



African Cashew initiative, Mozambique | Outcome Sheet



Public-private dialogue between AICAJU & the Government

Initiating the first joint public-private action matrix for the sector.

Objectives and results

Following the objectives 3 “Improve market linkages along the value chain” and 4 “Enhance enabling environment”, ACi supports the Association of the Cashew Industry - AICAJU - in Mozambique. One of the major objectives in this regard is to enable AICAJU to represent its interest in front of the Government and to enter into a fruitful public-private dialogue. With the assistance of ACi, an Executive Secretary of AICAJU was employed in January 2011 and receives continuous training.



At the General Assembly in July 2010 in Nampula, AICAJU elected its new President, Mohammad G. Yunuss (front row, third from left).

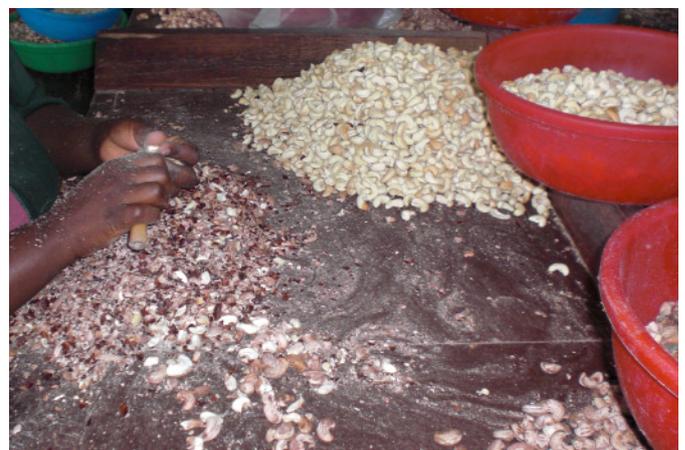
The challenge of not having any representative of AICAJU in the capital Maputo for a political dialogue on national level was successfully overcome. Since March 2011, a regular meeting schedule with the Government institutions involved in the cashew sector was established:

- Cashew Promotion Institute (INCAJU) of the Ministry of Agriculture
- Institute for the Promotion of Small and Medium Enterprises (IPEME) of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce
- Center for the Promotion of Agriculture (CEPAGRI) of the Ministry of Agriculture

Success story: Minister of Industry and Commerce initiates common implementation matrix

With its new administrative and management structure in Maputo, members of AICAJU in the south of the country were encouraged to ask for a meeting with the Minister of Industry and Commerce (MIC) in order to discuss the problems of the cashew sector. In June 2011, two meetings with representatives from AICAJU and the Government – the Minister Armando Inroga of MIC as well as representatives from INCAJU & IPEME – took place.

It was decided to develop a joint implementation matrix for actions to rehabilitate the Mozambican cashew sector. This common public-private matrix will be the first tool for a basis to tackle the well-known problems of the sector. It will be presented to Minister Inroga in the end of July 2011.



The Mozambican cashew processing industry provides work to over 10.000 people, predominantly in rural areas.