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SUSTAINABLE CASHEW SUPPLY THROUGH POLICY, INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP



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Strengthening Good Agricultural Practices, Harvest and Post-Harvest Systems for a Competitive African Cashew Industry



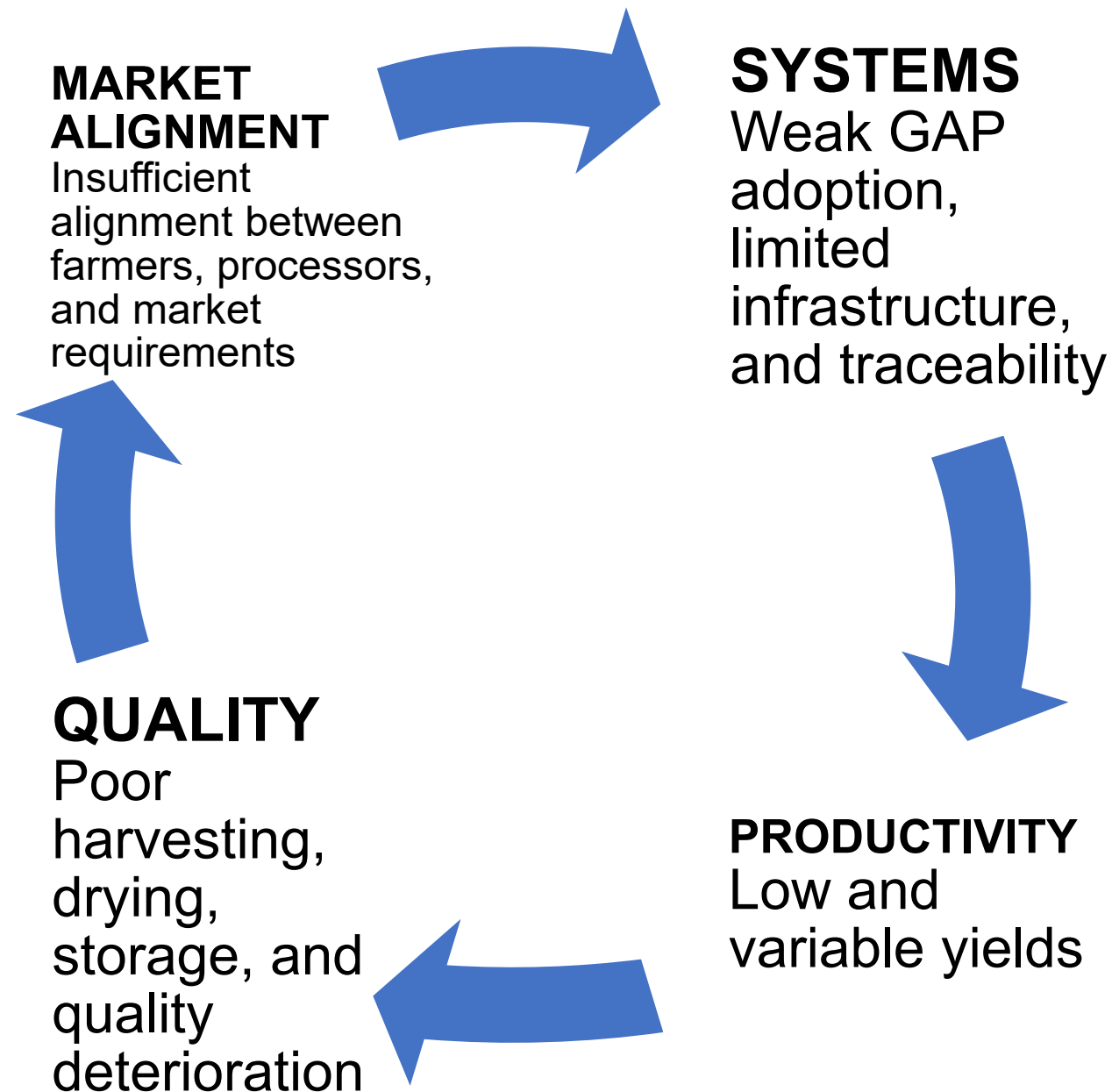
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1. Why does this matter?

- Africa has strong potential (suitable environment, land, and labour).
- Competitiveness does not depend on production volume alone.
- Competitiveness is based on nut quality, food safety, consistency, and traceability.
- Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), harvest, and post-harvest handling are the foundation of quality.
- A coordinated quality system can increase farmer income, processor efficiency, and market confidence.

2. The African Cashew Competitiveness Challenge



4. From farm-level quality to market competitiveness

A Practical African Cashew Quality Framework

INPUTS & KNOWLEDGE - PRODUCTION - HARVEST - POST-HARVEST - PROCESSING - MARKET:

**INPUTS &
KNOWLEDGE**

**(Enabling of
the
ecosystem)**

PRODUCTION

**(GAP+Yield
+ tree
health)**

**HARVEST &
POST
HARVEST**

**(Maturity +
Hygiene +
Sorting + Drying
+ Storage +
Traceability)**

PROCESSING

**(Standards
+
Certifications
+ Value
addition)**

MARKET

**(Quality
compliance +
Market
differentiation)**

One continuous quality chain — from orchard to consumer.

5. Key Message

- **Africa's cashew competitiveness will not be determined by volume alone.**
- It will be determined by the ability to consistently produce, harvest, preserve, trace and process quality cashew that meets market requirements.
- **GAP + Good Harvesting + Strong Post-Harvest Systems = Competitive African Cashew**

1. Big Question?

- How do we build a quality-driven cashew value chain in Africa, where every actor, from farmer to consumer, contributes to competitiveness?

