



BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE AFRICAN CASHEW INDUSTRY



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**Public and Development Partners Contribution to
Capacity Building in the Cashew sector
OACPS Secretariat**

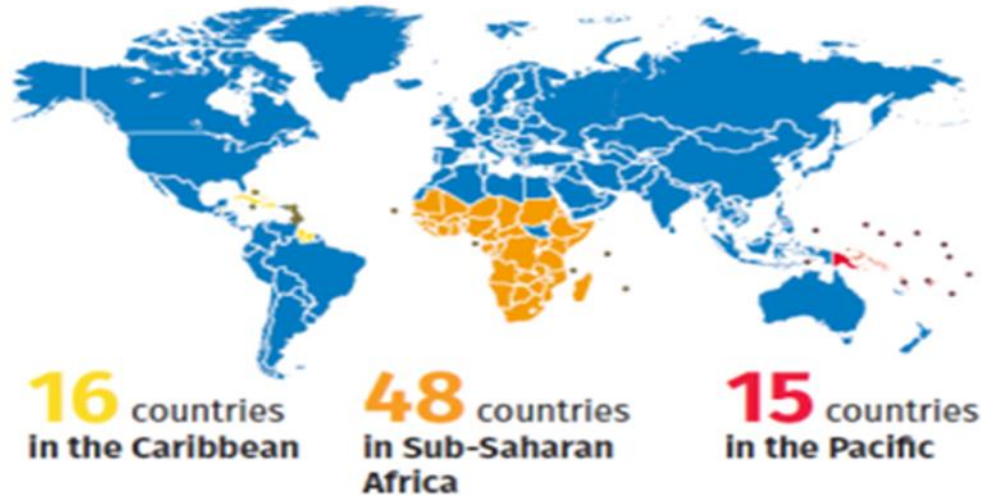
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Who are we?



THE 79 MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ORGANISATION
OF AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES - OACPS



**H.E. George Rebelo Pinto
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OACPS**

- Established in 1975 by the Georgetown Agreement.
- Aims to promote the sustainable development of OACPS Member States and their gradual integration into the global economy with the ultimate objective of reducing and eventually eradicating poverty.
- Governance Structures include OACPS Summit, Council of Ministers, and Committee of Ambassadors
- 70% of the Member States are commodity dependent – agriculture and minerals
- OACPS-EU Relations: SAMOA Agreement signed on 15 November 2023



Guiding Policy Documents



**Joint ACP-EU
Cooperation
Framework for
Private Sector
Development (PSD)**



***New Approach to
ACP Group support
for the Development
of Agriculture Value
Chains
2017***

**STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN,
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES, 2022-2025**

Moving towards a more healthy and sustainable EU food system,
a corner stone of the European Green Deal



Reduction of
commodity
dependence

Trade
facilitation

Promote
value
addition and
processing

Sustainable
production

Diversification



Joint OACPS-EU Framework for Private Sector Development



Improving the Business Environment

Strengthening the Capacity of Intermediary Organizations and MSMEs

Support to the informal Micro sector including Micro Finance Schemes

Investment and loans for the private sector including blending



Sharing best practices

Ensuring Market Access



Promoting youth and women led entrepreneurship



Public - Private Sector dialogue at cooperation at national, regional and all-OACPS levels





OACPS Approach on support for the development of Agriculture Value Chains



- ❖ OACPS Council of Ministers adopted new strategy in 2017 aimed at reducing commodity dependence and enhancing efforts on value addition and diversification;
- ❖ Agricultural transformation with a focus on actors along the value chain specifically empowering the “*missing middle*” which includes family farmers, SMEs, cooperatives, etc.;
- ❖ Prioritised focus on women - due to their critical role in the agriculture sector;
- ❖ Emphasis on youth as the future of agriculture and the need to change the narrative FROM “agriculture is for old people, peasants, tough” TO “agriculture is cool/ especially now with the new digital tools that facilitate payment transactions;
- ❖ Pillars: Finance, Capacity Building, Trade, Investment and Climate Change
- ❖ Resources: ACP-EU Private Sector Development Framework – 11 EDF



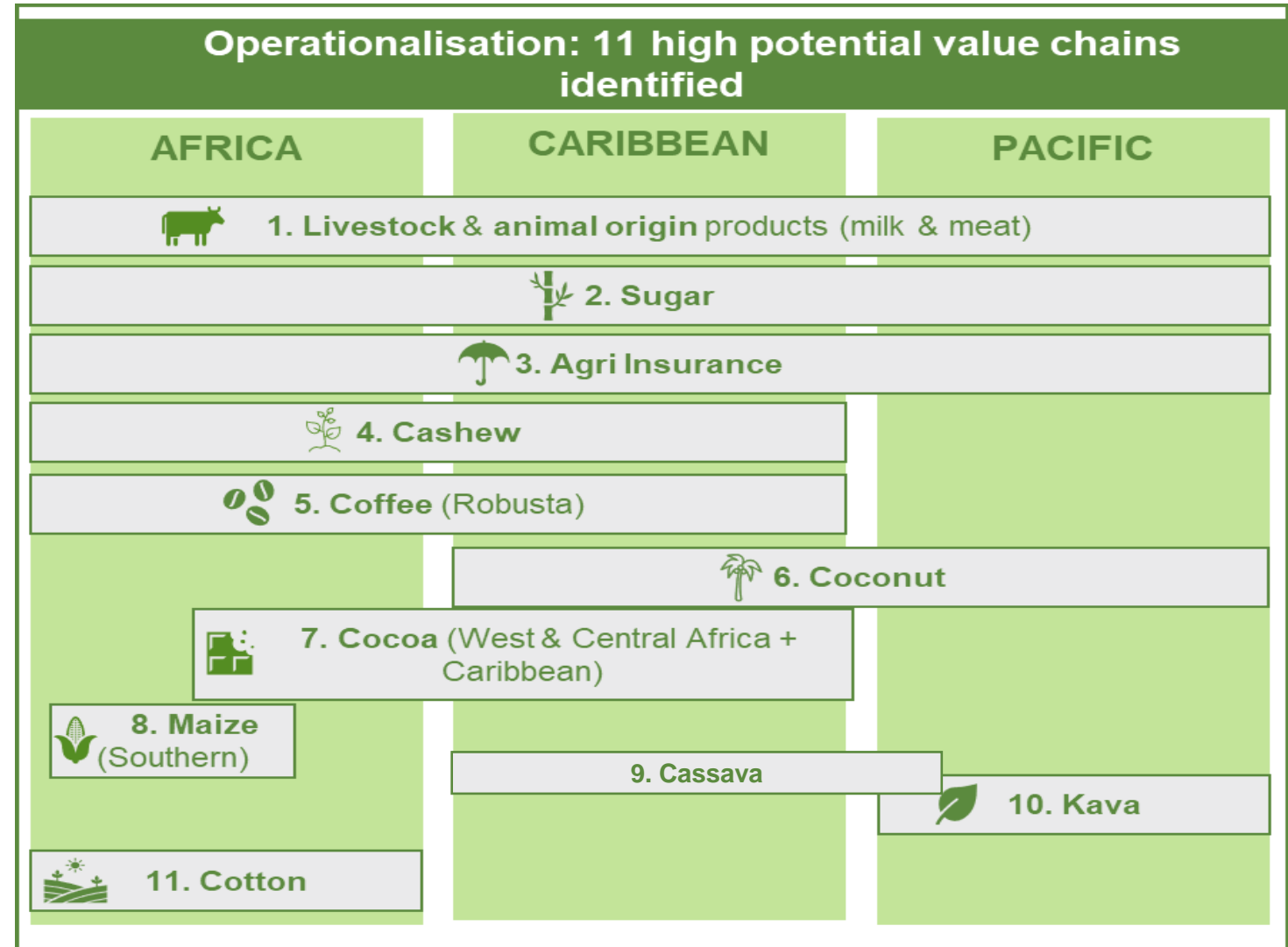
OACPS Approach on support for the development of Agriculture Value Chains



Framework Programme on Agriculture Value Chains – EUR 154 million

- ❖ Component I: Capacity building – EUR 57 Million
- ❖ Component II: Finance - EUR 50 Million
- ❖ Component III: Covid mitigation measures - EUR 47 Million

Programme was launched in 2022





Support to the Cashew Sector

Framework Programme on Agriculture Value Chains

Component I: Capacity building

Business Support Facility for Resilient Agriculture value chains implemented by GIZ

- ❖ Output 1: Cashew Master Training Programme
- ❖ Output 2: Competitive Matching Grant Fund (MGF) – to support innovative concepts that promote resilient agricultural value chains
- ❖ Output 3: South-South Exchange & policy dialogue – knowledge sharing & learning



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Framework Programme on Agriculture Value Chains Component II: Finance



Agri Business Capital (ABC) Fund - budget of EUR 45 million

- ❖ Direct investments - Loans for cooperatives, SMEs, Agribusiness (EUR 200,000 – 800,000)
- ❖ Indirect investment for financial institutions (EUR 200,000 – 4M)
- ❖ Sectors supported: cocoa, cashew, coffee, soya etc
- ❖ **Benin - Africa Négoce Industries (ANI) - EUR 800,000**

<https://www.agri-business-capital.com/>

Agriculture Facility (AgriFi) –Budget of EUR 50 million

- ❖ Direct Investment - Loans (EUR 250,000 - 2.5M)
- ❖ Indirect Investment for institutions (EUR 500,000 - 5M)
- ❖ Sectors supported: cashew, legumes
- ❖ **Burkina faso – Gebana –EUR 3million**
- ❖ **Togo – Cajou Espoir - EUR 2 million**

<https://www.agrifi.eu/>

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Policy Dialogue

- ❖ Consultative International Cashew Council
- ❖ ACA Annual Cashew Conferences
- ❖ Comcashew Board
- ❖ MGF Board





Final Remark

The OACPS Secretariat is committed to supporting and working with ACA in its quest to enhance value addition and diversification in the Cashew sector.



Merci

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