

Region African Great Lakes

Province South Kivu

<u>Territory</u> Kalehe

Washing Station Tsheya

<u>Altitude</u> 1,480-2,000 masl

<u>Variety</u> SL-34

<u>Process</u> Fully Washed

<u>Fermentation</u> 12 hours dry, 24 hours wet

Drying 12-21 days on raised beds Down to 10-12% moisture

Certifications FTO Certification



Congo Umoja Swahili for "Solidarity"

Umoja grows in South Kivu and is a product of the hard work of over 11,600 members. Certified Fairtrade and Organic cooperatives like the ones we work with have helped provide stability in the coffee sector in a region that is often fraught with coffee smuggling. For many of the members, coffee is a key source of income and helps promote rights for marginalized groups.

## A Farmer's Story

Victorina is one of the farmers who contributes to Umoja. She built a house, purchases clothes for her family, and feels secure in knowing that she now doesn't need to travel to find a buyer, because



that places her at risk of attack. Victorina is now able to pay for her children's school fees as well as buy her own fields.