

## 8 COMMITMENTS

- 1 **Prohibit and prevent activities that cause or contribute to any further deforestation or forest degradation** in the cocoa sector;
- 2 **Respect the rights of cocoa farmers**, including identifying and mitigating social risks, and sequencing the implementation of actions to minimize potential adverse social and economic impacts;
- 3 **Promote the effective restoration and long-term conservation** of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Wildlife Resource Reserves, Forest Reserves, and unprotected off reserve forest lands;
- 4 **Strengthen supply chain mapping, with the end goal of full traceability at the farm-level;**
- 5 **Implement verifiable actions and timebound targets** on the basis of sound data, robust and credible methodologies, stakeholder consultation, and realistic timeframes;
- 6 **Implement agreed actions in the context of a broader landscape level approach**, with strong links with similar initiatives in other commodities, and full alignment with the national REDD+ strategy, new Ghana Cocoa Sector Development Strategy II, and other relevant national strategies and plans;
- 7 **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; and
- 8 **Provide effective monitoring and reporting on progress** on commitments and actions to ensure transparency and accountability.



### Curious to learn more?

#### GET IN TOUCH!

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The Cocoa & Forests Initiative is a commitment by top cocoa-producing countries and leading cocoa and chocolate companies to end deforestation in cocoa and restore forest areas. The Cocoa & Forests Initiative is currently implemented in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, which produce approximately 60% of the world's annual supply of cocoa, and Colombia, where cocoa is being seen as an opportunity to support the peace process.



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## WHY IS THE CFI NEEDED?

Many chocolate and cocoa companies acknowledge that it is difficult to ensure the cocoa grown in protected areas does not end up in their supply chain. And although governments have set aside protected land, their efforts alone have not prevented illegal deforestation and the expansion of cocoa production into forests.

As cocoa is often grown in regions that border protected forests, cocoa production tends to expand at the expense of forests. In 2018, primary forest loss was of 26% in Côte d'Ivoire, according to the World Resources Institute, and 18.7% in Ghana, according to the Forestry Commission.

This loss of forest is not sustainable for the cocoa sector or the planet. Forests provide a wide range of environmental services, such as the regulation of rainfall, the control of soil erosion or support to soil fertility, which are critical to sustain cocoa farm productivity in the long term. Without forests, cocoa farming would not be sustainable in Ghana. As the sector represents 5% of the GDP, this would be a critical loss to the country's economy, and to the farmers that depend upon cocoa for their livelihood.



• Ghana



• Côte d'Ivoire

**Legende**

- Forêts classées dans les régions prioritaires
- Limite pays
- Limite forêt classée et area protégées
- Zone de programme
- Limite région

## HOW IS CFI RELEVANT TO YOU?

Through the CFI, 35 companies representing around 85% of total global usage, and the top two producing country governments have made a pledge to work together to put an end to deforestation related to cocoa production and prevent further land degradation. Beyond the pledge, the CFI provides a platform to help companies and governments formulate and implement detailed action plans to reach these commitments. This includes piloting new approaches at landscape level, supporting farmers in adopting sustainable cocoa farming practices, and helping communities protect the forests they depend on.

## CFI IN GHANA & CDI

The CFI is chaired by the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana and facilitated by IDH and the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF)

The Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources (MLNR) has taken the lead in translating CFI high level commitments into National Implementation Plans, released in July 2018. These plans include interventions in 6 focus areas in 5 regions in Ghana.

CFI is chaired in Côte d'Ivoire by the Ministry of Waters and Forests (MINEF) and is a key component of the Forest Preservation, Rehabilitation and Extension Strategy (SPREF) adopted by Côte d'Ivoire in 2019. CFI's work is aligned with the Paris Agreement on climate change and contributes to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13, "Climate Action", and SDG 15, "Life on Land", as well as the CO2 emissions reduction goal of Côte d'Ivoire.

The approach is based on three pillars crucial to sustainable forest management: (i) **forest protection and restoration**, (ii) **sustainable cocoa production and farmers livelihood** and (iii) **community engagement and social inclusion**.

More than 55 organizations including companies and civil society organizations are involved in shaping and jointly implementing the CFI National Implementation Plan.

## ACHIEVEMENTS FOR CFI 2021

### POLICY

 Satellite forest **monitoring tool** adopted

 **666,081** ha of classified forests is now under public-private protocols for restoration

 Seven additional companies signed onto **agreements** in HIA landscapes of Asunafo, Bia-Juabeso and Atwima

### TRACEABILITY

 Mapped **1 million** farmers with **3.2 million** ha of cocoa farms

 **515,762** farmers owning **845,635** farms registered in the national Cocoa Management System

 Cocoa and chocolate companies reached **72%** traceability in their direct supply chains

### FORESTS & AGROFORESTRY

 Over **28 million** trees planted for the purpose of forest regeneration

 **5,297,739** multi-purpose tree seedlings distributed and **9,488** ha of degraded land restored

 **50,334** forest trees registered

 Cocoa and chocolate companies distributed **11.3 million** non-cocoa trees