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Cameroon: Integrating Sustainability in municipal development plan

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“We need to embrace better ways of functioning that will generate greater
community. We are looking forward to the materialisation of these engage
Akete Endaman, Mayor of Mintom Municipality, in the South Region of Ca
stakeholders, on January 21, 2021, signed a Letter of Intent to set up a mu
coalition and develop a Local Land Use Management and Sustainable De
(PLADDT) for the Municipality.

The development plan will focus on increasing the sustainability and econ
agricultural production, protecting and restoring forests, supporting commu
among others. It will be developed with support from the EUREDD Facility
Decentralisation and Local Development, and the Ministry of Economic an

Madam Endama pins hope in the Letter of Intent especially as 70% of hou
Mintom come from cocoa. The municipality with a population of about 115
produces about 600 tonnes of cocoa yearly. However, Mintom is facing a n
Low cocoa productivity, poor farmer organisations, poor market access, lit
value addition and weak value chains for food crops all lead to low income

farming Mintom.

The Le as signed by stakeholders from the public sector (the
of Mint ty organizations (Cooperative Network, Women's gro
authori al Youth Council), EUREDD-Facility EFI and Profore

Mintom is part of the Tri-National Dja-Odzala-Minkebe (TRIDOM) transbou
landscape that includes Cameroon, Gabon and the Republic of Congo. TR
10% of the Congo Basin rainforests. While the Municipality is attracting ag
infrastructural development, there is a risk that these activities, if not done
to forest degradation.

Local authorities, farmer organizations, and civil society representatives r
maintain forest cover in Mintom while ensuring that the growing population
stable sources of income through agricultural activities. With the support o
have embarked on a journey to support community livelihoods, increase th
cocoa production, while ensuring forests are protected.

To help channel these investments, the WWF and IDH teams commission
(https://www.worldagroforestry.org/) to develop projects that can address s
and needs identified through local stakeholder interviews in 2020. These p
by local stakeholders like Mr. Kinfie Yacinthe, President of the Mintom You
I believe these projects will be very beneficial for the young people of Mint
our livelihood."

These activities are part of the Green Commodity Landscape Program
(https://www.idhsustainabletrade.com/landscapes/grand-mbam-and-djoum
cameroon/) (GCLP), jointly facilitated by WWF and IDH. GCLP brings toge
co-design and jointly implement actions that help protect forests, improve
of cocoa and enhance livelihoods for farmers and surrounding communitie
landscapes in Cameroon: Grand Mbam and Djoum-Mintom.

GCLP contributes to the objectives set by the Cameroonian Government,
farmer organizations, NGOs and research institutions through the Roadma
Cocoa (https://www.idhsustainabletrade.com/initiative/roadmap-cameroon
society partnership that aims to end cocoa-related deforestation in Camer

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- Road map to deforestation free cocoa

  (https://www.idhsustainabletrade.com/initiative/roadmap-cameroon/)

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