

FARMGATE COCOA ALLIANCE
MEMBERSHIP AND FEE
INFORMATION



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1. About Us

Farmgate Cocoa Alliance (FCA) is established in 2017, as a bottom up non-profit alliance, to advocate and lobby for reform in the cocoa sector. Our objective is to make sure that, the cocoa sector is inclusive, transparent and sustainable, to benefit people, business and protect our planet for current and future generations. We believe that an inclusive approach is key to overcome common challenges in the sector

Consequently as an alliance, we bring together divers stakeholders as members to combine their force to address pertinent farmer, sustainability and environmental challenges. We also help make it possible to avoid duplication of activities, reduce individual cost, and to accomplish even greater impact towards our efforts to bring real change at all levels in the sector.

1.1 Why Join?

As a member you will help make the cocoa sector more inclusive, fair, and sustainable. You will also contribute to change the way stakeholders are currently implementing their cooperate responsibilities in the sector, particularly at the begin of supply chain.

Next to that, your skills, and experience in the areas of, human rights, environment and sustainability, will be directly transmitted at the highest policy decision making platforms in the cocoa sector, as FCA is actively participating in those platforms, some can be seen below:

Global Level – Member at:	Activities at National Level:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICCO Consultative Board • Cocoa and Forest Initiative • ISO/CEN Standard on Sustainable and Traceable Cocoa • ICCO (WCC) Organization Committee. • Actively Involved at all Cocoa Sector Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Contact with Organised Cocoa Farmer Groups and Cooperatives • Collaborating with Government and Government Institutions in Producing Countries to Influence National Cocoa Policy • Directly Engage to Group Unorganised Cocoa Farmers
WE ARE ALSO THE ORGANIZER OF GLOBAL COCOA FARMERS CONFERENCE (GCFC)	

We comprehend these goals through mobilizing stakeholders who are directly and or indirectly working in the cocoa sector as members. These include: farmers umbrella organizations, cooperatives, NGOs, CSOs, end consumer organizations, workers union, associations from cocoa producing and consuming countries, to work together under a common agenda to empower farmers, and also to advocate the need for reform in cocoa sector.

1.2 Our shared values

Our shared goals include improving sector ability to identify and measure best practices, reduce margins and mitigate risks. Together we build a transparent, traceable, and sustainable cocoa sector that benefit people, business and planet.



ADVOCATE FOR SECTOR REFORM



COCOA FARMING ENTREPRENEURSHIP



ENHANCING COCOA SUSTAINABILITY



1.3 Commitment

As a member you are committed to be part of our strive towards reform in the value chain, by sharing your experience, and resources. You are also committed to facilitate farm assistance such as, training and tools delivery, and catalysing constructive change on how the value chain can function. Together, we are committed to achieve the following objectives:

- To encourage and support the mobilization of (unorganized) cocoa farmers
- To promote and support activities that help farmers acquire the knowledge and skills to independently manage a successful farming business.
- To support FCA advocacy and Lobby activities calling for the (full implementation) of all sector declarations to empower farmers, and to recognised cocoa farming as a business.
- Promote and support farmers (WCFO) involvement in sector activities at all levels.
- To support FCA advocacy activities for the need to define stakeholder's role and responsibilities
- To encourage and support FCA call for transparency and accountability in the sector.
- To encourage cocoa entrepreneurship and access to finance for small-scale cocoa farmers.
- To raise awareness on climate change and zero deforestation in cocoa farming.
- To participate and support FCA Global Cocoa Farmers Conference (GCFC) aim at raising awareness and to fine solutions on sector issues challenges.
- To support FCA call for the sector to address farmers living wage issues

1.4 Member Benefits

- Strengthen your pledge for sustainability, human rights and environmental issues.
- Have access to FCA data platform of field actions including past and current activities.
- Reduce individual costs, as cost are being shared by members.
- Collaborating opportunities to avoid duplication, inefficiencies and create greater impact.
- Play leadership role in sector priorities to develop sector common sustainability learning.
- Participate at the NCWG to shape and facilitate national cocoa policy, through our national structure in producing countries.
- Strengthen relationships and improve understanding with others in the sector.
- Be part of a bigger movement to achieve SDGs in the cocoa sector.
- Access to our global cocoa sector real-time database platform, which will require separate application.
- Engage in dialogue and share learning derived from practical experience.
- Contribute to greater impact at farm level through aligned programs.
- Attend our Global Cocoa Farmers Conference (GCFC), and our advocacy and learning workshops in producing and consuming levels.

1.5 Membership Fees

The annual FCA membership fee define in two (2) Members Category MC. MC1 Member are non-profit organization / enterprise from the north such as: NGOs, Civil Society, Workers Unions and



Consumer Associations. Annual membership fee ranges from **€ 1.000** to **€ 6.000**, based on their annual income.

MC2 Membership are non-profit organization/enterprise from the south which includes, Farmers Umbrella Organizations, NGOs, Civil Society, Worker Unions, Associations and Cooperatives. Annual membership fee ranges from **€ 300** to **€ 2.800**, based on annual income. Membership fee is used to fund and facilitate successful implementation and functioning of the day to day running of the alliance and its activities and national and international level.

The content of this document has explicitly describe, and define the role and responsibilities of a member. Duration of membership is five (5) years from application approval date. Membership is automatically extended unless otherwise. Membership can be terminated at the request of both parties, such decision to terminate membership, will require a written application three months to approval date.

Any dispute arising in relation to your membership, which cannot be resolved amicably, shall be directed to the district court in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Therefore, as a member you approve to irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of such court.

MINIMUM ANNUAL FINANCIAL CAPACITY MC1 (North)	MC1 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	MINIMUM ANNUAL FINANCIAL CAPACITY MC2 (South)	MC2 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
€0 – 50.000	€1.000	€0 – 10.000	€300
€50.000 – 100.000	€1.500	€10.000 – 20.000	€600
€100.000 – 200.000	€1.800	€20.000 – 40.000	€800
€200.000 – 300.000	€2.000	€40.000 – 60.000	€1.000
€300.000 – 400.000	€2.500	€60.000 – 80.000	€1.500
€400.000 – 500.000	€3.000	€80.000 – 100.000	€1.800
€500.000 – 600.000	€4.000	€100.000 – 120.000	€2.100
€600.000 – 700.000	€5.000	€120.000 – 150.000	€2.400
€700.000 – 1.000.000	€6.000	€150.000 – 300.000	€2.800

Become a member now, and have access to our exclusive benefits and opportunities, essential for lasting transformation towards greater impact in the cocoa value chain.