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# Research Tender

## Sustainable Sourcing of Coffee

### Purpose:

To understand:

- What are the challenges in responsible sourcing of coffee?
- Which companies are leading with better practices? Are any of them doing enough?
- What should be the main areas of engagement and how can we measure progress, especially upstream in the supply chain?

### Requirements:

- A background summary of the main issues in sustainable sourcing of coffee. Not more than 2 pages.
- How does coffee-farming income compare to the living wage in the relevant sourcing countries? Pick 10 countries across different continents to represent the main issues. 5 pages in total.
- An overview of the main coffee sourcing standards and certifications with pros and cons of each. 1 page each.
- Which companies source coffee responsibly? A comparison and an evolution over the past decade. A list of 10 companies to be provided by Stewart Investors. 2 pages max on each company.
- What can companies do to source more responsibly? A checklist of engagement points. 2 pages.

### Detours to be avoided:

- A tick-box approach
- Background information on companies and their businesses

### Scope:

Stewart Investors will provide a list of companies to examine.

### Tender specifics:

Please submit a proposal by email (maximum of two pages) to [siresearchtenders@stewartinvestors.com](mailto:siresearchtenders@stewartinvestors.com) on how you would conduct this research, over what timeframe and for what price. In principle we support making your research report more widely available, however we reserve the right to prohibit, or place restrictions, on such circulation if we believe that is appropriate. Closing date for applications: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.