

2026 ACA Annual Cashew Conference & Expo



SUSTAINABLE CASHEW SUPPLY THROUGH POLICY, INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP



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Management of cashew pests and diseases Policy and Institutional Support

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Landscape of institutions

Main Institutions/actors	Typical role
Ministries of Agriculture / Crop Production	Policy, coordination, financing and sector oversight
Cashew councils/commodity authorities	Sector coordination, standards, farmer support and quality/productivity programmes
National Plant Protection/Phytosanitary Services	Pest surveillance, diagnosis, quarantine and phytosanitary measures
National agricultural research institutes & universities	Pest/disease identification, epidemiology, biological control and management technologies
Public/private extension providers	Farmer training, field diagnosis and dissemination of IPM practices
Farmer cooperatives, associations and unions	Collective training, input access and farmer mobilisation
Private sector Input companies, processors, exporters and service providers	Inputs, technologies, advisory services and market incentives
Regional institutions ECOWAS, CORAF/WECARD, WAAPP-related structures and regional networks	Regional research, knowledge exchange and harmonisation

CORAF/REDDA Experience

- **REDAA** is a network of research and development stakeholders in the cashew sector in Africa.
- **Main objective** is to promote agricultural research and advisory services in the cashew sector in West Africa.
- **Main areas:** R&D focuses on the cashew tree's protection and defence system

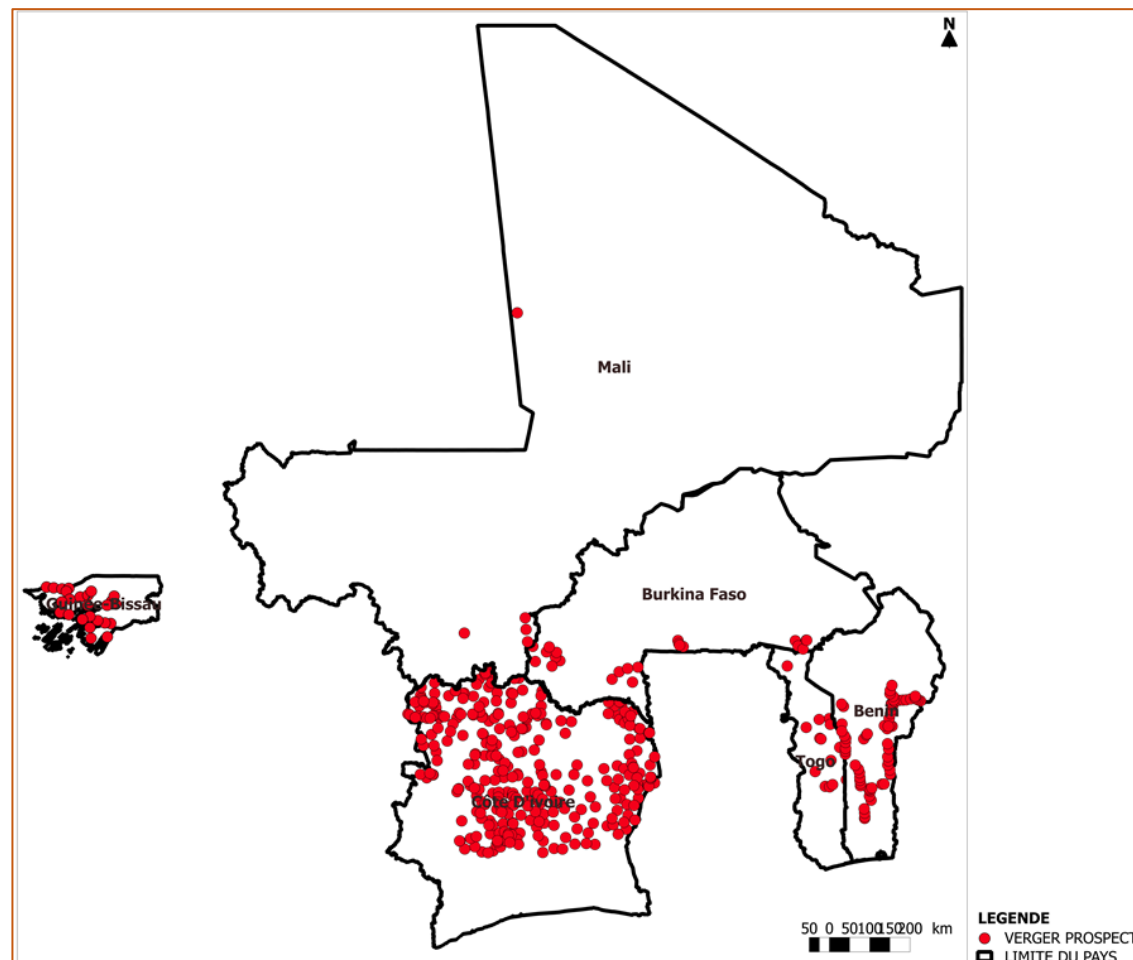
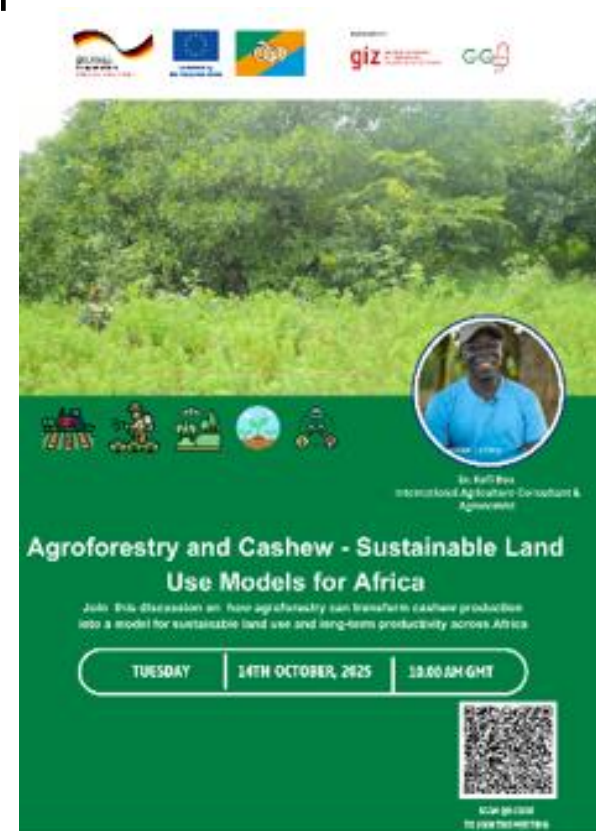


Figure 1: Map showing the distribution of cashew nut areas surveyed in six countries in West Africa in 2021:

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Mali
- Senegal
- Togo

CICC Scientific Commission//Cashew International Research Conferences and Webinars

- ❖ **02 editions of International Cashew Scientific Conference** had been organized with the support of GIZ MOVE In 2024 (Accra, Ghana) and 2025 (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire), which brought together researchers, policymakers, development partners, and private sector participants from 12 countries.
- ❖ During the second edition last year a **round table discussion** on the cashew powdery mildew disease had been organized between research scientists from East and West Africa to share lessons on how to manage the disease and curb its further spread in the subregion.
- ❖ **Monthly cashew scientific webinar series** have been organized by the CICC Scientific Commission and supported by GIZ MOVE ComCashew with 200+ participants from 30 countries to exchange on variety of topics including IPDM.



South-South Cooperation through MOVE-ComCashew Research Grants

- **8 regional research grant projects** had been funded by GIZ/MOVE-ComCashew and currently under implementation in 13 African Countries.
- **3** of these projects are on Cashew Pest and Diseases Management
- The aim of the grant is to
 - foster **South-South Cooperation** and collaboration among research entities
 - facilitate **knowledge and technology transfer** across countries through innovative and joint research activities
 - **solve** specific **research questions/gaps** in the cashew value chain.



Innovative Solutions: CADI-AI App

- 1 • Fly drone over your cashew plantation to take Geotagged JPEG images
- 2 • Upload the images taken to the CADI AI desktop application
- 3 • Application runs diagnosis on the uploaded images
- 4 • Application displays results showing affected areas
- 5 • GPS coordinates of the affected plants are displayed for easy identification of the Cashew tree et traitement.

The model is available via [HuggingFace](#)

Recommendations

The main challenge is not necessarily the absence of policies or institutions, but the fragmentation of interventions, limited operational capacity, and insufficient sustained financing.

- Build on existing dynamic and structures (such as CICC Scientific Commission) to Improve Surveillance and Information Sharing among countries:
- Establish a coordinated and integrated cashew health monitoring system in the sub-region to be able to anticipate and respond to emerging pest and disease threats
- Develop a regional research programme on Pest and Disease Surveillance and Reporting System (PDSRS) in cashew producing countries
- Mobilise funding from public institutions, Private sector and development partners.
- Support national research centers to develop and distribute disease-resistant varieties.