

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

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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.

The International Cocoa Initiative's (ICI) primary focus is on addressing child labour and forced labour in the cocoa sector. Poverty is both a symptom and a root cause of child labour and forced labour and we support efforts to improve farmer incomes in several ways: through direct support to partners to **develop policies and programmes**; through **piloting innovative approaches** to help farming households reach a living income and through **research and advocacy** on this topic.

Based on a growing evidence base, ICI is increasingly aware of the **risks** related to many interventions intended to increase household incomes, which **can cause adverse impacts on child labour**. It is crucial that these risks are taken into account in the design and implementation of living income strategies, which is something ICI is continuing to advocate for.

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*

- One study on the impact of unconditional cash transfer programmes on cocoa-growing households.
- One study on cocoa household incomes
- Three supply chain partners supported with pilot initiatives relating to improving living income in cocoa producing countries including: gender-sensitive cash transfer pilot in Ghana; cash transfer and community service groups pilot in Cote d'Ivoire, and an endline study of a Household Income Accelerator programme
- Two supply chain partners supported to establish income accelerator initiatives.
- Four additional supply chain partners supported in the implementation of living income strategies by 2026.

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.

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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*

<...> of publications
<...> of partnerships/coalitions established
<...> of supply chain partners supported
<...> of policies influenced
<...> of xxx

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.

ICI's 2021 – 2026 strategy highlights our aim for a responsible cocoa supply-chain, working within a supportive enabling environment as part of an integrated and coordinated multi-stakeholder effort to address child labour in the cocoa sector.

By 2025, ICI aims to have significantly contributed to the achievement of SDG 8.7 and the advancement of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: To achieve this, ICI will measure progress against the following desired outcomes:

- In Côte d'Ivoire & Ghana, 100% of the cocoa supply-chain will be covered by child protection systems that effectively and sustainably prevent and remediate child labour.
- In Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana, 100% of the at-risk parts of the cocoa supply-chain will be covered by relevant human rights due diligence (HRDD) measures that effectively and sustainably prevent and remediate forced labour.
- Other parts of the West African cocoa supply-chain with significant risks of child labour or forced labour have improved coverage of such systems.
- Other parts of the global cocoa supply-chain, and other agricultural commodity sectors, learn from those systems and practices being upscaled in West Africa, and vice-versa.

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*

- Seven planned publications between now and 2026 on research into effective approaches to tackle child labour.
- Three partnerships strengthened between now and 2026 (including landscape approach initiatives and the Child Labour in Cocoa Coordination Group (CLCCG), in addition to continued engagement with the 5 sustainable cocoa platforms in Europe (ISCOs) as members and as co-leader of the ISCO Child Labour Working Group
- 35 supply chain partners supported in the implementation of strategies and initiatives to tackle child labour
- ICI will have contributed to five policies related to ending child labour including National Action Plans in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire, the Hazardous activity Framework in Cameroun, and the African Regional Standard 1000 (relating to child labour) implementation guides for Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.
- Through ICI's active participation in the Cocoa Coalition, ICI has also provided recommendations and input on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and the EU Forced Labour Regulation.
- ICI also supports the monitoring process in relation to child labour indicators across the ISCOs.