasize only are for where Arabica coffee growers. Even though losses in the Andes will be less than in Brazil, the difference is that there will be alternatives in the Andes that Brazil will not have [7].

In Africa, two sub-regions grow Arabica coffee. The East African sub-region is located 10°N–11°S latitude at high elevation in the Great Rift Valley at the original ecology of *C. arabica*. The southern African and Madagascar sub-region is in the mountains at latitudes 10°–26°S. There is no Arabica coffee grown above 2500 m above sea level in the whole region [7]. In the East African sub-region, the precipitation is predicted to increase to some extent, from 1400 mm to 1440 mm and the dry season decrease from five to four months. In Southern Africa and Madagascar, annual rainfall predicted to become only a little more seasonal with a slight increase in the wettest month and a slight decrease during the driest month. The dry season would decrease from seven to six months.
Maximum and minimum mean temperatures are predicted to increase by about 2°C throughout the region [7]. In East Africa, land suitable for Arabica coffee is predicted to shift from 400–2000 m above sea level to 800–2500 m above sea level. There would be modest change in suitability of the areas in Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi that currently grow Arabica coffee. There may be gains as areas at higher elevations 1500–2400 m above sea level become more suitable. Tanzania and Uganda would lose suitable area at elevations below 1400 m above sea level. In Southern Africa and Madagascar, the suitable climates would shift upward from 500–1700 m above sea level to 700–2000 m above sea level, resulting in losses of suitable area at lower elevations, particularly in Zimbabwe, as its growing area is at low altitudes. In the Asia-Pacific region, the areas that produce Arabica coffee are in India, Indochina, Indonesia and the Pacific Islands. In India and Indochina, it grows at latitude 3°–24°N, in southern India at altitude up to 2500 m above sea level and in Vietnam at altitude less than 2000 m above sea level. The coffee growing areas in Indonesia and Pacific islands are at latitudes 3°N–10°S. In India and Indochina, annual rainfall predicted to increase slightly with little change. In Indonesia and Pacific Islands Only, small amount of changes in rainfall are predicted [7].

Suitable climates for Arabica coffee in India and Indochina would shift upward from the current 400–1500 m above sea level to 700–1800 m above sea level. India and Laos would experience a loss of suitability below 1200 m above sea level. In Indonesia and the Pacific islands, suitable climates would also move upward from the current 500–2000 m above sea level to 800–2300 m above sea level. Indonesia would be expected to suffer by decline of 21–37% in the land suitable to produce Arabica coffee, while Papua New Guinea with its high elevations might be affected. The area that is suitable for growing Arabica coffee in Indonesia would be smaller in 2050s than its now, but that the suitable area in 2050s would still be larger than the area currently used for growing the crop, suggesting that through a shift in production areas current total production levels might be maintained [7].

For the main coffee growing countries of Africa for both Arabica and Robusta coffee models shows that impacts are highly negative for Arabica coffee, with Arabica suitable areas of Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania almost disappearing (> 50 %), areas of Burundi and Rwanda reducing significantly 20-50 % reduction and the least important but still noticeable negative effects on Kenya and Ethiopia (< 15 % reduction). For Robusta coffee, models indicate that three countries might experience considerably negative impacts: Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania, whereas the rest of countries Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi are more possibly to gains in Robusta coffee suitable areas. Based on these results, it is possibly that two phenomena will be observed for coffee in East Africa: an overall reduction in arabica growing areas accompanied by migration and hence concentration towards higher altitudes; and a replacement of heat-stressed Arabica areas below 1500 m above sea level by the more heat-tolerant Robusta [28, 29].

The range of altitude of current coffee-growing areas in each region, together with their topography, will determine the overall impact of climate change on current farms. They will also determine whether farm expansion at higher elevations can compensate for lost suitability at lower altitude. The scenario of Arabica coffee migrating to higher altitude, as temperatures rise is unlikely to be modified by changes in precipitation, which were mostly minor. The largest impacts are to be expected from precipitation changes during the dry season, but there is much uncertainty in their prediction [7].

**Occurrence of Coffee Pests and Diseases Due to Climate Changes:** Know days Climate change is the most important factor for the incidence most plant disease. So that climate variation is the most favorable for increase of coffee pest and disease. Globally it causes estimated loss of 13% yield reduction [30]. Major disease that occurred because of climate variation during coffee growing will increase pest and disease prevalence, expanding the altitudinal range in which the fungal disease coffee rust and the coffee berry borer can survive [20]. For example, rising temperatures will increase infestation by the Coffee berry borer (*Hypothenemus hamper*), particularly where coffee grows without shade and the cropping is continuous throughout the year [31].

Jaramillo et al. [32] predicted that climate change would worsen pest prevalence like berry borer in Eastern Africa. Consequences of this event suffer viability of current high quality producers Climate change increases need for fungicides and lead to a resurgence of certain pests and diseases on coffee [33]. In the case study of Colombia and Ethiopia, an increase in rainfall and temperature threatens the coffee at an alarming rate, respectively and is more conducive, for pests and disease prevalence [1].
Increasing demand for Arabica could lead to forest clearance as conditions for its cultivation will be spatially more restricted, thus constraining land allocation options. The coffee berry borer that can cause up to 24% yield reduction will mediate the degree of forest loss to Arabica farming. In such situation, the project conversion of up to 2.2 million hectares of forestland to coffee plantations to fulfill the world market demands of Arabica coffee. This has corresponding implications for carbon storage and will affect areas currently designated as biodiversity priority areas and might mean projected local losses of 35% of threatened vertebrate species on average [8].

Mitigation Strategies: Moderate climate change will increase the area suitable for Robusta coffee growing across the world, but decline it for Arabica. There will also be major regional shifts and some of the world’s largest coffee producers might have to adopt shade management and irrigation to mitigate climatic stresses. At international level, meeting future Robusta demand can theoretically, be met without deforestation. On the other hand increasing demand for Arabica coffee will very likely force deforestation. Deforestation will harmfully affect endangered vertebrate kinds concern will be given to conservation areas and consequence in carbon emissions. The effects of coffee berry borer in climate changes will be arbitrate the magnitude of changes. In addition, sparing forest lands from conversion to coffee plantation area might need establishing coffee in areas that have not by tradition been linked with coffee farming and will as a result the willingness of farmers depends to adopt an unfamiliar crop[8].

**Green House Gas Reduction:** The main reason of the climate change is the burning of things like; coal, oil, natural gas and mineralization of organic matter; these direct to rise in the carbon dioxide content of the environment. Carbon dioxide and methane are the most greenhouse gases that influence global climate through emissions [9]. Most times, the climate change is felt through changing climate weather such as when the rainy season does not start when it is forecasted to rain, dry season lasts longer than usual, rains too much and causes flood, temperature becomes much colder or hotter than usual Rahn et al. [34] do. This climatic variability has always been the main factor responsible for the reduction of coffee yields in the world and determines the future coffee production status in the coffee producer’s countries [35].

Mitigation of global warming involves taking actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to enhance sinks aimed at reducing the extent of global warming measures to adapt to coffee cultivation to climate change also contributing to reducing carbon dioxide. Other environmental benefits include enhanced water storage, the regulation of local temperatures and biodiversity conservation [4].

The projected impacts to forest cover, biodiversity and carbon will additionally be shaped by land use and management decisions made by coffee cultivators. Shade tree cover might mitigate adverse climatic effects by alleviating temperature and drought stresses [36] and can also reduce coffee berry borer impact [37]. Moreover, coffee under native shade trees can support substantial biodiversity within modified landscapes. Even though coffee cultivated under shade is normally less productive; Farmers are more likely to avoid vulnerabilities associated with climatic extremes and biotic pressures through shade tree management [8].

**Agronomic Practice:** Agronomic techniques can be used, alone or in a complementary way to mitigate extreme meteorological events and to face the challenge of climatic variability or global warming on coffee crop. Fundamental scientific research using different coffee crop management, genetic breeding and new molecular tools and focusing on this subject is high recommended and the impact of the agronomic technologies on coffee coping systems particularly in marginal lands, is a challenge to be handled within the near future [23]. Under agronomical aspects some strategies may have on global warming in coffee crop that can satisfy the impact of adverse temperatures are agronomical mitigations such as shading management system, planting at high population, forest coved soil, appropriate irrigation and agronomical adaptation with targeting on breeding programs. For the coming decades the agriculture, in particular the coffee crop will be more developed and protected with agronomic techniques of adaptation and mitigation that certainly will continue to be developed by the technological and systematic world coffee crop growing areas [23].

The very short flowering phase for coffee flowers might be to a great extent affected by varying rainfall patterns, with important direct effects on flowers but also affecting their interaction with their main pollinators [38]. Further, the different coffee-growing methods used across the world might have different buffering effects against climate change [8].
Shifting to Other Production: The area suitable for both Arabica and Robusta cultivation will be sufficient under some climate change scenarios to match future expected demand; there will be regional shifts in the global suitability for coffee as suggested by Bunn et al. [28]. In particular, the suitability for future coffee farming of Brazil, now days the world’s largest producer is expected to decline. This result is driven by increases in rainfall and temperature, coupled with increased seasonality, drier dry seasons and wetter and warmer wet seasons [19]. Such changes might be mitigated through irrigation and increasing tree shade over the currently open sun plantations that constitute the common system of coffee cultivation in these areas. Shade tree management alleviates temperature and drought stresses and can also reduce coffee berry borer impact [37]. Continued climate change in this region coupled with extreme events might ultimately favor a shift to other less sensitive crops, with oil palm being one possible candidate [34]. Even if coffee cultivation is accommodated on non-forested and non-crop lands, its development might nevertheless incur conflicts with other land cover types which may in themselves have biodiversity or other resource or ecosystem service values, which should be evaluated at local scales (e.g., if it moves into higher altitudes as suggested by Magrach and Ghazoul [8]).

Climate Smart Breeding: The global dimension and scale of global climate change with its pronounced variation of impacts on Arabica producer countries at national, regional and international scales. These show that adaptation systems area unit needed in the least levels. In general, there has been a requirement for high-quality kinds of Arabica that area unit higher tailored to higher temperatures. This should be a priority for plant breeders in the coming decades [7]. Higher science and property management of natural recourses together with the utilization of drought and warmth resistant varieties, irrigation and shade cowl area unit sensible initial steps [4].

CONCLUSION

Arabica coffee is the world’s most vital tropical export crop recently tormented by global climate change. The key reason behind the global climate change is that the burning of coal, oil, gas and mineralization of organic substance. Mitigation of worldwide warming involves taking actions to cut back greenhouse emission emissions.

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