

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 and Lisa Graepel, 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

Equipoise
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Equipoise has a different role than other members of DISCO. Therefore Equipoise has a more generic approach towards the objectives of the DISCO declaration. Our strategy and vision towards sustainability are similar for all objectives and depend on actual assignments. Our main focus is agroforestry, EUDR compliance and traceability.

The difference means that Equipoise's objectives are more of a qualitative nature and can't be quantified like objectives of other signatories. We depend on assignments for projects. However, as consultants we can learn from other members of our group and from other members of DISCO in general and contribute to the learnings of the collaborative parties. In group we agree to better exchange information, learn from each other and collaborate where we can

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.

Equipoise consultancy projects focus on improved market access for sustainable cocoa. This has a secondary impact on living income. Market access contributes to cocoa producer revenue. Our training activities contribute to entrepreneurial qualities in general and to commercial capacities in particular. Living income as such is not a main focus of our activities, but a result of our efforts.

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*

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<...> of supply chain partners supported
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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.

Agroforestry is one of the core activities of the sustainability consultancy by Equipoise, with projects going on in Ghana and EUDR consultancy in West Africa and Latin America. Further activities depend on new assignments in the coming year.

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*

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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.

Child labour is not a main focus of Equipoise's consultancy activities, but part of our work on EUDR (as EUDR also covers conformity with national legislation and international treaties).

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*

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