

# Template for DISCO action plans

Subsectors 'Certification organization', 'Civil society', 'Service providers & knowledge institutes', and 'Government'

## Instructions

To gather more quantitative insights in what individual signatories are contributing to the DISCO goals in the upcoming years and how the partnership is progressing jointly, the Steering Committee agreed that all signatories will develop and publish individual action plans. These action plans show how they are contributing to the DISCO goals in the upcoming 3 years (until end 2026), and:

- are based on the commitments from the [DISCO declaration](#);
- have a strong link with the indicators from the ISCO Reporting Framework;
- explain how the principles on procurement practices as laid down in the DISCO procurement practices position paper, are being implemented by DISCO signatories.

You are asked to fill below template and submit it by **30 June 2024 the latest** to the DISCO Secretariat: Mark de Waard, [dewaard@idhtrade.org](mailto:dewaard@idhtrade.org) and Lisa Graepel, [graepel@idhtrade.org](mailto:graepel@idhtrade.org).

After submission, all DISCO action plans will be published on the DISCO website. The DISCO Secretariat will analyse and summarise the action plans. The outcomes of this analysis will be shared and discussed during the annual General Assembly at the end of 2024.

For more guidance on defining the actions around the three impact themes, it is recommended to consult the DISCO Roadmaps on [living income](#), [deforestation and forest degradation](#), and [child labour](#). For more information on the quantitative targets, the definitions and usage of the indicators, please consult the [ISCO Reporting Framework](#).

All action plans will cover the period 2024-2026. The quantitative targets **track progress cumulatively until the end of 2026, including what's already been achieved**. Progressive targets with intermediate milestones could also be included. It is also requested to give a brief qualitative description. Where needed, references to a more comprehensive description of the strategy could be included.

## General information

AGRITERRA  
Habiba Nyarko Agyemang  
[agyemang@agriterra.org](mailto:agyemang@agriterra.org)

## Plans on DISCO ambitions to enable living incomes

### Contribution to closing living income gaps

Describe in max. 200 words what your organizations' plans are to contribute to the partnership's goals on closing living income gaps.

Agriterra works with cocoa cooperatives in Ivory Coast and Ghana under its core programs Farmer Focused Transformation and the Acting Now for Food Security and Nutrition (in Ghana). In both countries, the FFT program seeks to support 20 cocoa farmer cooperatives and 150,000 cocoa farmers towards improving their businesses, strengthening their position in their value chains and improving their socioeconomic development. The program focuses on establishing and developing farmer-led cooperative businesses and the provision of sustainable services to members, supporting access to finance through internal capitalization and savings, and advocating for a favorable and enabling environment for their businesses to thrive. Through value creation at cooperative level in Ivory Coast, (3) cooperatives through processing will impact on farmer organization revenue that will impact the farmers living income. Under the Acting Now program in Ghana, Agriterra seeks to improve food and nutrition security by promoting crop diversification among cocoa farmers to reduce dependence on a single crop and generate income during the cocoa lean season for farmers. The program targets 9 cocoa cooperatives and reaching approximately 10,000 cocoa farmers in value chains such as cassava, maize, rice, soya beans, and vegetables.

Substantiate this by setting a quantitative target on (one of) the following indicators:

- *Total # of publications (evaluations, analyses, studies, etc.) on effective approaches for living income gap closure in supply chains by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of partnerships/coalitions actively involved in around living income in cocoa producing countries by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of supply chain partners supported (technically, financially, or through pilots) in the implementation of living income strategies by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of policies around living income influenced by the end of 2026*

Within the strategy year, the following key milestones are expected:

- A. 29 cocoa cooperatives supported under both programs
- B. 160,000 cocoa farmers supported
- C. 2 core partnerships/coalitions established with relevant stakeholders
- D. 5ha of cooperative businesses diversified resulting in;
  - Establishment of 7 new enterprises to enhance agricultural productivity.
  - Increase productivity of adopted crops by 20%.
    - Support 833 direct jobs
- E. 2 partnerships established around living income

## Plans on DISCO ambitions to end deforestation and forest degradation

### Contribution to end deforestation and forest degradation

Describe in max. 200 words what your organizations' plans are to contribute to the partnership's goals on ending deforestation and forest degradation.

To contribute to ending deforestation, Agriterra's programs promote regenerative practices through our sustainable services and climate smart agriculture trajectories. Agriterra seeks to support cocoa cooperatives in leveraging digitalization to better organize their member data and activities as well as develop sustainable advisory service models through Farmer Service Centers (FSCs) to provide training, coaching, and peer-to-peer exchanges for the benefit of farmers and to promote the adoption of sustainable practices such as agroecology (environmentally friendly) practices with the aim of correcting the negative impacts of agrochemical use and improve land suitability and increased productivity and hence reduce cocoa farm expansion into forested areas. These Service Centers also provide nursery services to promote agroforestry practices. Practically, farmer cooperatives are trained in agroecology techniques such as composting to improve soil health and reduce reliance on chemical inputs. With these interventions,

Substantiate this by setting a quantitative target on (one of) the following indicators:

- *Total # of publications (evaluations, analyses, studies, etc.) on effective approaches for forest protection in supply chains by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of partnerships/coalitions actively involved in around forest protection in cocoa producing countries by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of supply chain partners supported (technically, financially, or through pilots) in the implementation of forest protection strategies by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of policies around forest protection influenced by the end of 2026*

2 partnerships established to support the creation of Farmer Service Centers  
 3 cooperatives supported to create FSCs  
 2 policies influenced on curbing illegal minning and tree tenure in cocoa farms  
 7,800 farmers to adopt climate-smart and sustainable agriculture practices

## Plans on DISCO ambitions to end child labour

### Contribution to end child labour

Describe in max. 200 words what your organizations' plans are to contribute to the partnership's goals on ending child labour.

Through digitalization and the FSC model, Agriterra seeks to support cocoa cooperatives in providing services to their members and well as set up monitoring systems to control child labour issues within their cooperatives.

Substantiate this by setting a quantitative target on (one of) the following indicators:

- *Total # of publications (evaluations, analyses, studies, etc.) on effective approaches for ending child labour in supply chains by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of partnerships/coalitions actively involved in around ending child labour in cocoa producing countries by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of supply chain partners supported (technically, financially, or through pilots) in the implementation of ending child labour strategies by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of policies around child labour influenced by the end of 2026*

- As a member of Cocoa Coalition platform convened by the Dutch Embassy in Ghana, Agriterra seeks to contribute to the cocoa strategy for the Emabssy in Ghana.
- Align with 2 private companies in developing child labour related programs to optimize their supply chains
- 3 FSCs and 2 youth labour gangs established