

FARMGATE COCOA ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION DOCUMENT



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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. Who Can Be A Partners ?

Stakeholders from the public and private sectors, in the cocoa value chain, who share the opinion of the Farmgate Cocoa Alliance of: “No Farmer = No Cocoa = No Chocolate” and who are also willing to support the activities leading to the realization are eligible to become a partner.

1.2 Why Join?

Our partners see the need for greater collaboration that make it possible to, share costs, experience, and support activities to provide technical assistance, training and tools in order to promote cocoa sustainability. They believe working together is the best way to achieve common objectives which to secure long-term sustainability and create positive impact. It will also make the sector more inclusive, transparent, traceable and sustainable to benefit people, business and the planet.

1.3 Shared Responsibilities

Our shared responsibilities includes, supporting activities to strengthen and improve farmers ability to self-reliance, and to promote and facilitate cocoa farming entrepreneurship. Joint approach in order to encourage and engage smallholders cocoa farmers to implement and promote best practices in their farming business. This will enable them sustainable farmers, which will transform their living standards.

As a partners, you are also committed to support, participate and make logistic and financial contributions that will facilitate the realization of our 2030 Cocoa Vision. You are also responsible to help promote the alliance to other platforms you are involved.



ADVOCATE FOR SECTOR REFORM



COCOA FARMING ENTREPRENEURSHIP



ENHANCING COCOA SUSTAINABILITY

We directly participating, and are engaged in the below listed platforms and initiatives:

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)	



1.4 Benefits

You will eventually be part in transforming the cocoa sector in the way that will directly benefit farmers, and secure lasting sustainable cocoa sector. Benefits includes:

- Expand your network and achieve greater impact than by doing it alone
- Place your organization or company as a sustainability front-runner
- Make smarter decisions and clever investments on cocoa sustainability
- Receive FCA regular newsletter to keep you updated on sector activities on the ground
- Your logo placed on our website
- Reduce your expenses on farm activities on training and capacity building
- Access to our real-time database platform generated from our activities
- Enhance economic, social and environmental condition in growing communities, to meet consumer demands
- Convey to producer and consumers your organization/company is commitment to the maximum ethics for sustainable cocoa sector
- Mitigate climate change impact, and stop deforestation, protect nature and guarantee production of sustainable cocoa
- Secure long-term direct sourcing of sustainable cocoa bean from our grouped smallholder farmers
- Your logo placed on our publicity document as partner
- Be part of those who can set the global agenda on cocoa sustainability
- Participation in our global events including the GCFC

1.5 Partner Obligation

Collaboration is based on mutual respect, and understanding. It is also design to help build credibility in your supply chain, as you are part of a bottom up approach that drive towards lasting cocoa sustainability. Our approach includes multi-stakeholder processes, effective public policy management, business strengthening, farmers financing, and raise farm and market awareness.

Our partners are NGO's, Producers of End Products, Traders, Confectioners, Service Provers, and End Consumer Bodies, together we are committed in a driven approach. We seek to provide develop and implement lasting solutions that increase growth and improve livelihoods. With our collective role we bring complete sustainable change in the sector. Partner, will also make financial contribution to support the activities of the alliance. Such, contribution will be explicitly describe in a separate agreement document by both parties.

Agreement will include the terms and responsibilities for both parties. Partnership, can also be made based on the duration of an activities, to be agreed by the parties. Partnership is automatically extended base on the same period of time of the current document, and or terminated at the request of both parties. Such decision to terminate the existing partnership agreement, will require a written application by the party will to terminate the agreement. This must be done three months to the date of expiration of agreement.