

Challenges and Success Stories Towards More Sustainability

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Lessons from Accra 2007

- ◆ Exposure to needs for sustainable cocoa production
- ◆ Greater understanding of the different roles of stakeholders – farmers, government, industry, NGOs
- ◆ Need for networking by different interest groups within the industry
- ◆ Greater attention to Good Agricultural Practice by farmers to produce better quality
- ◆ Industry is being reminded to contribute more for true sustainability

Cocoa Association of Nigeria After Accra 2007

- ◆ Accra Agenda explained to farmers in different meetings and workshops by Cocoa Association of Nigeria
- ◆ Greater emphasis on farmer-education on ICPM and GAP
- ◆ Collaboration with Farmers Organizations and NGOs on inputs procurement and fertilizers usage in cocoa production
- ◆ Networking with states' and regional farmers' groups on implementation strategies across Nigeria

Farmers' Training Session in Olorunda, Ondo State



After Accra – Our Success

- ◆ Greater compliance to sustainable practices
- ◆ Awareness has increased and this forms a challenge for producers since they are also engaged as critical partners and must be committed
- ◆ Training content has become more farmer-focused and integrative

Challenges

- ◆ Poor overall remuneration
- ◆ Lack of discriminatory prices for good quality cocoa that will encourage producers
- ◆ Information sharing remains a major challenge; CAN and its affiliates have limited coverage of the country due to available resources
- ◆ Lack of coordination on various intervention projects in the industry leading to wastage and concentration of efforts in urban centres
- ◆ Cost of quality and approved chemicals are too high

The Future

- ◆ Better prices for quality cocoa beans
- ◆ Support from Industry on Sustainability issues of environment and social needs – forests, training for farmers
- ◆ Coordination of various intervention under Cocoa Association of Nigeria and similar stakeholder groups in producing countries
- ◆ Greater access to information

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