



Forum Nachhaltiger Kakao

German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa

4. World Cocoa Conference 2018

Conference Programm - Side Events - Stand





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Partnership Meeting

Sunday, 22 April 2018



More than 30 representatives from cocoa producing countries and the civil society exchanged their experiences and needs for sustainable cocoa with members of the **German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa (GISCO)** and of the **Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa**, who commonly hosted the event.



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Official Opening of the 4th World Cocoa Conference

Monday, 23 April 2018

Dr. Jean-Marc Anga, Executive Director of the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO), and the Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, **Julia Klöckner**, opened the 4th World Cocoa Conference. Klöckner addressed the self-imposed responsibility of the Federal Government to support initiatives for sustainable supply chains. “The German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa is a flagship project for sustainability”, she said, and further: “We need a clear regulation of what sustainable cocoa is. Certified cocoa must be free from child labour.” The President of the Association of the German Confectionery Industry (BDSI), **Stephan Nießner**, confirmed the engagement of the German industry. About 1,500 participants from 63 countries visited the World Cocoa Conference in Berlin.





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Participation of GISCO Members



GISCO and many of its members were invited to present and share their experience and approaches to a sustainable cocoa sector - over all 25 contributions. The discussion focussed on the four main topics: Sustainable Production, Industry, Consumption, Management. Among the speakers were Board Chair **Wolf Kropp-Büttner** and board members **Evelyn Bahn** (INKOTA) and **Dr. Torben Erbrath** (BDSI), who was presenter of the session Sustainable Consumption. Also, the students' initiative **Schokofair – Stop Child Labour!** made an impressive note of their concern.



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Evening Reception Co-hosted by GISCO and the Swiss Platform

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The common presence of the German Initiative and the Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa was a successful reinforcement for the visibility of both initiatives and for underlining common views on concerns and challenges. To the reception members and partners were invited by both board chairs to celebrate the Memorandum of Understanding signed last January. About 80 guests enjoyed the opportunity for networking.



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Meeting with Dr. Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Wednesday, 25 April 2018



Prior to her speech on the closing day **Dr. Maria Flachsbarth**, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, met members of GISCO board and Secretariat at the GISCO stand. She showed deep concern and engagement in sustainability issues: “We support smallholders to become entrepreneurs in the project PRO-PLANTEURS which is jointly implemented by the German government, the German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa and the Ivorian government.”





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On the Way to a More Sustainable Cocoa Sector: Exchange with Other Initiatives

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Aside the conference several exchanges took place to discuss options for fruitful cooperation on the way towards a more sustainable cocoa sector. GISCO members met **World Cocoa Foundation (WCF)** and its president **Richard Scobey**, representatives from other European Initiatives and Governments such as **Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa**, **Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)**, **Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH)**, Netherlands and from the Ivorian **Conseil du Café-Cacao (CCC)**.





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GISCO and Swiss Platform Co-hosting a Stand



Busy all the days, and meeting point for many of our guests and other participants, the GISCO stand and right next to it that of the Swiss Platform.



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Welcome and Hosting of Representatives of Cooperatives



Supported by the BMZ and BMEL representatives from cooperatives and cocoa farmers were invited to the conference, coming from **Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Nigeria** among others.





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Impressions from the Conference





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