

Sustainable Commodity Assistance Network

Statement of Intent

- Noting the direct relationship between commodity production and sustainable livelihoods of more than 2 billion rural poor across the developing world
- Attentive to the vulnerability of rural producers caused by persistent market volatility and increasing climatic volatility
- Affirming paragraphs 13, 15, 16 and 17 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation calling for new partnerships to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Applauding the rapid growth of markets for sustainable products across the world
- Recognizing the deep need for organizational and infrastructural development in producing countries in order to promote more efficient access to sustainable markets
- Aware of the ability and responsibility of consuming countries and stakeholders in contributing to the development of producer capacity to meeting the growing quality and sustainability demands of international markets
- Noting the need for international cooperation in meeting the technical assistance needs of developing country producers given the current market context
- Affirming our interest in accelerating the beneficial impacts of our individual efforts through shared collaboration

We, the undersigned, confirm our participation in, and support for, the Sustainable Commodity Assistance Network (SCAN). Through our participation in this initiative we hope to achieve enhanced efficiency in the delivery of technical assistance to developing country agricultural producers. Beyond its fundamental objective of building on the existing knowledge and expertise of its members in technical assistance delivery through a process of shared-learning, the SCAN initiative aims to:

- Establish the basic components of a generic curriculum for efficient participation in standards-based markets
- Establish a network of National Implementation Platforms for adapting and delivering technical assistance tools on a local-needs basis

- Establish a funding mechanism for enabling increased delivery of technical assistance to those most in need

Recognizing that we can achieve these shared objectives more rapidly and efficiently through cooperation, we join forces with like-minded stakeholders under the SCAN initiative.

Institution/Person

Signature

Date

Modality of Participation (please check one or more)

Member of the MAB: ____

Member of a National Implementation Platform: ____

Financial Supporter: ____

General Supporter: ____