



# Cocoa, Forests & Peace Initiative Colombia



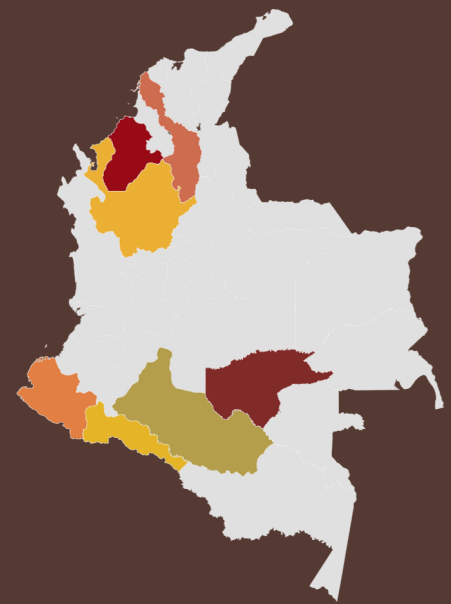
The Colombian Government signed the Peace Agreement in 2016 which created key opportunities for rural development in strategic, environmental and post-conflict territories. In this scenario, cocoa is identified as a key value chain to guarantee a sustainable productive option in prioritized territories for peace. In this context, Colombia decides to create a Cocoa, Forests & Peace (CF&P) agreement in 2018 and be part of the international Cocoa & Forests initiative (C&F) driven by the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF).

Colombia was the first country in Latin America to join the C&F Initiative, with a clear commitment to have a zero-deforestation cocoa value chain and to improve the quality of life of cocoa farmers in the priority areas for the implementation of the Peace Agreement.

Through CF&P, a public-private initiative, the country aims to promote deforestation-free cocoa production models that protect and restore forests in the cocoa value chain, improve livelihoods for producers and help consolidate the Peace Process in Colombia.

## CF&P geographic focus for its first phase

CF&P is implemented in five regions in Colombia, based on their forest coverage, cocoa production, and armed conflict index: Sur de Bolívar, Alto Córdoba, Bajo Cauca Antioqueño, Nariño and Amazon Piedmont, where postconflict municipalities are prioritized.



## CF&P's 2030 action plan is divided in five strategic results that guide the initiative's efforts:



Deforestation-free cocoa production models



Monitoring, verification and traceability system



Finance that strengthens deforestation-free cocoa models



Strengthening cocoa institutions to meet challenges on forests and peace



Communication and transparency

## Signatories

More than 20 signatories from the government, private sector and civil society.



## Technical secretariat





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## CF&P programmes under development

that contribute to the fulfillment of its Action Plan 2030

### Cocoa for Life: +Forests in the Amazon

**Objective:** to promote a deforestation-free, transparent and resilient cocoa value chain that restores landscapes and ensures sustainable livelihoods for small farmers in the Amazonian Piedmont region.

**Implementers:** Rainforest Alliance, WCS and Alisos.

**Allies:** UK Pact and GIZ.

### The cocoa Effect - Huila department extension

**Objective:** Improve the living conditions of cocoa producers through the implementation of good practices in the crops, while protecting the forests and ecosystems that surround the crops and that help the connectivity of the landscape.

**Implementers and allies:** IDH, Luker Foundation, Luker Chocolat, EAFIT.

## Further achievements



The roadmap for a **Traceability and Transparency System** for cocoa in Colombia was built, an initiative implemented by Climate Focus, Mariana Cocoa and Alisos with the European Forest Institute (EFI) as a financial ally. 7 government entities, 5 from civil society and 3 from industry participated in the construction.

The **Guidelines for planting and purchasing cocoa in zero deforestation agroforestry systems** were built as an alternative to adapt to climate change with the leadership of the Ministry of Environment of Colombia.