

Son Excellence Monsieur ACHI PATRICK, Premier Ministre, Chef du Gouvernement.  
Haut Patron des JNEC-CI et WCC 2022.

Honorable Ministers of State, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Honorable Minister of Trade and Industry

Excellency the Ambassador of India to Côte d'Ivoire,

Mr. Mayor of the Municipality of PORT-BOUET;

Mr. Executive Secretary of the International Cashew Advisory Council

Mr. Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Anacarde Council

Doctor COULIBALY ADAMA, Director General of the Cotton and Cashew Council,  
President of the National Days of Cashew Exporters of Côte d'Ivoire;

Mr. President of the cashew OIA

Dear Members of the Delegations of cashew nut importing countries from Vietnam and India

Dear Members of the Delegations of the brother countries producing Cashew Nuts who have come:

- From BENIN
- From BURKINA-FASO
- From GHANA
- From GUINEA BISSAU
- GUINEA CONAKRY
- From NIGERIA
- From TOGO

And from Tanzania

Ladies and gentlemen, the basic actors of the cashew sector, the linchpin of the emergence of the cashew sector in Côte d'Ivoire;

Ladies and gentlemen, representatives of the partner companies and SPONSORS of the JNEC-CI and WCC 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen, Cashew Nut Exporters from Côte d'Ivoire;

Honorable Guests;

Dear Friends of the Press;

Ladies and Gentlemen, all to your respective ranks, grades and titles.

Excellency the Prime Minister,

This fourth edition of the National Days of Ivory Coast Cashew Exporters, JNECCI 2022, which opens today at the same time as the seventh edition of the World Cashew Convention WCC, represents in the eyes of the actors of the cashew sector the largest world cashew forum, therefore a real factor in stimulating exchanges and cooperation between world cashew players.

Indeed, once again, the holding of the famous WCC on Ivorian soil shows the preponderant place that our nation occupies in the international cashew nut trade and the respect it now enjoys in the world agricultural sphere.

This 2022 edition that you do us the honor, Excellency Mr Prime Minister, to sponsor. Is the result of close cooperation between the association of cashew nut exporters from Côte d'Ivoire (AECCI) and Fortell Business Solutions (cashew information.com) to make our dear country the crossroads of international nut trade gross but also and above all fines, of which we are now the third largest exporter.

It is in the name of this fraternal and fruitful cooperation, and in the name of the centuries-old tradition of Ivorian hospitality, that all national cashew stakeholders, through my modest voice, wish all participants and particularly our illustrious guests , the cordial welcome (AKWABA) and a pleasant stay.

Honorable guest,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The global raw cashew nut trade still presents countless challenges to ensure its stability and guarantee better incomes for the brave producers.

These last two years, following the example of the negative trend of the world economy, the Ivorian cashew sector has experienced enormous progress, making our dear country a key player in this strategic culture,

Proof that the reforms undertaken by your government, and the unfailing support provided personally by the Head of State, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Alassane Ouattara, have borne fruit. In this we translate our infinite gratitude to you here and say thank you on behalf of the entire sector.

Your Excellency Mr Prime Minister, as a seasoned Technocrat, you are working to create the right conditions for the sustainable development of all the components of the sector, particularly the local processing of cashew nuts which remains the major objective of the Government and for which all energies are put to use.

Excellency Mr. Prime Minister, it is in an unspeakable burst of recognition that the Ivorian cashew sector stands today in total synergy behind you for hope in a better future.

Honorable guest,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

The 2022 edition of the JNECCI is therefore held at a pivotal period in the evolution of our sector, both nationally and internationally.  
Among the challenges, logistical issues are a crucial issue

As the global cashew nut and kernel industry continues to grow in quantity and value to reach all-time highs, logistics and shipping allowances to Asian destinations are increasingly reduced with freight rates which explode exponentially thus defying any logic of parity between the price of the fine and that of the raw nut.

Excellency Prime Minister,

We humbly ask for your involvement in order to facilitate the symbiosis between the port and maritime community and the other players, but also to ensure that the competent authority in charge of competition has the resources and expertise necessary to investigate the abusive practices that seriously weaken the players in the producing countries

We must take advantage of this logistics crisis that the world is going through to strengthen national maritime competitiveness.

Honorable guests

Ladies and gentlemen

We call with all our hearts for a greater international partnership, emphasizing the exchange of experience, the transfer of skills and technologies in a fair and equitable context.

We must be able to develop standard cashew quality standards (to reduce disputes). It is imperative to work towards the establishment of an arbitration center that can quickly resolve commercial disputes.

Honorable Guests

Ladies and gentlemen,

As with every edition, we will not deviate from our social and civic tradition aimed at sowing the seeds of hope wherever our actors interact with the peasant masses, particularly in rural areas, by initiating sustainable development actions.

The construction of two primary schools in the localities of Kong and Sinématiali falls within this perspective.

For this 2022 edition, we are considering the construction of a primary school in the department of Bondoukou

Honorable Guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I cannot end my speech without expressing my sincere thanks to all the authorities, all the actors, the organizing committee and all the partners who work tirelessly for the emergence of this cashew sector, in a spirit of frank collaboration.

My words of thanks to Doctor COULIBALY ADAMA, Director of our Regulatory Authority, who, in the greatest modesty, allowed the actors of the value chain to feel involved in the conduct of the activities of the sector.

My thanks also go to all the delegations of the 40 countries present here and online.

Honorable guests

Ladies and gentlemen

While cherishing the hope that the successive editions of the JNECCI will achieve their objective of consolidating and strengthening the world commercial partnership around the cashew nut, in a spirit of fair cooperation, I ask you, on your return to your respective countries, that you transmit to your collaborators and other partners the sincere thanks of the people of Côte d'Ivoire, of its government and of all the actors of the cashew sector.

Long live the JNEC-CI,

Long live the WCC

Long live a strong cashew sector for an emerging Ivory Coast.

Thank you