



DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday 17 September 2012

NOVOTEL, BAOBAB 3

9:00-13:00 Advisory Board and Executive Committee Meeting

14:00-17:00 ACA Steering Committee Meeting (SC members only)

NOVOTEL

10:00-17:00 Registration

NOVOTEL, BAOBAB & GARDEN

18:00-20:30 Opening Ceremony

20:30 Welcome Cocktail

PALAIS DES CONGRES

14:00-18:00 World Cashew Expo12

The World Cashew Expo12 features equipment manufacturers, international buyers, input and service suppliers to the cashew and agribusiness industry from all over the world.

20:30 Officials Visit World Cashew Expo12

Tuesday 18 September 2012

PALAIS DES CONGRES

8:00 Registration

9:00-18:00 World Cashew Expo12

9:00 African Cashew Alliance: Growing an Industry Together!

10:00	Bienvenue au Bénin!
10:45	COFFEE, NETWORKING, WORLD CASHEW EXPO12, CASHEWS
11:15	The World Economy, Africa and the Future
12:30	LUNCH, NETWORKING AND WORLD CASHEW EXPO12
13:30	Health, Wellness and Snack Market Perspectives
14:30	Towards a Global Cashew Standard
15:30	COFFEE BREAK, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION
16:00	Climate Change: Good News for Cashew in Africa!
16:30	Today's Challenges for Tomorrow's Industry
18:00	Executive Committee Elections (ACA Core Members only)

Wednesday 19 September 2012

PALAIS DES CONGRES

9:00-18:00 **World Cashew Expo12**

9:00-18:00 **World Cashew Forum**

The Forum takes multiple forms with opportunities for various business and stakeholder experiences, including a Business2Business Forum for networking, thematic workshops, and technical demonstrations around the World Cashew Expo12.

FARMING AND INNOVATION

9:00 - 10:30 Innovations in Plant Technologies

11:00 - 13:00 Farmer Organization, Training and Extension

14:00 - 15:30 Market Information

15:30 - 18:00 Demonstration Sessions: Grafting Techniques, Farmer Radio

THE FUTURE OF PROCESSING

9:00 - 10:30	New Processing Technology
11:00 - 13:00	Joint Marketing: The Benin Gold and Zambique Experiences By-Product Processing: Case Study from Brazil
14:00 - 15:30	Is small scale processing beautiful?

SUSTAINABLE IDEAS AND REALITIES

9:00 - 10:30	Food Safety and the ACASeal
11:00 - 13:00	Managing Quality and People: Towards Sustainability
14:00 - 15:30	The IDH Sustainability Initiative

FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

9:00 - 10:30	Financing Small and Medium Enterprises Experiences/Lessons Learnt
11:00 - 13:00	Financing Small and Medium Enterprises Training
14:00 - 15:30	Institutional Financing

NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR CASHEW BUSINESS

9:00 - 10:30	Transport, Logistics and Advocacy
11:00 - 13:00	Out-of-the-Box Ideas
14:00 - 15:30	Aci Phase 2 and Matching Grants Fund

BUSINESS2BUSINESS FORUM

9:00 - 10:30	Businesses Meet Businesses
11:00 - 13:00	Businesses Meet Businesses
14:00 - 15:30	Scheduled Meetings

10:30-11:00 **COFFEE, NETWORKING, WORLD CASHEW EXPO12, CASHEWS**

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH, NETWORKING, WORLD CASHEW EXPO12, CASHEWS**

15:30-16:00 **Coffee, Networking, WORLD CASHEW EXPO12, CASHEWS**

AZALAI HOTEL

19:30 **Gala Dinner & Entertainment**

Thursday 20 September 2012

9:00-12:00 World Cashew Expo12

9:00-18:00 Field Trip to Cashew Processing Factory and Farm (\$150)

Travel to 45 hectare cashew plantation between Dassa and Savalou. The one-hour tour will showcase farming techniques and include discussion of production challenges and new innovations. Trip continues to Savalou, the location of the SITAB cashew factory. A guided tour of the processing facility includes small group visits to the production line and an in-depth conversation with the factory team.

9:00-18:00 Sightseeing Trip to Ouidah (\$150)

Visit to Temple of Pythons, Sacred Forest and 'Gate of No Return' Slavery Memorial.

9:00-11:00 New Executive Committee and Advisory Board Meeting (members only)

Location TBA.