

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.

- We will continue to be instrumental in disseminating the DISCO position paper on procurement practices and advocating that companies incorporate the 3 core principles in their individual strategy to close the LI gap from the families they are sourcing from and integrate the LI gap measurement into their sustainability programs
- Support the roll-out of the joint statement on LI and procurement practices developed by the ISCOs secretariats and endorsed by all ISCOs during the WCC in Brussels. If and where feasible, improve the compromise with a set of unified and ambitious principles to place

responsible procurement practices on top of the living income agendas, and advocate for the implementation of the principles in DISCO

- Support initiatives and strategies (studies, calls for action, campaigns, etc.) that promote a fair distribution of value in the supply chain, better management of risks for cocoa producers and enable a living income for cocoa farmers as a key aspect of economic sustainability. We will do that, among others, in cooperation with the VOICE Network and through the publication of the upcoming Cocoa Barometer and related consultation papers.
- Disseminate findings of the 2024 cocoa Barometer to accelerate progress towards reducing the average living income gap of cocoa producers and adopting responsible purchasing practices. This includes advocating for the LIRP paid to all farmers by 2025
- Raise awareness among Dutch citizens about farmers' income, value distribution in the chain, the need to close the LI gap and payment of decent prices to farmers
- Through the CSOs in ISCOs platform, we'll support monitoring and reporting on the ISCO objectives, including on procurement practices, using a set of jointly defined KPIs to track progress and strengthen the accountability of all members
- Through Solidaridad regional offices in West Africa, we'll continue to engage with relevant stakeholders on the ground (government, private sector and civil society organisations) to implement a smart-mix of LI strategies to be able to close living income gaps, as defined in the Voice Consultative Paper, and ensure that most cocoa families reach a LI by 2030
- Support the implementation of the recently adopted CSDDD for its potential of providing benefits to smallholder farmers through human right protection, shared responsibilities and fair purchasing practices, and contribute to the development of sector guidance and thematic guidelines when developed by the European Commission.

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Building on the three principles of the DISCO Position Paper on Procurement Practices

Principle 1: Farmers are adequately remunerated so that sustainable cocoa farming can be profitable and enables them to earn a living income.

Principle 2: Farmers and farmer groups are reliably and promptly paid for the cocoa beans supplied.

Principle 3: Farmers and farmer groups have assurances from their off-takers in the form of longer

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*

Publications:

- *We published this year with FTAO, FT and Rainforest Alliance an [accompanying measures paper](#): Supporting the implementation of EU Corporate Global Procurement Sustainability Due Diligence Directive chains involving smallholders and their communities*
- *By December 2026, we plan to contribute to 2-3 publications, including the Cocoa Barometer and the consultative paper, and to publish one Solidaridad paper*

Partnerships:

- *In EU: We are members of the Voice network, actively participating in the Cocoa Coalition and the CSO-in-ISCOs platform.*
- *In origin countries: regional offices are active in the Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana civil society platforms (PICD and GCCP)*

Supply chain partners supported by Solidaridad

In West Africa, we work in partnership with :

- The industry on good agricultural practices and diversification to bridge the income gap (e.g. MDZ, Albrecht & Dill Trading)
- Service providers such as Trace Africa to assess production costs in our RS! Cocoa program
- Local CSOs (IDEF and Inades Formation) to advocate for farmers' incomes and other relevant issues

Policies around living income influenced

By the end of 2026, we will continue to advocate for a smallholder inclusive implementation of the EUDR and the inclusion of living income and living wage in the CSDDD.

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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.

- Support the smooth implementation of the EUDR: advocate with EU and Dutch policy makers for smallholder inclusive implementation of the EUDR to create a positive impact in origin countries, both for the environment and for farmers; support governments in origin countries and work closely with the EC to limit disengagement risks for the most vulnerable farmers
- Support origin country governments to align/improve their legal and institutional framework and unify the traceability systems, not only to comply with the EUDR, but also to create an enabling environment to preserve forests and strengthen the resilience of cocoa communities
- Through our regional offices in West Africa, we'll continue to advocate with policy makers in GH and CDI for improved on-farm tree ownership, land tenure, land access, and ownership security. This remains a major obstacle to farm resilience through Agroforestry and other forest restoration schemes
- We'll explore the opportunities of climate finance including carbon credits and payment for environmental services (PES) to improve farmers' income in origin countries (e.g. the newly launched [partnership](#) between Solidaridad and the World Bank in Ghana)

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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

Publications:

- Early this year, we contributed through the Voice Network to review the Fern paper on “Transformative traceability: How robust traceability systems can help implement the EUDR and fight the drivers of deforestation
- By December 2026, we plan to contribute to other publications and to have one Solidaridad publication

Partnerships:

- In EU: We are members of the Voice network, actively participating in the Cocoa Coalition and the CSO-in-ISCOs platform.
- In origin countries: regional offices are active in the Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana civil society platforms (PICD and GCCP)

Supply chain partners supported by Solidaridad

In West Africa, we work in partnership with :

- The industry on climate smart cocoa production and agroforestry (e.g. MDZ Cocoa Life)
- Local CSOs (IDEF and Inades Formation) on issues around the implementation of the EUDR

Policies around deforestation

By the end of 2026, we will continue to advocate for a smallholder inclusive implementation of the EUDR

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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.

- We will continue our lobbying and advocacy work with EU and Dutch policy makers for smallholder-inclusive legislation that creates a positive impact in origin countries and for farmers,
- In collaboration with representatives of the private sector, civil society organisations and other stakeholders, we'll contribute to the strategic direction of ICI's work on child labour in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire
- Engage with companies through various platforms and encourage them to improve, develop and invest in CLMRS in their supply chain, including the definition of more robust and accurate KPIs for ISCO companies

- Advocate a multi-dimensional approach to combating child labour, including recognition of the importance of cultural and socio-economic context in the root causes of child labour.

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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 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*

Publications:

- *By December 2026, we plan to publish one paper on child labour*

Partnerships:

- *Solidaridad Europe and Solidaridad West Africa sit on the ICI Board of Directors, where we have secured one of the seats reserved for CSOs on the ICI Governance Board*
- *Regional offices are members of the Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana civil society platforms (PICD and GCCP)*
- *The Cote D'Ivoire Office is part of Consortium with Inades Formation, IDEF, and FT West Africa on a 3-year EU funded project to build Coops advocacy skills on issues including child labour*

Supply chain partners supported by Solidaridad

- *Solidaridad Cote d'Ivoire Office will continue to support national police officers to enable them to better understand existing legislation on child labour, and carry out advocacy actions within the Ivorian Cocoa platform (PICD)*

Policies around child labour

By the end of 2026, we will continue to support the EU Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence legislation and the initiative for a Dutch human rights and environmental due diligence law.

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