

Made in Suriname:

Suriname's Coconut Farmers & Processors

Value Addition at Origin & Climate Smart Agriculture



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EU-FUNDED ALLIANCES FOR COCONUT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CARIBBEAN

Boosting the Caribbean's
coconut sector from farm to fork

Under the EU-CARIFORUM project, The International Trade Centre's Alliances for Action, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute, the Coconut Industry Board and partners have been working since 2015 to mobilize investment, revive the food growing industry and boost the incomes of small-scale farmers and processors in the Caribbean region.



The EU places great focus on farm to fork and climate-smart concepts under initiatives like the EU Green Deal. Through our partnership with the EU, we've integrated these priorities into our programme.



ITC Alliances for Action and partners in Suriname are supporting the promotion of selected coconut farmers, processors and their products with the aim of boosting market connections at home and abroad.

COCONUT
**FARMERS &
PROCESSORS**
FROM OUR
NETWORK
IN **SURINAME**

VOORUITSTREVENDE N.V.

VOORUITSTREVENDE N.V., based in the district of Coronie, Suriname, is a leading producer and distributor of coconuts and value-added products – including Virgin Coconut Oil (VCO), Bake & Fry coconut oil, coconut water, coconut husk products (shredded and coir) and fruit pulps. VOORUITSTREVENDE N.V. also has an integrated farm on 600 hectares of land producing coconuts, fruits (e.g. cherries) and beef cattle. The company has established a coconut nursery, IPM demo plot and Coconut Info and Training Centre for surrounding farmers, communities and stakeholders from across Suriname.



PRODUCTS:

- ▶ **Virgin Coconut Oil**
- ▶ **Premium odourless coconut oil**
- ▶ **Bake & Fry coconut oil**
- ▶ **Coconut water and cocopeat**
- ▶ **Fruit pulp**
- ▶ **Cattle/beef production**



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📍 Vooruitstrevende N.V.

JOMI COSMETICS

JOMI COSMETICS N.V. is a Suriname-based agro-processing, health, beauty and cosmetics business. It is a family-owned company that focuses on sourcing materials locally to develop cosmetics products in a sustainable way. One of the main ingredients is coconut oil.

PRODUCTS:

- ▶ **80 different soaps**
- ▶ **Hair, skin, facial and feet products**



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Natural Handmade Products



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📘 Jomi cosmetics Suriname

GOPEX INTERNATIONAL N.V.

GOPEX International N.V. is a major producer and exporter of fruits and vegetables to the European Union and strives to innovate its business further towards coconut water production. GOPEX International N.V. has more than 3,500 Yellow Malayan Dwarf Coconut trees ready for production and includes a coconut nursery.



PRODUCTS:

- ▶ **Fruits and vegetables**
- ▶ **Coconut water**



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COPROCO N.V.

Coproco N.V. is a Surinamese company, located in the district of Coronie, that produces Virgin Coconut Oil.

After testing in Germany and the Netherlands the Virgin Coconut Oil of COPROCO NV won an award as the best Coconut Oil in 2018.

PRODUCTS:

► Virgin Coconut Oil



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VERENIGDE CULTUUR MAATSCHAPPIJEN N.V.

VERENIGDE CULTUUR MAATSCHAPPIJEN N.V. (VCM), based in district Commewijne, Suriname, is a leading farmer and distributor of dry coconuts and value-added products - including grated coconut and coconut water. VCM N. V. also has an integrated farm on 5,600 ha producing mainly beef cattle, and addition other fruit and vegetable crops, among which coconuts and by products. Monthly they sell around 5,000 to 6,000 dry coconuts. The farm holds more than 6,200 cattle, including cows, sheep and goats.



PRODUCTS:

- ▶ **Meat production**
- ▶ **Dry coconuts**
- ▶ **Coconut water**
- ▶ **Grated coconut**
- ▶ **Fruits and vegetables**
- ▶ **Frozen, cooked and pre fried cassava**
- ▶ **Herbal teas**



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PIKIN SRANAN

Pikin Sranan is an organic farm located in the district of Wanica which sources dry coconuts from the district of Coronie where they also have an organic farm.

PRODUCTS:

- ▶ **Coconut oil**
- ▶ **Dehusked dry coconuts**
- ▶ **Desiccated coconut**



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APOERA POMTAYER FABRIEK N.V.

Sources dry coconuts from farmers mainly from the district of Coronie and produces around 40,000 kilograms of grated coconut a year. They supply Fernandes Bakery N.V with 500 kilograms of grated coconut per week for confectionaries.

PRODUCTS:

- ▶ Grated coconut
- ▶ Grated pomtayer
- ▶ Grated cassava

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ANSOE KOKOSOLIE

Ansoe Kokosolie is located at Meerzorg (Ansoe) in the district of Commewijne and sources dry coconuts mainly from VCM to produce coconut oil.

The company also farms fruits and vegetables on a small scale.

PRODUCTS:

- ▶ **Coconut oil**
- ▶ **Fruits and vegetables**



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An aerial photograph showing a vast, dense forest of coconut palm trees. The trees are lush green, with their fronds creating a complex, overlapping pattern. The perspective is from directly above, looking down on the canopy. The lighting is bright, highlighting the vibrant green of the leaves.

IMPLEMENTING **PARTNERS** IN SURINAME

The Center for Agricultural Research in Suriname (CELOS)



Was established as a branch in 1967 of the agricultural college of Wageningen, the Netherlands. With the independence of Suriname in 1975 the foundation was formally placed under the umbrella of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname, followed by the formalization of the statutes in 1967.

As far as research is concerned, the Agricultural Production department studies cultivation techniques with minimal harmful impact to the environment in

the cultivation of root crops, cereals and legumes, with benefits for various agricultural regions.

Under the project, besides training in Nursery Management, Integrated Pest Management, Nutrient Deficiencies and Good agricultural practices (GAP) training on coconut cultivation, CELOS has successfully set up 7 nurseries in 5 districts in Suriname together with LVV, and with advisory support from CARDI and CIB.

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV)

The mission of LVV is to guarantee food security and that our agricultural products for Surinamese society, and promoting and facilitating sustainable development for the agricultural sector. Through sustainable agricultural policy and excellent implementation, LVV has ensured that more locally produced food is on the shelves and on the menu of Surinamese citizens and that our agricultural products will be the first choice due to the high quality on the national, regional and international markets. LVV has been a key partner since the beginning of the project and has appointed two (2) focal points for the project. The Ministry has also set

up 2 nurseries to promote expansion of the coconut planting material. The Ministry has conducted several trainings throughout Suriname to coconut farmers and processors on Mother palm selection, Integrated pest management and Nutrient deficiencies.

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The SBF is the recognised national public-private dialogue platform, which aims to strengthen the Local Private sector through effective dialogue aimed at creating Public Private Partnerships. As the executive office of the SBF it is the sole purpose of the Suriname Business Development Center (SBC) to aid both the Government and the private sector in establishing the necessary “vehicles for sustainable development”, with mutual obligations, liability and sharing of operational responsibility at the operational, functional and project level.

SBF’s purpose is to design, coordinate and provide various programs and services serving the Local Private Sector (LPS) and SBF stakeholders in Suriname, for supporting sustainable and innovative development of the local private sector in Suriname with stakeholders, actively stimulating local business,

sustainable economic growth and creating productive and full employment in Suriname.

Suriname Business Forum (SBF) is providing awareness and training to coconut farmers and processors in the areas of Business Plan Development, Financial Management, Product development, Market linkages, and Branding to increase smallholder farmer and agro-processor productivity and incomes through better participation in formal markets whilst improving the value chain competitiveness of Suriname’s coconut sector through the implementation of the Alliances for Action (A4A) approach.

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Suriname Standards Bureau (SSB)

SSB’s purpose is to create an adequate and sound standards infrastructure and design, coordinate and provide various programs and services to stimulate economic activities (serving the Local Private Sector (LPS) in Suriname), protect the environment, human safety and health, and protect plant, animal life and health. This results in supporting sustainable and innovative development of the LPS in Suriname with stakeholders, actively stimulating local business, sustainable economic growth and creating productive and full employment in Suriname.

SSB is providing training in the following areas;

- (i) Testing of products of the Agro Processors,
- (ii) Training in SSB-HACCP requirements, (iii) Training on Food Safety Management Systems for Coconut Agro-processors, (iv) Training on Quality Management Requirements for Coconut Agro-processors, (v) Training in General requirements for labelling of pre-packaged goods, (vi) Training on requirements for Good Management practices for Micro, Small, Medium and Enterprises, (vii) Training of Coconut agro-processors in National Standards on coconut specifications and code of practice.

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Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)



The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) is one of the foremost organisations dedicated to conducting research and development that seeks to improve the competitiveness and sustainability of the regional agricultural sector. The Institute was established in 1974 by the governments of 12 member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). It is headquartered in Trinidad and Tobago and now has representation in 14 countries including Cayman

Islands and the Bahamas, who became respectively members in 2014 and 2016 respectively.

CARDI delivers capacity building and/ or technical assistance to smallholder coconut farmers and MSMEs across the region in the areas of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Waste Management, Nursery establishment, and more.

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Coconut Industry Board (CIB)

CIB's mission is to promote the interest of the Jamaican coconut industry and its stakeholders, by encouraging and facilitating the efficient production of coconuts, providing ongoing research support, developing marketing opportunities, locally and globally, and administering regulations for the purchase, sale, and importation of coconut products and substitutes, in order to develop a profitable and sustainable industry. In collaboration with ITC

A4A and CARDI, CIB has played a vital role at the regional level to deliver trainings and advisory support in the areas of mother palm identification, seed nut selection, nursery establishment, climate-smart agricultural practices and value chain alliance formation.

🌐 www.coconutindustryboardjm.org/



Alliances for Action is an International Trade Centre (ITC) initiative to establish a network that transforms food systems and advances the Sustainable Development Goals through producer partnerships that cultivate ethical, climate, smart, sustainable agricultural value chains. We aim at achieving resilience and growth for farmers and micro, small and medium-size enterprises (MSMEs) through more mindful and responsible trade, production and consumption systems and improved opportunities to compete on a global market. This includes building strength and competitiveness of MSMEs and enabling sustainable market linkages and value addition. In the long term, this will serve to incentivize and engage more youth and women at all sector levels.



CONNECT WITH US

With support from the European Union, ITC's Alliances for Action programme is pleased to enable coconut farmers and processors to increase their competitiveness in Suriname and to help pave the way for new sustainable partnerships in the coconut sector.

If you wish to learn about ITC's Alliances for Action projects and understand how to collaborate with us, please reach out to:

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