



# TFA REGIONAL OVERVIEW WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

TFA Africa has the objective to partner for deforestation-free commitments in West & Central Africa. It does so by mobilizing, convening and engaging national and regional stakeholders (governments, private companies from oil palm, cocoa, rubber and timber supply chains, civil society, local communities and indigenous people) as well as facilitating and accelerating progress towards the implementation of TFA partnerships and joint actions. It is hosted at the Palladium office in Accra, Ghana and is strategically supported by an Africa Regional Committee made up of eight members from companies, NGOs and governments.

Specifically, TFA Africa supports the continued implementation of the Africa Palm Oil Initiative (APOI) and the Cocoa and Forests Initiative (CFI).

TFA supports these two initiatives by creating and reinforcing their interconnectivity through the engagement with the World Cocoa Foundation and IDH to create synergies between the palm oil and cocoa sectors.

Since 2018 TFA Africa is working towards advancing the jurisdictional approach by fostering collective action in Ghana, Cameroon and Cote D'Ivoire as well as engaging private sector companies in support of the implementation national REDD+ landscape programmes.

## COUNTRIES COVERED BY TFA AFRICA INITIATIVES

Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Nigeria

## OVERVIEW OF SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

- **African Palm Oil Initiative (APOI):** Implemented by Proforest, the APOI is the first signature initiative of TFA Africa. The countries involved are Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Gabon, Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Central Africa Republic. Currently, most of the countries have institutionalized their national platforms.
- **Cocoa and Forest Initiative (CFI):** The programme led by the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF), The Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) and The Prince of Wales Sustainability Unit (ISU) promotes sustainable sourcing of cocoa beans in Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana.
- **Jurisdictional Approach:** TFA Africa is working towards advancing the jurisdictional approach by fostering collective action in Ghana, Cameroon and Cote D'Ivoire.



## KEY PARTNERS ENGAGED AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- TFA partners involved in Africa:
  - » Proforest, World Cocoa Foundation, IDH, IUCN, Nestlé, Touton, Barry Callebaut, WWF, Olam, UNDP, Siat, Wilmar, Unilever, Socfin, Rainforest, SNV, Solidaridad, Tropenbos
- The TFA Africa Regional Committee members:
  - » Justin Adams  
Executive Director, Tropical Forest Alliance
  - » Kwesi Korboe  
Regional Director, Partnerships For Forests (P4F) Ghana
  - » Neil Scotland  
Senior Forestry Advisor, DFID UK
  - » Abraham Baffoe  
Africa Regional Director, Proforest UK
  - » Samuel Avaala  
General Manager, Wilmar International Development (BOPP) Ghana
  - » David Saah  
National REDD+ Project Coordinator, Liberia Forestry Development Authority
  - » Ludovic Miaro III  
Regional Palm Oil Program Coordinator, WWF Cameroon
  - » Hindou Ibrahim  
Coordinator, Association for Indigenous Women and People of Chad
  - » Joseph Itongwa  
General Secretary, REPALEAC Central Africa

**TFA AFRICA IS WORKING TOWARDS ADVANCING THE JURISDICTIONAL APPROACH IN GHANA, CAMEROON & COTE D'IVOIRE.**

## KEY EVENTS, MILESTONES AND ACTIVITIES

- Activities
  - » TFA Africa is working towards advancing the jurisdictional approach in Ghana, Cameroon and Cote D'Ivoire. There will be on-going engagements in the other countries.
  - » TFA Africa is in the process of hiring consultants for jurisdictional approach in Ghana, Cameroon and Cote D'Ivoire
  - » Have regular working meetings in Ghana, Cameroon and Cote D'Ivoire to engage governments, private sector and key stakeholders to advance the jurisdictional work
- Key Events
  - » Territorial (Jurisdictional) Dialogue Meeting in Ghana – January 2020
  - » Territorial (Jurisdictional) Dialogue Meeting in Cote D'Ivoire – February 2020
  - » Partner Roundtable in Democratic Republic of Congo – February 2020
  - » Partner Roundtable in Liberia – March 2020
  - » Partner Roundtable in Gabon – May 2020
  - » Territorial (Jurisdictional) Dialogue Meeting in Cameroon – June 2020