


THE COCOA & FORESTS INITIATIVE - PROGRESS UPDATE, GHANA

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 TO START IN THE COMING MONTH
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Cocoa & Forests Initiative

Categories of Actions	FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION COMMITMENTS	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	OUTCOME	
SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION & PRODUCERS' SOURCES OF INCOME	<p>Strengthen supply chain mapping 100% of cocoa sourcing traceable from farm to first purchase point</p>	<p>Traceability feasibility study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COCOBOD has a traceability system to the district and community level but not to the farm gate level yet. The Traceability Taskforce is working to carry out a study which will lead to a plan on traceability. 	<p>Traceability system that can help exclude deforestation-related cocoa from supply chains</p>	<p>100% cocoa traceability</p>	
FOREST PROTECTION & RESTORATION	<p>Additional commitment included in the body of the Framework: Investment in long-term productivity of high-quality cocoa in environmentally sustainable manner and grow "more cocoa on less land"</p>	<p>Agroforestry & diversification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COCOBOD is working on approving the new Climate Smart Cocoa standard. The CFI Agroforestry Taskforce is working with the Forest Investment Program team of COCOBOD to finalize the Climate Smart Cocoa manual 	<p>Improved productivity</p>	<p>Improvement of income</p>	
	<p>Prohibit and prevent activities in the cocoa sector that cause or contribute to any further deforestation or forest degradation No production and sourcing of cocoa from National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and Wildlife Resource Reserves, except from farms with existing legal status</p>	<p>Mapping of direct supply chains by companies: Companies target of 451,900 farms mapped by end-2019</p>	<p>Collect Socio-economic data on cocoa farmers and their forest-dependent communities: RMSC will provide GPS coordinates of admitted farms in forest reserves by end of 3rd quarter 2019. Available maps indicate admitted farms but will need to be ground truthed to verify encroachment. MLNR is seeking funding in other for RMSC to carry this out.</p>	<p>Update or development of land use and forest management plans</p>	<p>No sourcing from national parks and forest reserves (at the exception of admitted farms)</p>
	<p>Promote the effective restoration and long-term conservation of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Wildlife Resource Reserves, Forest Reserves, and unprotected off-reserve forest lands</p>	<p>Develop complete land and tree tenure policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy reform on tree tenure and benefit sharing of tree resources is currently being finalized by MLNR and other major stakeholders including CSOs and timber operators. Final consultation with private sector will take place in quarter 3 of 2019. Framework on tree registration is being finalized and is currently being piloted by institutions and companies. A workshop was planned on the 27th of June to discuss how to operationalize tree registration at the local level. 			<p>Updated forest cover and land use maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A National Mapping & Satellite monitoring workshop was organized on 7-8 February. The CFI National Secretariat provided CFI signatories with protected area boundaries and latest land cover maps on the 4th of July 2019.
	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & SOCIAL INCLUSION	<p>Respect the rights of cocoa farmers Full and effective information sharing, consultation, and informed participation of cocoa farmers and their communities affected by proposed land-use changes under the Framework</p>	<p>Develop social safeguard guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental and Social Safeguards were drafted and approved by the Safeguard Task Force They will be presented to the Steering Committee at their next meeting. 	<p>Carry out awareness campaigns, training of forest management institutions on the amended Forest Code and subsequent texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sensitization plans were drafted at a CFI Technical Working Group meeting on May 9th. Sensitization campaigns will be carried out in July to December. 	<p>Mitigate social impact of land use and forest management plans</p>
FINANCING, GOVERNANCE & IMPLEMENTATION	<p>Embrace shared responsibility to implement the Framework actions Including continued engagement in a multi-stakeholder process for dialogue on key issues, development of effective implementation plans, and joint learning and knowledge sharing.</p>	<p>Public-private collaboration to mobilize new sources of funding for forest protection and restoration, and to incentivize farmers adoption of environmentally sustainable cocoa production The World Bank through Ghana Forest Investment Project is supporting some activities of CFI at the National Secretariat level. MLNR is engaging and seeking funding via 1 on 1 meetings and discussions. A donor conference is to be organized to support fundraising.</p>	<p>Funding roadmap</p>	<p>Finance available for forest preservation & rehabilitation</p>	
	<p>Implement agreed actions in the context of a broader landscape-level approach</p>	<p>Governance established: The CFI governance was established in 2018 and is fully operational, with 5 Task Forces leading the technical work, supported by a Steering Committee and Supervisory Committee, as well as a Secretariat within MLNR.</p>	<p>Regular meetings of the governance bodies</p>	<p>Coordinated on-the-ground action</p>	
	<p>Implement verifiable actions and timebound targets. Signatory companies prepare an individual action plan for public disclosure.</p>	<p>Inventory of existing initiatives in 6 hotspot intervention areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CFI Secretariat is carrying out an inventory of existing initiatives in the 6 Hotspot Intervention Areas. First findings are available and will be presented during a dedicated workshop. 	<p>Coordinated plans</p>		
MONITORING & EVALUATION	<p>Effective monitoring and reporting on progress</p>	<p>Develop an M&E Framework and a measurement protocol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M&E Framework was drafted and reviewed during a Technical Working Group meeting on May 9th The objective is to publish a first CFI report by November 2019 	<p>Measure, monitor and report on progress</p>	<p>Yearly CFI progress report</p>	