COCOCA' PRESENTATION ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF EUROPEAN UNION DEFORESTATION REGULATION

Introduction

❖ COCOCA is a Small-Holder Coffee Farmers Union created in 2012 by 10 Coffee Farmers Cooperatives.

❖ COCOCA members are cooperatives which proceed to a primary process of their coffee production in their own coffee washing stations and a secondary one in their coffee dry mill.

❖ COCOCA aims to promote a sustainable trade of coffee cooperatives' production under different certifications and which fulfils to buyers' requirements.

❖ Now 32 cooperatives members within more than 28.000 coffee small holders

Why EUDR ?

The European Union wants to take its responsibilities and to honor its different commitments to face to the climate change by preserving the environment.

EUDR requirements

1. they are deforestation-free;

2. they have been produced in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production;

3. they are covered by a due diligence statement.

Ongoing data collection by COCOCA

❖ geolocation by taking the GPS coordinates of all lands where the concerning products had been produced;

❖ taking polygons for lands whose size is over 4 ha;

❖ ensure the traceability of the concerned product.

Addressing of EUDR requirements

Steps followed by COCOCA for addressing EUDR requirements:

1. sensitization of cooperatives leaders to EUDR and these latter inform the cooperative members on the regulation;

2. hiring of expert body in data collection;

Addressing of EUDR requirements (2)

3. training of trainers from COCOCA on the tool for data collection;

4. trainings of agents in charge of data collection;

5. setting up a pilot phase for testing the tool's efficiency to a sample of cooperatives' coffee farmers;

Addressing of EUDR requirements (3)

6. Extension of the process to other cooperatives' coffee farmers.

Note: EUDR data collection is done simultaneously in the frame of certification data collection as certification standards require also these data.

Support

We get support from one coffee buyer (WeltPartner) who is involved for compliance to EUDR and the King Baudouin Foundation.

Another part comes from COCOCA' own funds.

Tools used

The data collection is done by using a software named MergData.

Fulfilment of EUDR requirements

1. sensitization of members in some cooperatives.
2. expert body in data collection has been hired.
3. an employee in charge of the coordination of EUDR process is in place.

Fulfilment of requirements

4. training of trainers;

5. training of agents in charge of data collection;

6. the pilot phase has been already set up;

7. extension the data collection (GPS coordinates, traceability, etc) to cooperative members.

The good about it

The good about it is based of knowing (1) the requirements themselves, (2) the stakeholders, (3) the needs for complying and (4) how to proceed for data collection/methodology.

Challenges

❖ the process is costly (lack of sufficient equipment for instance smartphones, trainings costs, payment of agents in charge of data collection, coordination of the process);

❖ the deadline is limited to comply face to the number of farmers to be covered.

Thank you for your attention!