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
A New Beginning!
Let us all act!