



OVERVIEW COCOA ACTIVITIES with a focus on West-Africa Living document, version 20 March 2019

The aim of the Amsterdam Declarations Partnership is deforestation-free, sustainable commodities by lending public sector support to the implementation of existing private and public sector commitments.

The main producer countries supplying Europe are Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. Europe also imports from a large number of other countries such as Brazil, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Peru.

There is/was no comprehensive overview of cocoa activities with a focus on Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana available. In this document a first overview is presented. This is still work in progress and stakeholders are invited to provide information about on-going projects or updates on listed activities to the ADP Support Unit (info@mekonecology.net).

The overview of activities will also be presented on the ADP website (AD-Partnership.org) and updated when new information becomes available.



Activities related to deforestation-free, sustainable cocoa with a focus on Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana

In-country cocoa relevant activities:

| Country | Title activity | Donor(s) | Description (landscape, # smallholders) | Project duration |
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| Côte d'Ivoire | Cocoa & Forest Initiative in Côte d'Ivoire | MFA NL, UK P4F | The government of Côte d'Ivoire and cocoa companies committed through a Joint Framework for Action to combat deforestation through multi-stakeholder cooperation. Remaining forest in the Rural Zone will be protected by 30 June 2018. CFI is led by World Cocoa Foundation, IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative. | 2017- |
| | Bonn Challenge Côte d'Ivoire | | Restore 5 million ha by 2030 | |
| | Chocolate Forever | Barry Callebaut | Cultivation, inputs, income diversification, financing, Cacao Ami de la Forêt Katchilé : Mapping and monitoring of deforestation | 2016- |
| | Pro-Planteurs project: Professionalization of cocoa producers and their organizations in sustainable cocoa production | BMZ, BMEL (GER), Le Conseil du Café-Cacao, GISCO | Income, nutrition, training, gender, diversification, strengthening cooperatives, networks with ANADER, TECHNOSERVE, LEVEIL and others. Cultivation technique, trainings, women, child labour, plant material, business skills, cooperatives, nutrition, diversification. In future, also deforestation and agro-forestry systems | 2015-2020 |
| | GIZ-UNDP Initiative on deforestation-free supply chains | BMZ (GER), GIZ, UNDP | Partnership between GIZ and UNDP to support the San Pédro Region, Southern Taï N.P. Region. Support sustainable jurisdictions as preferred and low-risk sourcing regions. Involves land use planning and HCV, agroforestry & reforestation, forest & commodity monitoring tools | 2018-2019 |
| | Cacao ami des forêts | AFD (FR) | Strengthen sectorial economic sustainability and producers income, provide innovative tools for natural resources conservation, strengthen the State's regulatory role | 2016-2020 |
| | Transparence Project by Frankonia Schokoladenwerke GmbH (subsidiary of CEMOI) | CEMOI | Strengthening of cooperatives, monitoring, cultivation, community support, Cacao Ami de la Forêt with ANADER; Progresso; ICRAF, CNRA, AFD, ECOTIERRA; OIPR; SODEFOR; Monitoring: The Forest Trust | 2016-2020 |
| | Cocoa Promise Project: mapping | Cargill | GPS mapping, risk assessment by World Resource Institute | |

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| | Cocoa Soils | MFA NL, NORAD | Implemented in Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria. See regional activities for further information. | 2017- |
| | IDH Cocoa Nutrition Initiative Côte d'Ivoire | MFA NL | The Cocoa Nutrition Initiative is an initiative of the IDH Cocoa Learning and Innovation Program (CLIP) in partnership with the Global Alliance on Improving Nutrition (GAIN) that designs and validate effective models to improve nutrition of cocoa farming families in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana and establish a knowledge hub for improved nutrition in the cocoa sector. | 2017-2020 |
| | IDH ISLA: Wider Taï Region | NL, Barry Callebaut | Effective management Cavally forest reserve (68,000 ha) and Goin-Debe (131,000 ha) and buffer zones with smallholder agro-forestry cocoa farming. 700,000 people live in the region. | 2016- |
| | Green innovation centres for the agriculture and food sector Côte d'Ivoire | BMZ (GER) | Improvement of incomes and living conditions of cocoa-producing families; | 2018-2022 |
| | Preservation of Forests through cooperative professionalism led by CEMOI | UK DFID (P4F) | Sustainable cocoa production with 5,000 farmers covering 61,000 ha within the Mé, Agneby-Tiassa, and Indenie-Djuablin landscapes in Côte d'Ivoire. With SODEFOR, Le Conseil du Café-Cacao and smallholder cocoa operatives | 2016-2020 |
| | PRO-COCOA | BMZ, Lidl | Income, cultivation, nutrition/food security, community development | 2012-2019 |
| | PROFIAB - Development of the natural and economic areas Tai and Comoé - (includes also cocoa activities) | BMZ (GER) | Environmental protection, cultivation technology, training, deforestation | 2012-2019 |
| | Mondelez Cocoa Life | Mondelez | 23,041 farmers participating, 433 communities across Cdl. | 2012-2020 |
| | Nestlé Cocoa Plan | Nestlé | Built or refurbished 40 schools. Since 2012, provide 10 million plants to cocoa farmers in 10 years. Also better company practices ¹ | 2012-2022 |
| | Rainforest Alliance/UTZ Strategic Partnership 'Building Capacity for Change' | MFA NL | Strengthening the capacity of farmers (especially smallholders and female farmers) and civil society organizations in producing countries; supporting to work with governments and companies to tackle issues that require a sector wide approach, such as child labor, deforestation, and climate change. | 2016-2020 |
| | Solidaridad CORIP | MFA NL | Cocoa Rehabilitation and Intensification Programme. Provides support services to Ivorian and Ghanaian cocoa farmers to strengthen their economic position | 2013 - |
| | Tony Chocolonely company, | MFA NL | This projects aims to tackle child labour in the long run by embedding a | 2018-2020 |

1 <http://www.fairlabor.org/report/2016-assessments-nestlé-cocoa-supply-chain-ivory-coast>

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| | Establishing a Child Labour Monitoring and remediation System (CLMRS) | | management information system on the social conditions of farmers in the supply chain of Tony's Chocolonely. Implemented by ICI (International Cocoa Initiative) in close cooperation with the supplying cooperatives in Ghana and Ivory Coast. | |
| | UNDP 1 for 20 initiative | EUREDD, UNEP-FI | Mobilization of 1-billion-dollar private financing for the production of agriculture, agroforestry cocoa, protection and restoration of forests | 2019-2025 |
| | UNDP Project for the participation of young people in the sustainable management of forest in the west region of Côte d'Ivoire | UNDP | Strengthen the participation of young people (women and youth) in sustainable forest management, the promotion of agroforestry, the protection and restoration of forests by establishing a platform for dialogue and development around forests classified from Haute-Dodo, Séguéla and Scio in the respective localities of Drobo, Séguéla and Bloléquin in order to prevent conflict and strengthen social cohesion. | 2019-2020 |
| | UNDP Development of a jurisdictional approach in the Cavally region for sustainable agricultural production and forest restoration | GCF-TF, UNDP | Support to the region of Cavally in the context of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force for the development of a judicial approach with the setting up of a platform for multi-actor dialogue, development of public-private partnerships to establish a sustainable supply chain in cocoa, the promotion of agroforestry, the protection of forests, the restoration and sustainable management of classified forests. | 2019-2020 |
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| Ghana | Cocoa & Forest Initiative in Ghana | MFA NL, UK P4F | The government of Ghana and cocoa companies committed through a Joint Framework for Action to combat deforestation through multi-stakeholder cooperation. Cocoa-related deforestation is prohibited per 1 January 2018. CFI is led by World Cocoa Foundation, IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative. | 2017- |
| | Bonn Challenge Ghana | Ghana gov. | Restore 2 million ha by 2030 | |
| | Climate Smart Cocoa Systems for Ghana (CLIMCOCOA) | DANIDA | Research by Univ. of Ghana, Univ. of Copenhagen, Roskilde Univ, ICRAF and IITA. | 2020 |
| | Cocoa Sector Development Strategy II | Ghana gov. | Objectives were a.o. to increase production to at least 1 million tonnes; pay at least 70% of net FOB price; at least 60% cocoa processed locally. | |
| | IDH Cocoa Nutrition Initiative Ghana | MFA NL | The Cocoa Nutrition Initiative is an initiative of the IDH Cocoa Learning and Innovation Program (CLIP) in partnership with the Global Alliance on Improving Nutrition (GAIN) that designs and validate effective models to improve nutrition of cocoa farming families in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana and establish a knowledge hub for improved nutrition in the cocoa sector. | 2017-2020 |

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| | Lindt & Sprüngli Farming Program Ghana | Lindt & Sprüngli | Traceability, Monitoring, training, premiums, community development, inputs. | 2015- |
| | Mondelez Cocoa Life | Mondelez | 37,062 farmers participating, 447 communities across Ghana. Deforestation, mapping farms and monitor tree cover, agroforestry, Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES), REDD+ . | 2012-2020 |
| | UNDP Environmental sustainability and policy for cocoa production | Mondelez | UNDP, COCOBOD, Mondelez Cocoa Life, Ghana Forestry Commission. Create institutional systems, tools and policies to rehabilitate cocoa landscapes. Established Community Resource Management Areas with 36 communities, provided 787,000 seedlings and rehabilitated 8,600 ha of forests. | 2013-2016? Completed ? |
| | Nestlé Cocoa Plan | Nestlé | Trained over 9,000 farmers, built 3 schools and constructed 8 boreholes benefiting 14,000 people in communities in the Eastern and Ashanti regions. Implemented with SourceTrust, Armajaro (ECOMS) and Noble Resource. | |
| | Ghana REDD+ | OLAM | Provision of seedlings, environmental protection, gender. | 2012- |
| | Climate-friendly Cocoa in partnership with Rainforest Alliance | OLAM | Environmental protection, business skills, cultivation technology, deforestation. | |
| | Cocoa Soils | MFA NL, NORAD | Implemented in Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria. See regional activities for further information. | 2017- |
| | Partnership for Livelihoods and Forest Landscape management in Western Ghana led by OLAM and Rainforest Alliance | UK DFID (P4F) | Protect the Sui River and Boin River Forest Reserves through a Landscape Management Board for sustainable cocoa production and improved farmer incomes. Implemented by Rainforest Alliance, OLAM, Ghana Forestry Commission. | |
| | Partnership for the Productivity Protection and resilience in Cocoa Landscapes led by Touton | UK DFID (P4F) | In Juabeso and Bia Districts. Increase sustainable cocoa production, while protecting the Bia National Park and other forests in Juabeso and Bia Districts, benefiting up to 150,000 people who live in the area. Implemented by Touton, SNV, Ghana COCOBOD, Ghana Forestry Commission. Agro Eco, the Nature Conservation Research Centre and communities. | |
| | Rainforest Alliance/UTZ Strategic Partnership 'Building Capacity for Change' | MFA NL | Strengthening the capacity of farmers (especially smallholders and female farmers) and civil society organizations in producing countries; supporting to work with governments and companies to tackle issues that require a sector wide approach, such as child labor, deforestation, and climate change. | 2016-2020 |

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| | Solidaridad | MFA NL | In partnership with with the cocoa-forest community and other key public, CSO and private stakeholders, advance the promulgation and enforcement of shade trees and land access security legislation and support the development of a unified tree registration protocol to promote adoption of agroforestry in cocoa/agricultural systems and to help halt- and eventually reverse –current patterns of forest degradation | |
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| | Tony Chocolonely company, Establishing a Child Labour Monitoring and remediation System (CLMRS) | MFA NL | This projects aims to tackle child labour in the long run by embedding a management information system on the social conditions of farmers in the supply chain of Tony’s Chocolonely. Implemented by ICI (International Cocoa Initiative) in close cooperation with the supplying cooperatives in Ghana and Ivory Coast. | 2018-2020 |
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| Liberia | Forest smart agriculture: protecting forest and empowering people in Liberia | UK DFID (P4F) | Deforestation-free cocoa and chocolate production with 3,500 farmers covering 21,000 ha adjacent to the Gola Forest (80,000 ha) in Liberia and Sierra Leone, working in partnership with the RSPB, VADEMCO, TWIN and Liberia’s Forest Service Authority | 2017-2020 |
| | Cocoa agroforestry in Lofa county | IDH, ECOM | Scoping out a landscape project in Lofa county, focusing on cocoa agroforestry in savannah areas, in partnership with Ecom | |
| | Liberia National Cocoa Sector Platform | IDH, Solidaridad | Process of establishing a Liberia National Cocoa Sector Platform. | |
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Regional cocoa activities:

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| Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana | Development of the ISO standard for cocoa (twinning arrangement) | MFA NL | Dutch and German government are closely involved in development of globally applicable cocoa standard (ISO 34101 series). Series of standards designed for all parties in the cocoa chain, with aim of implementing good agricultural practices, | |

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| | | | protecting the environment and improving the working conditions and livelihoods of farmers. Dutch government is working with Ivorian and Ghanaian authorities in twinning arrangement to increase involvement and ownership in development and implementation of the standards. | |
| Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana | | AfDB | Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire have requested financial support for setting up a warehouse system. On the initiative of AfDB, a joint Commission of cocoa should be founded between the two countries, which intends to promote the coordination and transparency between the two countries. | |
| Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana | Multi-Actor Partnership Strategy for Cocoa | AfDB | Goal is the improvement of the living conditions of the cocoa producers & improved efficiency of the cocoa market | |
| Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria | ILO Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in Africa | MFA NL | Targeted actions to address child labour in selected supply chains in Côte d'Ivoire (cocoa, gold), Egypt (cotton), Malawi (coffee, tea), Mali (cotton, gold), Nigeria (cocoa, gold) and Uganda (coffee, tea). Outcome 1: Policy, legal and institutional frameworks; Outcome 2: Innovative and evidence-based solutions; Outcome 3: Strengthening partnership and knowledge sharing. | 2018-2022 |
| Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon | Cocoa Soils: Sustainable intensification of cocoa production through the development and dissemination of integrated soil fertility management. | MFA NL, NORAD | A public-private partnership between the cocoa industry and the (inter)national research and development community, to deliver knowledge to 90,000 cocoa farmers in sub-Saharan Africa. The program will be implemented through public-private partnerships with leading partners IITA and WUR. IDH for convening stakeholders and P4D for dissemination. In collaboration with CIAT, ICRAF, UNEP-WCMC, NARS (including CNRA, CRIG, CRIN, IRAD, and Universities), cocoa authorities, fertilizer industry partners, cocoa industry partners. | 2017- |
| Cameroon, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo Nigeria | Sustainable Smallholder Agri-Business (SSAB) | BMZ, EU NIRSAL | Trainings, financing, cultivation techniques. EU support through the Cocoa-Food Link Programme | 2009-2019 |
| West Africa | Strengthening of ecological connectivity in the area of Tai-Grebo-Sapo (also includes cocoa activities) | BMZ | Cultivation, environment with GIZ, in Côte d'Ivoire : Ministère national de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable (MINEDD, Côte d'Ivoire), Office Ivorien des Parcs et des Reserves (OIPR, Côte d'Ivoire) . | 2013-2020 |

Other cocoa initiatives:

- **Barry Callebaut**
 - **Cocoa Horizons:** It provides trainings, advice and financial support to producers and strengthens children's rights, promotion of women, as well as access to education, drinking water and health care.
 - Tests in conjunction with Biopartenaire strategies to improve the quality of life: agroforestry cultivation methods, as well as the implementation of good agricultural practices (GAPs) combined with improved access to inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides.
 - Barry Callebaut has created a study in collaboration with AFD (Agence française de développement), which collects data at the level of small farmers, to answer the question of how productivity gains are achieved without damaging the environment.
 - The IT-company SAP has developed together with Barry Callebaut a platform, which allows the traceability of its products.
- **Cargill**
 - **Cocoa Promise:** Its focus lies on improved incomes, productivity, community development and empowerment of women, and reduction of child labour.
 - **COOP Academy:** Together with IFC, Cargill initiated this project. It includes the training of cooperatives and their leaders, and the provision of loans for the expansion of the logistics support.
- **CEMOI**
 - **Processors Alliance for Cocoa Traceability and Sustainability:** The project's goal is to strengthen the link between producers and consumers. CEMOI also promotes trainings, the protection of forests, direct payment for farmers, a transparent supply chain, and a local value creation.
- **Cocoa & Forest Initiative (CFI):** Governments and companies committed to deforestation-free, sustainable sourcing and investments. Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire developed national action plans. Currently developing company action plans. (UK DFID funding to CFI through Partnerships for Forests).
- **GISCO- German Initiative for Sustainable Cocoa:** 49 companies joined this German initiative on sustainable sourcing.
- **ICI International Cocoa Initiative:** promotes child protection in cocoa-growing communities.
- **International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO):** Global organisation composed of cocoa producing and consuming member countries. The 7th International Cocoa Agreement, negotiated in 2010 in Geneva, came into force provisionally in October 2012. ICCO organizes the annual World Cocoa Conference.
- **Mars**
 - **Vision for Change Program:** founded by Mars to improve cultivation techniques and plant material. In addition, it addresses women's empowerment and the abolition of child labour.
 - **Sustainable in a Generation:** Mars' Sustainable in a Generation strategy aims to reduce environmental impacts, improve the working lives of one million people in its value chain, and advance science, innovation and marketing in ways that help billions of people and lead healthier, happier lives. The total investment volume is 1 billion US-Dollars.

- **Cocoa for Generations:** The goal is to increase the incomes of cocoa producers, eliminate child labor in cocoa production and increase forest protection. The total investment is 1 billion US-Dollars from 2018 to 2028.
- **Mondelēz**
 - **Mondelēz CocoaLife** is a program by Mondelēz and promotes deforestation-free supply chains, as well as the empowerment of women, abolition of child labor and sustainable production of cocoa, in particular through the distribution of seedlings. Partners are amongst others, ICI, Olam, and the Jacobs Foundation. The goal is to reach 200,000 farmers and 1 million communities by 2022. The total investment volume is US\$ 400 million. Target countries are amongst others Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.
- **Nestlé**
 - **Nestlé Cocoa Plan:** Improve the lives of cocoa farmers and the quality of their products: 12 million plants are distributed to farmers by 2019 (now 2.16 million); build 40 schools by 2015 (now 42), Monitor child labour and gender training; increase purchase of cocoa to 150,000 tonnes in 2017 (175,000 in 2018). Trained 57,000 farmers. Investment is 110 million CHF.
- **Olam**
 - **Olam Livelihood Charter:** 10 programs for a sustainable cocoa are included in the program. Topics of those programs are certification, increase of income, environment, sustainable cultivation and training in entrepreneurial skills. In addition, more than 100,000 producers in 21 countries were registered under the Olam farmer information system (OFIS). 100% traceable and sustainable cocoa volumes from our direct originating supply chain by 2020.
- **World Cocoa Foundation (WCF)**
 - **CocoaAction:** The goal is to increase sustainable production and strengthen communities in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, e.g. through improved fertilizers, education, monitoring of child labour and strengthening the role of women. Members are amongst other Barry Callebaut, Blommer, Cargill, Ferrero, Hershey, Mars, Mondelez, Nestlé, and Olam.