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Focus areas for investments

- "Show me the money"
 - Productivity be competitive
 - Working capital secure the raw materials
 - Formalizing the industry create level playing field
 - Practice a facilitating investment policy
- Business risk mitigation
 - Develop knowledge and craftsmanship
 - Develop sustainable market linkage up- and downstream
 - Formalize the economy (banking systems, standards, warehouse warrant systems, licensed buyers,...)
 - Practice a relevant and impactful agricultural policy (yields up, crop forecasting)
 - Maintenance, spare parts and repair facilities available
- Sustainable growth
 - Practice fair profit sharing
 - Offer good working conditions
 - Be transparent, make flows traceable and verifiable
 - Develop infrastructure (roads, harbours, terminals, warehouses, logistical services)
 - Develop the sector by organizing it and establishing funds, give guarantees



Challenges of assuring traceability

Why transparency & traceability?
 C www.theguardian.com/global-development/2013/nov/02/cashew-nut-workers-pay-conditions-profits



In a Senate Committee on Foreign
Relations hearing on August 6,
Senators from both parties accused the
Obama Administration of putting its
Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) goals
ahead of Malaysia's modern-day
slavery; however, this was just half of
the equation. A coalition of national
and international organizations in Asia
has charged both Vietnam and Malaysia
with "Modern Day Slavery" -- Vietnam
for its "blood cashews" and Malaysia

for its oil palm industry; both are engaged in state-sponsored human-trafficking

Cashew nut workers suffer 'appalling' conditions as global slump dents profits

Many workers earn just 30p a day and risk permanent injury, say NGOs, as they call for EU crackdown on unfair trading practices



www.theauardian.com/business/2013/nov/24/cashew-nuts-supermarket-profits-pay

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Campaigners attack profits made by supermarkets from bag of cashews

Fair trade activists urge EU to set up regulator to stop abuses of low pay and poor working conditions in Africa and India







Today's situation - how does our value chain looks like?





Technology is there to offer traceability, example



each actor controls own data use