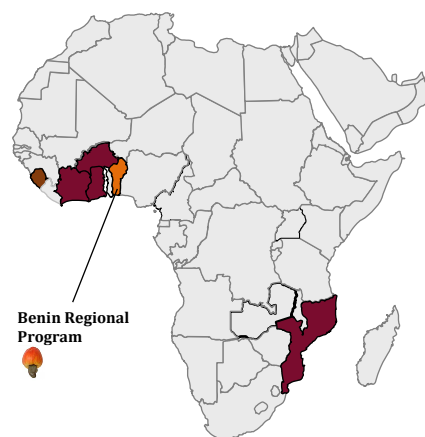




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Promoting Competitiveness of the Cashew Value Chain The Competitive Cashew initiative (ComCashew)

The Competitive Cashew initiative (ComCashew), formerly known as the African Cashew initiative (ACi) presents a new and innovative model of broad-based multi-stakeholder partnership in development cooperation. ComCashew is a private-public partnership project under the implementation of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, with funding for its third phase from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). In collaboration with private companies and public sector partners, significant impact has been made for over 512,000 farmers and about 40 processing companies. Since its inception in 2009, around 530,000 jobs have been created in the six project countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique and Sierra Leone – 75 percent in production, 20 percent in trade and 5 percent in processing. In all countries, income per farmer has increased to EUR 913 compared to EUR 360 in 2009. Cashew nuts from Benin are considered among the highest quality in West Africa. The cashew sector presents enormous social, ecological and economic potential for the country. Since cashew was introduced in the 1990s, it has emerged into Benin's second largest export product after cotton, already contributing to 25 % of the agricultural export earnings.



Actors overview

Number of cashew farmers	200,000 estimated
Number of Processors in country	8 processors
Cashew growing regions	Zou/Collines, Atacora/Donga, Borgou/Alibori, Plateaux
Matching Fund partners	FENAPAB, INRAB, Farmers associations URPA Atacora/Donga, Tolaro Global, SAS,
Policy and Regulation	Tax of 70 FCFA/kg on exported RCN; Trading License required
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MAEP), ATDA4
Regional Network	Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC), Research Network (REDAA, CORAF)
Donors and NGOs active in Cashew Sector	WB, USADF, USDA, OIT, AFD, Technoserve, CRS, DEDRAS,
Private Sector	FENAPAB, IFA (interprofession)

Facts and Figures

	2015	2016	2017	2018
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	120,000	71,722	110,000	131,479
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	28,000	28,000	28,000	35,000
National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons)	12,000	12,000	14,150	18,750
Productivity (kg/ha)	395	375	377	389
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	103,472	111,472	127,256	142,756
Cumulative Income of all farmers trained (Mio EUR)	84	91	98	110



Main Achievements



142,756 farmers received trainings in good agricultural practices.
91,660 jobs in production created
70 master trainers trained – 10 women



More than **8,700** farmers linked to local processors



Over **200,000** cashew grafts distributed
 Over **2,000** high performing trees identified
25 clonal gardens established
11 nursery operators and **72** grafters trained



Over **2,300** existing jobs in processing

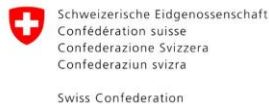
Ongoing Activities

ComCashew supports the development of a conducive business environment for all actors of the cashew value chain. Some activities currently ongoing in Benin include:

- Increasing competitiveness in organic cashew supply chain
- Development of nurseries for the production of grafted seedlings and establishment of new plantations
- Assessment of cashew tree provenances and selection of efficient clones and genotypes for improved yields
- Strengthening business linkages between factory GEBANA-Benin and famers' Union URCP in organic cashew
- 2019 Yield survey to assess productivity of cashew plantations

ComCashew at a Glance

Funding Partners:



Federal Department of Economic Affairs,
 Education and Research EAER
 State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO



Implementer:



Budget:

Total: more than € 139 million (€ 30.7 million from BMZ, €29.9 million co-financing and over 79 million in the cashew sector from public and private partners)

Partners:



Project Duration:

Phase 3: May 2016 to December 2020

Project Countries:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mozambique, Sierra Leone

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