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13TH ACA ANNUAL CASHEW CONFERENCE & EXPO 2019 TO BE HELD IN TANZANIA

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Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – The African Cashew Alliance (ACA) will host its 13th Annual Cashew Conference and Expo from 7-9 November 2019 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre (JNICC). The theme of this year's conference is *"Fostering Synergies, Influencing Market Dynamics"*. The goal this year is to analyze the recent market dynamics, the response of governments and value chain actors and analyze the role of both public and private stakeholders in addressing the emerging issues. Over the years, the ACA Annual Cashew Conference has been Africa's largest cashew event, bringing together a diverse array of cashew industry stakeholders from across the globe. For an exciting three days, farmers, traders, processors, exporters, government officials, equipment manufacturers, and service providers will convene to network and discuss the industry's trends, opportunities, and challenges.

In 2008, Tanzania successfully hosted the ACA Annual Cashew Conference and now after ten years it is finally returning to the country. Tanzania produced about 313,000 MT of raw cashew nuts in its 2017/18 season and is currently, after Cote d'Ivoire, the second largest producer of cashew in Africa. Also, in 2017, cashew overtook tobacco to become the largest export crop of Tanzania, with earnings more than the combined earnings from coffee, cotton, tea, cloves and sisal. Cashew nuts accounted for US\$ 575.6 million in 2018, rising from US\$ 340 million in 2017. Confident in the future of the African cashew sector, and the continued growth of the cashew sector and economy of Tanzania, the Board and Management of ACA, in consultation with the private sector, have chosen Tanzania as the host for the 2019 edition of its annual cashew conference!

The ACA Annual Cashew Conference 2019 is held in partnership with the Tanzanian governmental agencies overseeing cashew-related policies in Tanzania, notably the Ministry of Agriculture, the Cashew Board of Tanzania (CBT) and the Tanzania Investment Centre. The conference serves as a unique opportunity for African and international stakeholders to converge and discuss the African cashew industry, which grows over 56% of the world's cashew supply. Africa is the largest regional producer and of vital importance to a healthy and productive global value chain!

This year's conference will focus on key topics such as cashew sector policymaking and challenges in their implementation, processing innovations, production research, access to finance, investment in the African cashew industry, food safety and codes of conducts as well as improving market information systems. The three-day program will engage various local and international players in the industry to ensure that the African cashew industry remains a visible contributor within the sector. Finally, the event will be closed with leisure & learning trip options where participants can visit either cashew production/processing near Dar es Salaam or the island of Zanzibar.

We invite you to our conference to join other participants and discuss the future of Africa's cashew industry – See you this November in Dar es Salaam!



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Background Information:

For more information on conference registration and sponsorship please visit the ACA conference webpage (<https://africancashewalliance.com/en/conference/dar-es-salaam-2019>).

About ACA:

The African Cashew Alliance (ACA) was founded in 2005 as a business association for promoting a globally competitive African cashew industry that benefits the entire cashew value chain from farmer to consumer. Today, ACA's Vision is to have ***"A sustainable African cashew industry that delivers globally competitive, value added products and secures profitability for all actors"***. To accomplish this vision, ***ACA works to create a platform for accelerating growth and investments in the African cashew industry through partnerships, advocacy, market linkages, technical support and global networking for sharing information and best practices.***

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