PARTRICIPATE

SUMMARY OF READINESS TO

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

BENEFICIARIES / SUPPORTING

COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION:

APPLICANTS:

TRACEABILITY

(1) The Trinidad & Tobago Fine Cocoa Company Ltd was established as a public-private partnership with the aim of rehabilitating the cocoa sector. This is achieved through improving the quality and yield of bean production and developing value-added products for the local, regional and international markets.

(2) The CRC is an Academic Research Entity of the University of the West Indies. Its mission is to support productivity of the cocoa sector through management of genetic resources, research, innovation and outreach. It also serves to support public policy and decision making with respect to cocoa in the region aiming to develop an innovation-oriented research and development programme, capable of spawning competitive industries. CRC has research, innovation and outreach programs with various vertical markets of industry.

(3) Brasso Seco Group is a membership driven Non-Governmental Association developed to address agricultural issues and encourage members to engage in community development, primarily for Farmers and members to earn a sustainable livelihood through agriculture and yield of bean production and developing value-added products for the local, regional and international markets. Collectively they own 400 hives amongst the members but have great potential to scale up operations. They plan to scale up to collectively own at least 4000 hives and produce 16000 gallons of honey annually. This would have a market value of around $2.3 million USD which would be a significant boost to the local economy.

(1) TT Fine Cocoa works with cocoa farmer groups in Trinidad and has begun developing partnerships with other countries such as Montebello, Mexico. There are 42 grower regions in Trinidad that can be used as a case study with the aim of regional implementation together with the CRC in a bid to develop sustainable value-added products.

(2) The CRC has supported programmes locally and regionally to improve productivity, quality and value-addition. Through (BR)ADP project, farmer schools and quality management audits in six cocoa growing countries, the CRC has supported the establishment of cocoa material pipelines in Jamaica, Haiti and Dominica. The multi-stakeholder regional project with the EAS-ADP Science and Technology Fund established the International Fine Cocoa Innovation Centre (IFCIC) to support innovative production and postharvest practices, cocoa product value addition, apprenticeship training, and the introduction of new business models for cocoa farms and processors, to be supported by block chain technology.

(3) The Brasso Seco Group currently has 110 members out of which 35 are beekeepers. Trinidad’s local market has huge potential as there is a great demand for honey; the relatively small supply is what incentivizes its illegal importation from other countries.

TRADECIBILITY

CHALLENGE PRESENTED

(1) Fine Cocoa company
(2) Cocoa Research Center (CRC) at UWI
(3) Brasso Seco Morne la Croix Farmers Association (honey)

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