

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 DISCO declaration;
- have a strong link with the indicators from the ISCO monitoring framework;
- include elements on procurement practices from the DISCO position paper.

You are asked to fill below template and submit it by **31 May 2024 the latest** to the DISCO Secretariat: xxx xxx@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](#). The quantitative targets are based on the [ISCO Reporting Framework](#) and can be consulted for more information on definitions and the usage of the indicators.

All action plans will cover the period 2024-2026. The quantitative targets set are for the end of 2026. The number that will be described there will be a cumulative target and will cover the total number reached by 2026, including what has already been reached so far. It is allowed to also include progressive targets, with interim steps towards the end target.

General information

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It is important to note that KIT is to a large extent dependent on the acquisition of projects from the private sector, government and other NGOs. This makes it difficult to set quantitative targets on contributions. The information in this action plan therefore focuses on examples of past and current work on the three subjects, and that KIT plans to carry this work forward. All numbers on publications are estimates based on ongoing projects (e.g. from the KIT partnership with Nestlé) and assumed newly acquired work.

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.

KIT contributes through:

- Developing sector guidance, thematic guidelines and methodologies related to LI.
- Evaluate and/or co-develop projects from public/private sector on Living Income in cocoa
 - Current examples: Nestlé IAP
 - Partner with private sector to develop LI projects that meet donor requirements and procurement targets (e.g. Beyond Chocolate); design and implement interventions on LI based on evidence and insights from KIT projects;
 - Become knowledge & learning partner for private sector. Currently KIT works with Nestlé and Lindt on their sustainability programs in Ghana & Côte d'Ivoire, to be expanded with other private sector organisations with and without links to the Dutch market.
- Membership of LICoP (Board and Technical Advisory committee).
- Identify and address knowledge gaps: Current examples:
 - invisible/vulnerable farmers
 - Identification of farmer segments for targeted approaches
 - Link between LI and child labour
 - Impacts of innovative interventions (e.g. cash transfers, alternative pricing models)
- Development of LI benchmarks

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

- *Total # of publications on effective approaches for living income gap closure in supply chains by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of partnerships/coalitions established around living income in cocoa producing countries by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of supply chain partners supported in the implementation of living income strategies by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of policies around living income influenced by the end of 2026*

Publications (total):

- 3 publications on methodologies, tools etc.
 - Example: Cocoa Household Income Study (CHIS)
<https://www.kit.nl/institute/publication/cocoa-household-income-study-approach/>
- 5 publications on effective approaches, in the form of KIT working papers and briefs.
 - Example: A high price to pay for a living income?
<https://www.kit.nl/institute/news/a-high-price-to-pay-for-a-living-income/>
- 3 publications resulting from evaluation studies or from implementing programmes and projects as a partner to brands, manufacturers, traders, etc.), in the form of (summary) reports:
 - Example: Evaluation of the [Mobilising More for Climate \(MoMo4C\)](#) programme (2019-2024). The programme uses landscape approaches to identify nature based solutions and green business cases in six landscapes. Two of these are cocoa landscapes, in which the programme supported the development of business cases for the diversification of cocoa farmers (TRIDOM, Cameroon, and Juabeso-Bia & Sefwi Wiawso, Ghana). A future publication will focus on how low-income segments can be supported in developing non-cocoa business cases and alternative pathways towards a LI.

Partnerships/coalitions established: 0 (zero). KIT does not play the role of convener, but it may access funding and start programmes in which partnerships are formed around key LI topics (LI and child labour; LI in a landscape approach; etc.)

Supply chain partners supported: 5 (currently 2).

Policies influenced: 0 (zero). In the implementation of the EUDR and CSDDD, KIT will support its clients and partners around themes of smallholder inclusion and LIs.

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.

The topic of deforestation falls under KIT's focus areas of inclusive value chains, regenerative agriculture and landscape approaches. So far, KIT contributed to ending deforestation through the evaluation of ongoing programs and projects, and through conducting research on factors driving deforestation and interventions which can curb deforestation. Recent examples of these are:

- [Evaluation of the IDH ISLA Landscape](#)
- [Impact of Fairtrade certification on deforestation](#)
- [Evaluation of the Mobilizing More for Climate programme.](#)

KIT plans on continuing its current efforts by acquiring similar evaluation work as listed above. Additionally, we plan to contribute to sector efforts through publishing knowledge products, briefs, reports, etc.

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

- *Total # of publications on effective approaches for forest protection in supply chains by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of partnerships/coalitions established around forest protection in cocoa producing countries by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of supply chain partners supported in the implementation of forest protection strategies by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of policies around forest protection influenced by the end of 2026*

Publications (total): 3.

Partnerships/coalitions established: 0 (zero). KIT does not play the role of convener, but it may access funding and start programmes in which partnerships are formed around key topics related to deforestation (E.g., regenerative agriculture, landscape approaches, etc.). For example, together with IDH and Rainforest Alliance, KIT is planning to organize an event for sharing evidence of challenges and opportunities of landscape approaches (incl. on deforestation and forest protection outcomes).

Supply chain partners supported: 5 (currently 3). Through publications, research and advisory work (e.g., for Nestle or Fairtrade), KIT will support supply chain partners, service providers and other parties, in their forest-protection strategies.

Policies influenced: 0 (zero).

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.

KIT is currently increasingly its focus and work on child labour and has the ambition to further develop knowledge, products and services on this topic. For example, KIT is:

- Applying for the Social Sustainability Fund (SSF) of RVO in partnership with multiple private sector actors.
- Partnering with Nestlé and ICI to produce publications (e.g. on the [nexus of LI and CL](#)).
- Expanding its research scope on child labour beyond the cocoa sector with studies on fisheries and other sectors. Learnings from other sectors will likely be useful for the cocoa sector.
- Joining the ISCO working group on child labour in order to learn and share knowledge to contribute to ISCO goals.

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

- *Total # of publications on effective approaches for ending child labour in supply chains by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of partnerships/coalitions established around ending child labour in cocoa producing countries by the end of 2026*
- *Total # of supply chain partners supported 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*

Publications (total): 3.

For example, publication on child labour in fisheries

Partnerships/coalitions established: 1

- Partnership with ICI and Nestlé for Income Accelerator Program (IAP)
- Partnership through SSF (RVO) with private sector actors on addressing child labour in cocoa and other sectors

Supply chain partners supported: 5 (currently: Nestlé, Tony's, Beyond Beans, ICI)

Policies influenced: 0 (zero).