



ORGANIZATION

Caribbean Office of Trade & Industrial Development
Limited pledges

to

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Description:

We the Directors of Caribbean Office of Trade & Industrial Development Limited hereby commit and pledge to implement plans and willingly align and support all Individuals, Institutions, Organizations and Governments that participate in any effort or Initiative to end child labour in all its forms, and thank all countries that ratify the International Labour Organization Conventions (ILO) on the use of child labour.

We recognize the difficulty and complex issues involved in the eradication of child labour on cocoa plantations; the ILO Conventions to address the scourge and atrocities, and the probability that circumstances may have hindered genuine efforts of the Chocolate Manufacturers Association and the World Cocoa Foundation, notwithstanding the Hazkin – Engel Protocol of the 19th September 2001. Approximately 20 years after, the use of child labour on cocoa plantations has attained the definition of human trafficking in conjunction with child abuse and slavery.

Implementation plan:

Caribbean Office of Trade & Industrial Development Limited propose and pledge to do the following towards the eradication of child labour on cocoa plantations:

- Highlight the atrocities of child labour on its website – <https://www.officeoftrade.com> using a dedicated page on our website for this purpose.
- Initiate collaboration and cooperation with humanitarian organizations, NGOs, CSOs and Foundations by an Expression of Intent, using all lobbying methods to try and persuade Governments, where child labour is used on cocoa plantations to enact legislation to prohibit same and adopt the recommendations of the ILO Conventions on child labour.
- Obtain from the respective governments, the year of commitment when legislation will

be enacted and child labour abolished using the influence of the Organization of African & Pacific States, International and Regional Organizations.

- Cooperate with high tech agricultural organizations for the production of cocoa, should the Governments refuse outright to abolish child labour.
- Provide videos through the social media of the inhumane methods adopted for consumers to enjoy their various chocolate specialties.
- Virtual Meetings with organizations within these countries, which will include Government Officials, Opposition MPs and organizations oppose to child labour.
- Prepare and market documentary on child labour on cocoa plantations to be aired on International News Channels.
- Training and skill development to persons will be undertaken on a selection based process, on the recommendation by a Committee to be formed for that purpose, in each country that abolish child labour supported by their government
- Invitation to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association and the World Cocoa Foundation to participate and support our efforts for the eradication of child labour at every stage of the process.
- Encourage the Governments pursue transfer of technology in agriculture from the developed countries to fast-track the elimination of child labour.

Impact:

We envisaged collaborating and using websites of private corporations, NGOs, CSOs, the social media, news channels etc. to reach first

- (i) The Consumers
- (ii) The associations with vested interest in the cocoa industry
- (iii) Governments of the cocoa exporting countries

Having reviewed our options and taking into consideration the ongoing pandemic, we anticipate reaching our Target Audience with complete data and photos where available by December 2022.

Website