Cocoa4Future (C4F): A research in partnership project contributing to the agroecological and organizational transition of cocoa production in West Africa

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A MULTIFACETED PARTNERSHIP. C4F brings together different Ivorian and Ghanaian research and training institutes, 2 NGOs, and several cooperatives and companies involved in the cocoa sector.

A MUTUAL OBJECTIVE. To place people and the environment at the core of tomorrow’s cocoa production.

A COMMON DESIRE. To work together, while pooling a broad range of skills and expertise, to effectively meet West African cocoa production development challenges.

A SAME GOAL. To help enhance the sustainability of cocoa farms while preserving the environment by tailoring cocoa cropping systems to the changing setting in Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana (climate change, spread of the cocoa swollen shoot virus, world cocoa price declines and volatility).

TWO FAVOURED APPROACHES.
• An integrative approach with different levels of analysis: from the cocoa stand to the farm, from the cocoa cropping system to the production sector.
• A multidisciplinary approach combining agronomy to technology, entomology to virology, advisory services to value chain economics.

AN AMBITIOUS SCIENTIFIC FRAMEWORK. A broad range of research may be conducted within the C4F framework with two specific objectives:
• to disseminate efficient and resilient agroforestry cocoa cropping systems
• to promote levers to ensure the socioeconomic sustainability of cocoa farms.

C4F is coordinated by CIRAD, the French agricultural research and international cooperation organization working for the sustainable development of Tropical and Mediterranean regions

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