

Nestlé and Africa:

With over 27 factories, numerous distribution and management centres and direct employment of over 12,000 people, Nestlé has a strong legacy of investment and trade in Africa. We strongly believe that the future success of our Company is linked to the success of Africa, and in promoting sustainable best practice methods in all of our operations.

In particular, through our practice of sustainable agriculture we seek to address the environmental, social and economic dimensions of farming and sourcing. As an example, in 2002 Nestlé co-founded and currently presides over the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) Platform, which aims to support the implementation of sustainable agriculture practices worldwide.

In Africa, we sponsor a number of programmes such as those to help coffee farmers in the continent including working with smallholder farmers in Ethiopia to grow high quality fair-trade coffee, diversify their crops, improve their communities and achieve a higher standard of living.

In addition, with more than two-thirds of the world's cocoa supply coming from West Africa, Nestlé has played a leading role in the region to help put in place a series of global industry partnerships to improve both labour standards in cocoa farming, and living standards for farmers and their families. These include the Sustainable Tree Crops Programme, which looks to improve cocoa production techniques and yields, and the International Cocoa Initiative, which is working to promote best practices and help sensitize communities towards child labour issues.

To read more about Nestlé's sustainable agriculture initiatives, including in the area of milk production, please click on the following link:

<http://www.nestle.com/SharedValueCSR/FarmersAndAgriculture/Introduction/Farmers+and+Agriculture.htm>