

Costa Rica announced plan to increase production of Cocoa

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On 31 March 2019, the Costa Rican government announced the National Plan for Cocoa 2018 - 2028 with the objective of sustainably increasing production, trade and processing of cocoa by supporting and promoting the production chain in all five areas: seeds and services procurement, production, processing, trade and consumption. The plan was established by the Cocoa Confederation Committee, consisting of more than 20

representatives from institutions and private companies related to cocoa.

Mr. Carlos Alvarado, President of Costa Rica, announced the plan during the visit to the cocoa plantation in the north of the country, which is the region with the most cocoa production in the country. He emphasized the importance of stimulating the domestic economy by increasing the competitiveness of cocoa, which is a local product that has been in the culture of the Americas for a long time, by focusing on quality and sustainability.

The National Plan for Cocoa of Costa Rica will help domestic cocoa farmers' families to develop their businesses to be more competitive and sustainable in social, economic and environmental aspects. It also encourages farmers in the country to grow more cocoa. It is expected to be able to increase the plantation areas of cocoa from 4,000 hectares to 7,000 hectares, and the cocoa producer families will increase from 3,000 to 3,000 families, within five years. This will help Costa Rica to become one of the world's leading exporters of cocoa in the international market.

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