



GHANA COCOA PLATFORM

10th December 2013.

Dear Stakeholder,

INVITATION TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF GHANA COCOA PLATFORM

Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD), in partnership with UNDP and other industry partners have initiated the Ghana Cocoa Platform (GCP), which is intended to facilitate dialogue among the multi-stakeholders and implore the stakeholders to support the national cocoa vision that will enable the industry become socially, economically and environmentally sustainable from a holistic perspective. It also seeks to identify the key issues required to transform the sector, develop a plan of action to achieve sustainable livelihoods for cocoa farmers and a thriving sector able to significantly contribute to the national GDP. The results of this initiative will serve the interests of all the actors in the cocoa supply chain both nationally and internationally since the collaborative action will ensure the availability of socially and environmentally responsible cocoa from Ghana.

The Platform which started operations in August 2013 was launched by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Hon. Ato Forson on 24th October 2013. Participants to the well-attended launch and inception workshop included management of COCOBOD and key stakeholders of the cocoa industry (processors, LBCs, farmers, researchers and public institutions). The launch was preceded by the inauguration of the Steering Committee on 22nd October by the outgoing Chief Executive of COCOBOD, Mr Tony Fofie.

Subsequently, the 1st Plenary Session and National Stakeholders Conference of the Ghana Cocoa Platform was held on 27 and 28 November 2013 at Alisa Hotel Accra in which about 200 cocoa industry stakeholders participated actively.

As part of the process to mobilise all stakeholders to be part of the Platform and effectively coordinate the Platform activities, a registration of membership has commenced.

We are, therefore, by this letter inviting your organisation to be members of the Ghana Cocoa Platform. You are required to submit to the Platform Management Unit the Following:

- **Letter of intent to be a member of the Platform**
- **Profile of your organisation: name; vision, mission, objectives and activities**
- **All projects coordinated/funded/supported by the organisation to improve cocoa sector sustainability for the past 10 years**
- **Upcoming projects of the organisation that are geared towards improving cocoa sustainability**
- **These information are to be sent to info@ghanacocoaplatform.org**

We would be grateful if your registration information can reach the Platform secretariat by end of January 2014. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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CC: The Chief Executive, Ghana Cocoa Platform and chairman of the Steering Committee