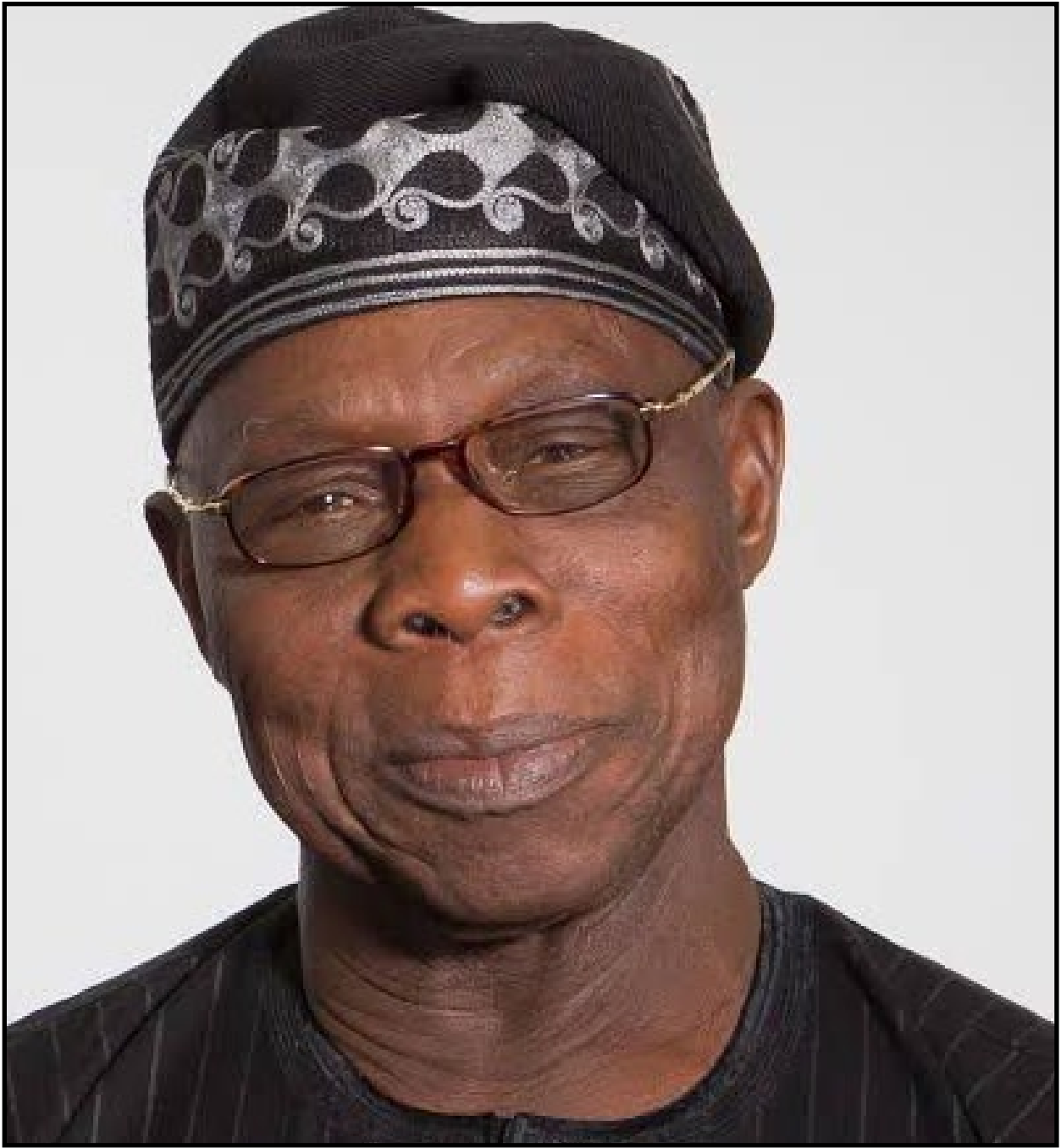


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HERMAN UIT DE BOSCH

Herman uit de Bosch is the founder and director of FairMatch Support, an organization that specializes in developing sustainable supply chains (www.fairmatchsupport.nl). As FMS they run the secretariat of the Sustainable Nut Initiative (SNI) a branch organization of the nut sector to promote sustainability in the nut sector (www.sustainablenutinitiative.com). Herman has been involved in cashew since 1997.



ISSA KONATE

Issa Konate is heading cashew trading operations at Olam Ivoire with more than 13 years of experience in the industry. He has strong experience in sustainable sourcing of raw cashew nuts, shipping and cashew processing operations. Previously Konate worked in the shipping and manufacturing industry.



GONCALO CORREIA

Gonçalo started his Cashew career in Technoserve and is now with Condor, the leading cashew nut processing company in Mozambique. He is a second-generation processor and currently dedicates most of his time to CondorAnacardium, the newest factory of the group, as General Manager.

He lives in Maputo, Mozambique and he is also the Vice-President of AICAJU, the Mozambican Industry Association.



JIM FITZPATRICK

Jim Fitzpatrick is an award-winning consultant, business coach and cashew specialist. His experience and knowledge have been gained over 30 years in the food ingredient sector operating as a major importer of a range of food products and managing sourcing operations for natural ingredients, oilseeds, grains, edible nuts, edible seeds, spices and dried fruits around the globe. He is known for his ability to forecast the market and see its challenges from a fresh perspective.

In recent years, he has provided advisory, consultancy, and training on the food industry and value chain management in more than 30 countries to a broad range of public and private clients including World Bank, International Finance Corporation, UNIDO, ITC International Trade Centre, Competitive Cashew Initiative, Conseil du Coton et de l'Anacarde, CNFA Pro Cashew and ACA.



NICO BROERSE

Nico Broerse is the Board Chairperson of SNI. Nico has over 30 years of experience in agriculture, food supply chains and sustainability. He comes from a horticultural family in the Northwest part of Holland. As a child, he worked in the fields with his father: growing potatoes, onions, cauliflowers and tulips. After working for IBM and founding a retail company, he founded Natudis BV, an organic food company and wholesaler.

Currently, he is the Managing Director of AgriPlace, a Global Compliance Platform. AgriPlace helps farmers to become certified and traders, retailers, and food companies to manage and monitor all compliance documents and data in their supply chain. In Nico's words: "Our mission is to help create socially just and sustainable food supply chains."



SALMA SEETAROO

Salma Seetaroo is the Chief Executive Officer of Cashew Coast, a 9,000 mt cashew processing facility located in Azaguie, Cote d'Ivoire. She is also a board member of Great Quest Fertilizer, a listed company that is the majority shareholder of the processing plant. A former investment banker and lawyer, Salma combines restructuring, M&A and debt-raising skills with hands-on execution on the African continent and private and public company expertise. She has previously spent 15 years working in mining, telecoms and energy in Africa. She is also currently a non-executive director on the TSX-V and a member of the Cass Global Advisory Board of Cass Business School. Salma holds a Business law degree from the University of Toulouse and an executive MBA from Cass Business School, London.



ERNEST MINTAH

Ernest Mintah is the Managing Director of the African Cashew Alliance. He holds postgraduate qualifications in Agricultural Economics and Organization Development. He has worked with several banks and in development cooperation, where he served on various supply chain interventions with SNV-Netherlands Development Organization and the German International Cooperation (GIZ). At GIZ, he was Director-Business Linkages of the Competitive Cashew Initiative (ComCashew) from September 2010 until June 2017, when he moved to ACA. Mr Mintah is bilingual in English and French and has working experience in many countries in West and East Africa.



KAMALDEEN RAJI

Kamaldeen Raji is the Managing Director of AFEX Fairtrade and has garnered over 10 years of professional experience in providing agro services in operations management, strategic sales and execution, and agriculture to our clients in a variety of industries markets and the commodities ecosystem. In his role, he is responsible for striking the balance between production, sourcing, and demand whilst maintaining a top-notch class in quality as warehouse operations are concerned in Nigeria.

Kamaldeen is the numbers guy at AFEX. He is an executioner and a go-getter who has led many of the company's significant sales milestones over the course of his career, including the aggregation of over 180,000 metric tons of commodities to enable AFEX to break even for the year 2020 despite the shocks of the COVID-19 pandemic.



ALFRED FRANCIS

Alfred is the Director General of the Cashew Board of Tanzania (CBT) under the Ministry of Agriculture. He has a PGD in Project Management; Master's in international business; and B.Sc. Agriculture General.

Over the years, he has acquired vast experience in the management of both Private and Government institutions having worked with the National Development Corporation for five (5) years as the Director of value Addition Industries. Also worked with Tea Board of Tanzania as Principal Planning and Promotion Officer for (5) years, FINCA International (Microfinance Institution) and Ministry of Education. In April 2019 he was appointed as Director General of Cashew Board of Tanzania. Francis' vision has been to transform the cashew industry into reliable and sustainable income among farmers depending on cashew for their livelihood and to increase the contribution of cashew crop in the national economy.

Francis has a wide experience of over 20 years having worked in managerial positions in various Private and Government institutions in the fields of Education, Project financing, Agriculture and Project management.



RITA WEIDINGER

Rita Weidinger is the Programme Leader of the Market Oriented Value Chains for Jobs & Growth in the ECOWAS Region (GIZ/MOVE) project, merging ComCashew and a regional rice initiative (CARI). Rita is an organizational development advisor and an agricultural socio-economist. She has been working in Africa with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GIZ (GmbH) for over 25 years.

Her focus and passion are in the private sector-led agricultural and rural development and gender-related issues. She is a visionary leader and practitioner of pre-competitive private-public alliances and (youth) employment in agriculture and rural development



WILLIAM QUAITTOO

Hon. William Agyapong Quaitoo, born in Akim Gyadam is a Ghanaian politician. He attended the University of Cape Coast where he graduated with a BSC (HONS) in Chemistry and a Diploma in Education. He also has an MBA from the University of Ghana. Hon. William Quaitoo is a scientist, a Marketing consultant, a former member of parliament for Birim Central and a former Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture in charge of perennial crops. Hon. Quaitoo is currently serving as the Acting CEO of the Tree Crop Development Authority.



ANDRE TANDJEKPON

André Mahoutin TANDJIEKPON is the Executive Secretary of the Cashew International Consultative Council since December 2019. He is an accomplished Expert, author, or co-author of more than thirty publications on cashew value chains. André holds a Diploma of Advanced Studies in Environment & Sustainable Development and is a Gestalt Practitioner in Organizational and Institutional Development. He is very familiar with the languages of public, private and civil society actors, with extensive experience in international governance of the cashew sector and in facilitating stakeholder dialogues.



DR ADAMA COULIBALY

Adama COULIBALY has a PhD in veterinary medicine from the prestigious University of Louvain-La-Neuve in the Kingdom of Belgium, he joined the Veterinary Inspectorate on 20 January 1986. Thus begins 36 years of careers devoted to the management of veterinary medicine, (June 2011 to December 2012), then to the coordination of the ministerial cabinet as head of the cabinet of the Ministry of State Ministry of Employment of Social Affairs and Vocational Training.

An activist devoted to agricultural and rural training, Dr Adama COULIBALY held various positions in national frameworks (SODEPRA, ANADER, Center for Rural Professions) and internationally as President of the International Network of Agricultural and Rural Training (FAR) as a volunteer title.

In June 2014, he was appointed Deputy Managing Director in charge of the Cotton sector at the Cotton and Cashew Council. On 2 August 2017, the Head of State, Alassane OUATTARA renewed his confidence by confirming him to the post of Director-General of the Cotton Council and the Cashew. Dr Adama COULIBALY has two national distinctions as an Officer of the National Order and Commander of Agricultural Merit



HERMANN ABIHONA

Hermann ABIHONA is an agricultural engineer by training. He graduated from the Faculty of Agronomic Sciences of the University of Abomey-Calavi. He is the General Manager of H-POWER GROUP, an investment and business development company in several fields, notably agribusiness, transport, digital technology, energy, etc. With his company, he has notably contributed to the strengthening of supply chains for tropical products (Cashew, Soya, Shea); advised agricultural producers on smart practices to increase yields, etc. He has a good knowledge of the distribution networks of agricultural products for export and has a good experience in business management and knowledge of sectoral policies, especially in the primary and tertiary sectors. With his years of experience in cashew exports, he has held the position of Secretary General of the National Council of Cashew Exporters of Benin (CoNEC-BENIN) before becoming Vice President of the same association. Since November 2021, he has taken the presidency of the Interprofession of the Cashew Industry of Benin (IFA-BENIN). It should also be recalled that he is an expert in strategy and Business Management and Master Trainer on Cashew Value Chains in Africa.



DEBAJYOTI BHATTACHARYA

Debajyoti Bhattacharyya is the Vice President, of commercials at AFEX, a seasoned Delta-One & Physical Commodities trader with expertise in trading softs, agriculture, and bulk Agro commodities, including Cocoa, Cotton, and Edible Nuts.

He has worked across 4 continents developing markets in the commodity space, with a speciality in taking African business units closer to destination markets. Well-versed in Global Agro-commodity market movements, he writes and teaches commodity market movements, with a laser focus on food security for the growing nations.

Throughout his career, he has delivered consistent revenue and market growth, and has successfully launched, expanded, and managed operations at the country level. Peer. His ability to develop and execute strategic plans, as well as provide hands-on guidance and leadership throughout procurement and sourcing operations. His successes can be seen during his time as Country Head (Ivory Coast & Ghana) for Valency International, where he holds complete accountability for strategy, P&L performance, group futures, and options positions.



JASVEER SINGH

Jasveer Singh is the Head of West Africa operations (ECOWAS region) at 'ARISE' – Africa focused company credited with the development of successful Industrial zones in Gabon, Benin, and Togo. Backed by Africa Finance Corporation, ARISE is further developing industrial zones in Rwanda, Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Chad, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, and Senegal to promote local processing of agro commodities and other natural resources.

Singh is a development expert specializing in making strategies for economic diversification and creating jobs through industrialization. He has deep knowledge of the development of large-scale 'Industrial Ecosystems' to promote local transformation. He strongly believes in incorporating Circularity and Sustainability principles in the development strategy and making them the USP of the "Processed in Africa" products.



JUBRIL WALE

Jubril Wale Olawunmi is the Pioneer Producer of cashew spirit called Jubi Spirit. He is the Chairman of the Farmers Association, Ilero, Oyo State, Nigeria. He has a bachelor's degree in political science. He resides both in Nigeria and Austria.



EVELYN IFEYINWA OBIDIKE

Evelyn is currently the Director, Product Development Department of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC). A Cochran Fellow and an ex-British Chevening scholar. She holds over 2 decades of in-depth knowledge and extensive experience in managing developmental projects with strategic partners. Her commitment and dexterity in providing advisory, mentoring, and hands-on training to SME start-ups and women exporters has recorded great success in accessing certified niche markets in more than 30 countries. She is also the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) Network.



MASSOGBE TOURE DIABATE

A renowned Ivorian entrepreneur, Mrs. TOURE MASSOGBE is the President and General Manager of the SITA Group (SOCIETE IVOIRIENNE DE TRAITEMENT D'ANACARDE), with more than 30 years of experience in the field of cashew nuts which she produces, processes and exports.



First woman industrialist in Côte d'Ivoire, Mrs. TOURE holds a University Degree in Marketing and Commercial Management and is the Country Director of ABR (AFRICAN BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE).

She is also a member of several Boards of Directors including the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cote d'Ivoire where she is the Vice President and CEDAICI (Caisse d'Epargne pour le Développement Agricole et Industriel de la Cote d'Ivoire) where she is the President of the Board of Directors since its creation.

Mrs. TOURE MASSOGBE has been successively honoured with several national and international honors including the Best Woman Entrepreneur Award, Knight of the French Order of Merit, Commander of the Ivorian Order of Merit, and Knight of the National Merit.

DR (MRS) NDUKA BEATRICE A.

Dr (Mrs) Nduka Beatrice A. is a Crop Science Physiologist, Principal Research Scientist under Cashew program at Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN). I have been working with CRIN for over 10years. My Passion and focus are on training of farmers on good agronomy practices on cashew production across different cashew producing State in Nigeria, writing of research articles, reports, proposals in core areas in CRIN mandate crops and responsibilities. As a visionary teaching and research is my little ways of promoting rural development in the community.



ANIL SHUKLA

Anil Shukla is the business head of valency cashew processing and looking for a factory manager role as well.

Before being Business head/Factory manager in Valency in 2020, he was looking for operations in Nestle Pvt Ltd in India and was responsible for all the company production operations for the chocolate manufacturing plant. He completed several cost-saving, waste reduction and efficiency improvement projects and is a green belt holder in six sigma tools and processes.

In Valency, He initiated projects for efficiency improvements, Peelability improvement etc.



ED MALVIN NII SMITH

Ed-Malvin Nii Ayi Botey Smith is the Chief Executive Officer of Winker Investments Limited, a Management Accountant by profession and the President of the Association of Cashew Processors, Ghana (ACPG). He is also a Board Member of Ghana's Tree Crop Development Authority representing cashew processors. He has 15 years of experience in both primary and secondary cashew processing. Winker cashew snacks is one of the dominant and most locally consumed in Ghana and attracting foreign kernel buyers.



DR. DADILI MAJUNE

Mr. Dadili Japhet Majune holds a diploma in General Agriculture awarded in 2010 at MATI-Mtwara Tanzania and a degree of Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture awarded in 2015 at Sokoine University of Agriculture-Morogoro Tanzania. In 2019 was awarded a master's degree in Life Sciences (Sustainable Agriculture) at the Nelson Mandela the African Institute of Science and Technology Arusha, Tanzania.

Mr. Majune is a Research Officer, Cashew Breeder and Head of the Cashew Breeding section at TARI-Naliendele with over 15 years of experience in the cashew industry. He is an author or co-author of more than 10 publications in national and international journals. He is an international consultant in the cashew value chain and he has done some consultancies in Africa.



CREPIN AROUNA

Crépin AROUNA holds a master's degree in Economics of Transport and Logistics and a master's degree in Business Administration option marketing communication and strategy. He has been, among other things, in charge of promotion at Philip Morris, in charge of sales and distribution at MTN and since 2017, an agricultural entrepreneur, particularly in the development of cashew apples. He is the manager of the company 2LB.



VALENTIN ATCHAOUÉ

Experienced Cashew professional, Valentin Sènou ATCHAOUÉ brings in 13 years of practical experience in the value chain across west Africa. He held different positions in organizations both in the Private sector as well as Nonprofits. He is currently the Regional Business Manager for Prosper Cashew, a USDA-funded project focusing on propelling Cashew processing and implemented by Technoserve in Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Ghana.



TRAORE MYRIAM

TRAORE Myriam Mazella, holds a PhD in Development Economics from the Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké. She is a member of the Laboratory of Analysis and Modeling of Economic Policies (LAMPE) and of the Research and Development Network on Cashew in Africa (REDAA). She is ambitious, dynamic and reserved. Her field of study is cashew nuts, which was the focus of her Master II and her thesis entitled "Essays on cashew nut production and the living conditions of rural households in Côte d'Ivoire". For this, she did an internship at the Conseil du Coton et de l'Anacarde.



DANIEL GEMANA

Daniel Gemana was born in the present Taraba State of Nigeria. He obtained his first degree in Agriculture with an emphasis in Agricultural Economics and Farm Management from The University of Ilorin, Nigeria in 1987 and a master's in business administration (MBA) from the Federal University of Technology, Yola, Nigeria in 2006. In 2017, he completed a graduate course in General Management Principles (GMP) from Harvard Business School, Boston, the U.S.A. in addition to several management courses within and outside Nigeria.

Daniel started his career as an Agric officer with Gesedado Farms, Yola in 1988, moved to Globe Agro Ventures, Lau, from 1989 to 1992, then Farm Manager, Birma Agric from 1992 to 1994 when he moved to Afcott PLC as Agric. Extension Services Manager, rising through the ranks to 2007 when he resigned as the first indigenous Agric Coordinator of the company. He founded Vertex Agro Ltd in 2007, commencing its operations in 2008 with the importation and sales of agrochemicals, till 2015 when the company established a modest sesame seed cleaning plant and its cashew processing plant in 2019. He is currently the President of the Cashew Processors & Packagers Association of Nigeria (CAPPAN)



PROF. HUBERT ADOUKONOU-SAGBADJA

Hubert Adoukonou-Sagbadja, is a Professor of Genetics and Plant Breeding, working at the Department of Genetics and Biotechnology (DGB), Faculty of Sciences and Techniques (FAST), University of Abomey-Calavi (UAC), where he is actually a lecturer.

He is currently a full-time lecturer at the Faculty of Sciences and Techniques (FAST/UAC) teaching diverse courses including general genetics, population and evolutionary genetics, quantitative genetics and Plant Breeding. After heading the Department of Genetics and Biotechnology from 2016 to 2020, he is currently acting as Director of the Laboratory of Genetic Resources and Molecular Breeding (LaREGAME) and Coordinator of three specialized training courses in Genetics, Biotechnology and Biological Resources at bachelor, master and doctoral levels at the Faculty. In 2019, he became President of the Beninese Association of Genetics and since 2020 is leading the Sectorial Scientific Committee of Natural Sciences of the University of Abomey-Calavi.



JOEY LIAO

Joey Liao is the Regional Sales Director of MEYER, a sorting machine company in China where he oversees Africa. After several years of work, he has accumulated a lot of experience and insights into cashew processing machinery.



SRIVASTAVA GANAPATHY

Srivatsava Ganapathy (Vatsa) is the CEO and Director of Eventell Global Advisory Services Private Limited. Eventell owns the brands cashewinformation.com and cashewconference.com and is one of the promoters of social initiative, cashewomen.com The company supports the industry transformation process by providing unbiased market insights, facilitating networking and knowledge sharing and focussing on holistic development.



DR. PAUL ADU-GYAMFI

Dr. Paul Adu-Gyamfi is a Cashew Plant Breeder with a strong passion to develop new cashew varieties with improved adaption to hostile environments. He holds a PhD in Agriculture (Breeding and Genetics) from the University of Sydney Australia and currently works with the Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG) as a Research Scientist.



MAMADOU NDIAYE

Mamadou is an Agronomy Engineer with 15 years of experience in development, and has worked for several institutions such as:

TROPICA SEM (Leader in the research and production of quality vegetable seeds for tropical areas) as quality vegetable seeds for the tropics as Assistant Nursery Breeder for Pre-basic and Basic seeds.

PRODIAG (Programme de Développement et d'Investissement Agricole au Gabon) financed by the French Development Agency (AFD) as Head of the Agricultural Sector of the Southern Zone of Gabon, Shelter For Life International as Agriculture Project Manager for the LIFFT Cashew Project in Senegal, the Gambia and Guinea Bissau.



DR ALFRED ARTHUR

Dr Arthur is a Senior Research Scientist and the Acting Head, Soil Science Division at Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG). He holds a PhD in Soil Science and a BSc in Agricultural Science. His area of expertise are Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition and Soil Chemistry. His research interest focuses on the use of organic and inorganic fertilizers for soil fertility improvement to boost the production of cocoa, coffee and cashew. He has been at the forefront of generating and disseminating Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM), Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for more efficient land use by cocoa, coffee and cashew farmers, as well as the production of communication and knowledge-sharing materials. He also leads the screening of new fertilizer formulations to determine their suitability or otherwise for use on cocoa. Through this, several fertilizers have been recommended to farmers to boost the growth and yield of their cocoa.



DR. MARIAM OUATTARA

Since January 2018, Dr. Ouattara has been Director of Cotton and Cashewnut production at the Conseil du Coton et de l'Anacarde (CCA). In her previous position at CCA, she was the Technical Director of cashew nuts in charge of agricultural productions, training and supervision of all producers, research, stakeholder organization and management of certain development projects on behalf of the cashew nut sector. Dr. Ouattara has a PhD in Economics, specializing in local development from the Université Pierre Mendès France.



PROF. MAURICETTE N'GORAN

Prof Mauricette is a CAMES Professor in Entomology / with a speciality in crop protection and defence at the Laboratory of Natural Environments and Biodiversity Conservation at the University of Félix Houphouët-Boigny. She is also an Associate researcher and Head of short courses at the African Center of Excellence in Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture (CEA-CCBAD). Prof Mauricette has about 20 years of experience as a teacher-researcher and 14 years of experience as a consultant in entomology, development, coordination and monitoring-evaluation of projects on diseases and pests of different crops for national and international institutions (FIRCA, CORAF.). Starting July 2018, she has been the Vice President of the Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) of the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD), in charge of Knowledge Management and Transfer. She was elected Secretary General of the Association of African Entomologists (AAIS) in March 2022. Prof. OUALI is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Association of Women Researchers of Côte d'Ivoire (AFEMC-CI). She participates in the elaboration and implementation of several research-development and training projects in the agricultural world including the National Cashew Research Program (PNRA) in Côte d'Ivoire where she is the head of the Entomology Pool. She is a Master Trainer for the cashew value chain actors/ Master Training Programme, Edition 5 and Resource Person at MTP since June 2019. Prof. OUALI N'GORAN does research on Integrated Crop Pest Management, Biosafety and Climate Change, Edible Insects and Food Security. She has to her credit about fifty (50) published articles.



DR. SORO SIBIRINA

Dr. SORO Sibirina is a lecturer in Biology and Plant Protection at the University Jean Lorougnon Guédé (UJLoG) of Daloa in Côte d'Ivoire. He is a specialist in plant pathology. He has conducted two projects on the establishment of the cashew health map in Côte d'Ivoire with iCA/GIZ and the Conseil du Coton et de l'Anacarde and the second, with ComCashew/GIZ and the Conseil du Coton et de l'Anacarde for the cashew health map in West Africa. He is the Coordinator of the "Cashew Crop Protection in Côte d'Ivoire" team of the National Cashew Research Program (PNRA) supervised by the CCA. He is the current Executive Coordinator of REDAA (Réseau de Recherche Développement sur l'Anacarde en Afrique).



BANJO ADEGBOHUNGBE

Banjo Adegbohungebe is the Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of Coronation Merchant Bank. He has over 29 years of banking experience across various aspects of banking. Under his watch, Coronation Merchant Bank became the first and only merchant bank in Nigeria to have an international risk rating of B- with a stable outlook from Fitch Ratings. Banjo holds an MBA in Business Administration from the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) at Lausanne, Switzerland and a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria. Banjo is widely travelled and has gained significant exposure from training at some of the world's leading institutions such as IMD, McKinsey and INSEAD.



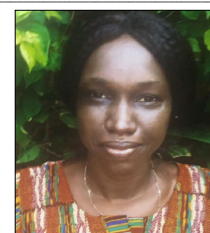
DR SOLOMON AGYARE

Dr. Solomon Agyare is a Research Scientist at the Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG). The focus of his research includes studying the epidemiology of leaf and nut blight disease, and other unusual cashew diseases. He holds a doctorate in Plant Pathology and Epidemiology from Cranfield University, UK, an MSc. Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology from the University of Wolverhampton, UK, and a BSc. Botany (Hons) degree from the University of Ghana, Legon.



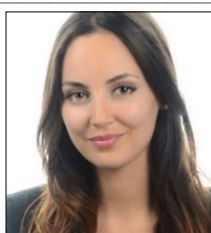
DIALLO KADIDIA

DIALLO KADIDIA is the manager and owner of ANASAM BURKINA, a company which specializes in the processing and marketing of cashew nuts and cashew processing consultancy. She has more than 20 years of experience in cashew processing. She is a Cashew Master Trainer and a graduate in capacity building for cashew processing units in West Africa. Kadidia regularly deals with issues of improving productivity, profitability and quality.



SARAH EL OUADILI

Sarah joined TechnoServe as the Capital Investment Lead and has more than ten years of experience in investment banking, focused on financing expansion activities of large-scale agribusinesses. Prior to TechnoServe, she worked for the African Development Bank in Abidjan for three years, where she contributed to the growth of the bank's client pipeline of large impact-oriented agribusinesses and developed collaborative cross-departmental initiatives to improve SMEs access to finance. Sarah also worked for eight years as a Relationship Manager at Rabobank International Paris branch where she was responsible for arranging and negotiating senior syndicated loans ranging from EUR 300m-1b together with European financial institutions and some equity-linked instruments. As a volunteer member of Rabobank Development in Africa, she originated farmer linkage programs in Ethiopia and Cote d'Ivoire with private agri-processors for inclusive value chain development. Sarah has also worked for the public sector with La Banque de France as a Commissioner and for Dexia New York as a Credit Analyst. She holds a Master of Finance from ISC Paris Business School and a bachelor's in economics from Paris-Sorbonne University. In her new role, Sarah leads the project's investment strategy and serves as the primary technical liaison with the fund manager of the Cashew Catalyst Fund.



THIERRY KOFFI

Thierry Koffi is the West Africa Manager at Initiative for Smallholder Farmers and has a passion for creating impact through financing solutions to the agribusiness world. Thierry has experience both in Commercial Banks, Investment funds and Advisory firms dedicated to agribusiness financing. Based in Abidjan, Thierry manages a regional project for ISF (PROSPER CASHEW) focused on mobilizing financing for cashew processors. This includes unlocking capital flow in the cashew sector in the project's target countries (Ivory Coast, Ghana and Nigeria) and conducting in-depth due diligence on potential investees to validate their financial needs and assess their investment readiness. He previously worked as Portfolio Manager for Francophone West Africa at Root Capital and for commercial banks including NSIA BANK, UBA and ECOBANK. Thierry holds a master's in management from SKEMA Business School in France and a BA in Finance from University of Abidjan



AKINNI RAOUL AKANRO

Raoul has a Master's degree in Industrial Economics. Currently, he is a PhD student in the first year of his thesis in Economics at the University of Abomey Calavi (Benin). He is a Research Assistant at the Laboratory of Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development of the Beninese Centre for Scientific Research and Innovation (LADYPOD/CBRSI). His research focuses on the Cashew nut industry, agricultural value chain, welfare, and sustainable development. He is an author and co-author of six (06) scientific articles, two of which are on the cashew nut sector.



DR. IYABODE KEHINDE YISA

Iyabode Kehinde Yisa is very passionate about turning African agricultural waste into wealth. Her research has included the use of cocoa waste in broiler production and chemical treatment of cowpea husk to enhance digestibility in ruminants. She presently collaborates with Centro da Promoção e Desenvolvimento da Avicultura (CEDAVES)/Asas do Socorro in Guinea-Bissau on the utilisation of dry cashew apple pulp in meat and egg production in commercial poultry. She has a PhD in Agricultural Biochemistry and Nutrition from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



SIMPLICE CHIBO

Simplice Chigbo is currently the Agriculture Investment Officer at Oikocredit. He is a graduate of Business Management and has a banking background successively working for Société Générale (SG) and Citibank Abidjan, then Root capital. Simplicie holds a 10-years of experience in cashew financing, pioneering impact lending in the Benin cashew sector. Today with Oikocredit, Simplicie is supporting the cashew industry in Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, and Burkina Faso in both the financing of cashew processing companies with performing SMEs and the raw cashew nut trading with well-organized farmers' cooperatives.



MOHAMED SALIFOU

Co-Leader of Production Component for the GIZ/MOVE, a regional project implemented in the ECOWAS Region, Mohamed Salifou Issaka has worked with local NGOs in Benin before joining GIZ in 2009. He has also worked with the African Cashew Alliance (ACA) between 2014 and 2015 as the Regional Expert to support the implementation of the USAID-TIME Project in Benin, Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria.

Mohamed is a cashew value chain expert with more than 12-year experience in the design, planning and implementation of cashew development projects. He is experienced in cashew training material development extension and farmer training as well as agricultural research. He is also a key player in setting up and managing the south-south cooperation framework and follow-up activities in the cashew sector.



JOY HEITLINGER

Joy Heitlinger works as a production advisor for GIZ in Ghana. In her work, she seeks to support climate-resilient practices and agroforestry among farmers in West Africa, especially in the cashew sector.

She works for the Project Market Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE) and Resilience Against Climate Change.



DIDIER TAGO

Didier is an Investment Manager at Injaro. He has recently been appointed Portfolio Manager for Direct Investments of the Agri-Business Capital Fund (ABC Fund) in Sub-Saharan Africa. Before taking the lead of the SMEs Portfolio, Didier served on the Risk Committees of the ABC Fund for investments in both SMEs and Financial Institutions.

Didier has over 7 years of experience in impact investing, focusing on investments in the agricultural SME space. He has been instrumental in building Injaro's track record in equity and debt investments, including leading deal sourcing, negotiating transactions, investment monitoring and exits.

Prior to joining Injaro, he worked for PwC Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa as Financial Auditor, where he was involved in audit engagements in various industries, including Agribusiness, Microfinance, Commercial Banking and Telecom.



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SETH OSEI-AKOTO

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He has worked as a trainer, key player in research-extension activities and a facilitator of agricultural programs/projects at community, district, regional and national levels in Ghana since 1988.

He is a co-author of two (2) cashew reports: A Value Chain Analysis of the Cashew Sub-Sector in Ghana (2010), and Poverty Impact Assessment –PIA Case Study in Ghana (2010). Lead Resource Expert for Cashew Master Training Programme being spearheaded by the GIZ / Competitive Cashew Initiative targeting participants from cashew producing countries in Africa. Progressive responsibility has been held from the position of Assistant Agricultural Officer to the position of Director of Crop Services in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA), Ghana. Since 2017 to date, he is the lead Director in the implementation of the Planting for Food and Jobs campaign (Food Crop Module) which has brought positive changes to the food security needs of the country.



SANOGO AZIZ

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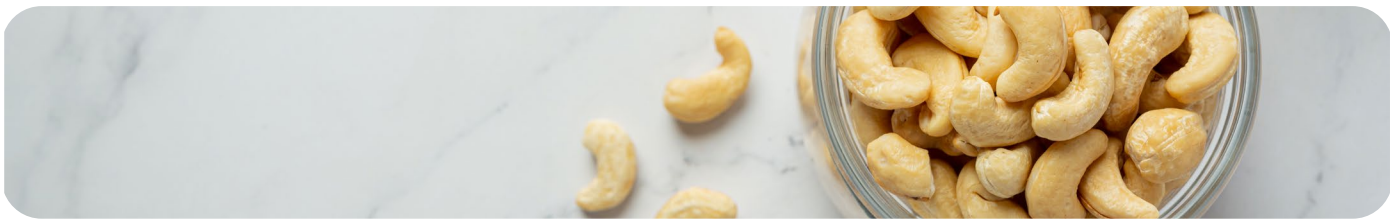
TUNDE ODUNUGA

Tunde Odunuga – The MD/CEO of Abod Success Inv. Ltd Producer of Executive Choice Cashew Nuts. A leader in Cashew processing and branding industry. My passion is to develop Nigeria cashew business sector, from commodity-based exporting industry to value added products, for local and international market.



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ACA Quality and Sustainability seal

The African Cashew Alliance Quality & Sustainability Seal is an industry-backed certification that verifies that products meet internationally accepted quality, food safety, and social and labor standards. The Seal has been awarded to 12 African processors since its debut in 2012, and the food industry giants including Kraft Foods and Intersnack have pledged to purchase Seal-approved cashew kernels.



WHY SHOULD BUYERS PURCHASE ACA SEAL CASHEW?

- 14 specific food safety/quality areas, including infestation, foreign material, clumping/blocking, taste, and grade compliance.
- Global social compliance standards: absence of child/prison labor, absence of abuse or harassment, and fair employee wages, as well as local labor laws.
- Industry Giants such as Kraft Foods and Intersnack are recognized international buyers of ACA Seal approved Kernels.

WHY SHOULD PROCESSORS BECOME ACA SEAL APPROVED?

Implementation of ACA Seal procedures leads to reduced costs and potential price premiums. The Seal also provides a market advantage in the increasingly competitive cashew processing industry in Africa.

Advantages include:

FOOD SAFETY

- Complies with US food Safety Modernization Act
- Includes pre-requisites for most international certifications such as HACCP, ISO 22000:2005, and BRC.

SAVES MONEY

- Fewer breakages
- Less freezing and blocking
- Avoid claims or chargebacks
- Adequate Pest Control
- Guaranteed Taste of Cashews

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