

**CLOSING REMARKS BY BABATOLA FASERU**

**14<sup>th</sup> African Cashew Alliance Cashew Conference – fully online!**

**September 11, 2020**

*Honorable George Oduro,*

*Honorable Haroura Kaboré*

*The President of the African Cashew Alliance, Mr. Florentino Nanque*

*Our Guest of Honor, Ms. Atsuko Toda*

*Dear Esteemed Guests, Colleagues, and Conference Participants,*

*Our friends from the media*

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

*All too soon the first online ACA conference which also the 14<sup>th</sup> edition, comes to an end today. Myself, and the other Board of Directors of the African Cashew Alliance (ACA) are delighted to be among you virtually...pause.*

*We hope you have enjoyed the presentations and conversations that have taken place over the past few days.*

*As one of the conference panelists stated yesterday, “we are physically distanced, but not socially distanced.”. This is what ACA has been up to.*

*Being a learning hub, coming to you wherever you are with industry learning and facts, is the hallmark of the African Cashew Alliance. We have over the last several months continuously provided learning forums for the cashew industry regardless of the pandemic. ACA will not relent on its commitment to make the African cashew industry competitive and sustainable. After the conference, ladies and gentlemen, we have already planned next segments of learnings and information sessions for you. Together, our industry can be made viable and competitive.*

*At this point, we would like to extend a very special thank you to you our sponsors, colleagues, and participants of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cashew Conference for logging online each day to join us. Your presence demonstrates your outstanding commitment first to promote and advance the cashew value chain. Second to the team at the African Cashew Alliance, you have proven that, although we are in a different situation due to the presence of the pandemic, ACA remains capable and committed to bringing knowledge to all the stakeholders in the cashew industry.*

*The success of this conference also depended on our sponsors and technical partners. Such as the Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Ghana, Intersnack, USDA LIFFT Cashew project, USDA Pro Cashew project, GIZ/ComCashew, TechnoServe, Cashewinfo, SECO, Nuts2, ITC/She Trades, ACPG and Cocoa Research*

*Institute of Ghana (CRIG), media partners, speakers, moderators, facilitators, local organizing committee-  
We are most grateful to you!*

*We thank everyone present here for joining our global community-virtually! We look forward to seeing  
you next year, September 2021 physically in Accra, Ghana for the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Conference !*

*I repeat once again, “we are physically distanced, but not socially”, let us continue to join forces to build a  
viable value chain to withstand any disruption.*

*Thank you and stay safe!*