UNDP’s Work to Address Sustainable Agriculture and Biodiversity

In the context of Agenda 2030

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• 800,000 smallholder farmers.
• Causing Deforestation
Everything must make way for more cocoa. People think more cocoa makes more money. Move aside trees, animals, birds. They must be gone to make room for cocoa. But I have seen over the years that this hurts our land, drinks our water, kills our fellow life and living neighbours.
Largest Driver of Deforestation

Yet, the bedrock of most rural economies
UNDP’s BIODIVERSITY PROGRAMME

• 95 projects addressing issues falling under agriculture and livestock sectors.

• Around 70 of them address biodiversity – agricultural nexus.
UNDP’s Work on Biodiversity and Agriculture

• Sustainable commodities;
• BD mainstreaming in sectors;
• BD mainstreaming in land use and development planning;
• Sustainable production practices;
• Resilience of farming communities;
• Agrobiodiversity Conservation
• Access and Benefit Sharing
• Promote Knowledge Exchange
Green Commodities Programme - GCP

Addresses the major cause of deforestation and biodiversity loss through encouraging sustainable commodity production at national level and connecting global markets with national governments and producers.
Global Drivers Influencing Agricultural Commodities

• Global demand

• Middle class

• Market demand for sustainable product growing but limited

• Domestic Demand where sustainability is not yet important
Producer Country
Drivers and Barriers:

- Policies, development plans and fiscal incentives - expansion
- Weak enforcement of PAs and land use plans
- Legal frameworks often not recognizing HCVs
- Insufficient market demand for deforestation free products
- Complexities and cost of traceability for purchasing agreements
- Low productivity and resource degradation
Producer Country Drivers and Barriers

Low productivity is key
Underlying reasons:

• High numbers of smallholders with limited education, inputs, technology

• Weak government extension services perpetuating low productivity

• Limited access of farmers to financial services for investing in new practices
Four Approaches for Advancing Deforestation-Free Commodities

- **Policy & Planning**

- **National Commodity Platform**

- **Strengthen extension systems**

- **Economic incentives**
Where GCP Operates

Latin America
- Dominican Republic – Cocoa
- Honduras – Cattle
- Costa Rica – Pineapple
- Colombia – Coffee
- Paraguay – Soy, Cattle

Africa
- Coté d’Ivoire – Cocoa
- Ghana – Cocoa
- Ethiopia - Coffee

Asia
- Indonesia – Palm Oil
Roles of Private Sector

• Influence - Purchasing power = governments will listen

• Making sustainability a commercial issue.

• Expertise in productivity and supply chain – lead and design interventions

• Efficient, practical, sharp
  Good complement to other players

• Ensures all interventions are commercially viable and hence sustainable
GCP – NATIONAL COMMODITY PLATFORMS
BUILDING CONSENSUS ON A NATIONAL RESPONSE TO UNSUSTAINABLE COMMODITY PRODUCTION

- Costa Rica: Pineapple Fisheries
- Dominican Republic: Cocoa
- Ethiopia: Coffee
- Philippines: Fisheries
- Indonesia: Palm Fisheries
- Honduras: Livestock
- Paraguay: Soy & Livestock
- Ghana: Cocoa
- Peru: Palm & Coffee
- Ecuador: Fisheries
PROGRESS WITH PLATFORM

• National Action Plan officially endorsed in Costa Rica with backing at the highest levels as the President (in 2016)

• 10 - year National Action Plan agreed by the Dominican Republic - cocoa platform to be implemented under the leadership of the National Cocoa Commission

• Draft National Action Plan development under way in Indonesia through the National Platform for Sustainable Palm Oil
Comprehensive Approach in Indonesia

- National Platform for Sustainable Palm Oil and three Provincial Platforms
- Strengthen ISPO Certification
- Increase the quantity and quality of extension workers
- Ministry of Environment and Forestry – reform land allocation process (GEF)
- Facilitate land swaps from forest to degraded land
GEF Financed Commodities Programme
Taking Deforestation out of Commodity Supply Chains

Components

- Generate responsible demand
- Support to production
- Enable transactions
- Adaptive Management and Learning

GEF Financing - $45 million:
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