

Task Force Environment

Meeting 03. March 2026



Forum Nachhaltiger Kakao
German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa

To-Do's until 1st April

Please provide written feedback on the following points:

Work stream 1 (political dialogue)

- Which countries should the task force prioritise for political dialogue? (see options on slide 9)
- Which actors should be added to the overview of actors on slide 6 in your opinion?

Workstream 2 (Strengthening the strategies of forum members)

- Please provide feedback on whether you have any further suggestions for discussions with members on the following topics (see new slide 11):
 - Technical and practical experience with the introduction of agroforestry and incentive systems
 - Best practice models that can be recommended to other members
 - Reduction of plant protection products in the context of agroforestry
 - Opportunities for forest conservation and restoration

Regarding both work streams: Please provide feedback on the preferences of the guests during the next meeting based on the country selection (see new slide 7).

The Secretariate will hold discussions with the partners before the next meeting. The results will be presented at the next meeting and discussed with selected guests.



Task Force Participants

Membership Group A

BMLEH: Alexander Bernet

BMZ: Andrea Jost (GIZ)



Membership Group B

Luise Fricke

Trader



Membership Group C

Lisa Köhl (ALDI Süd)



Membership Group D

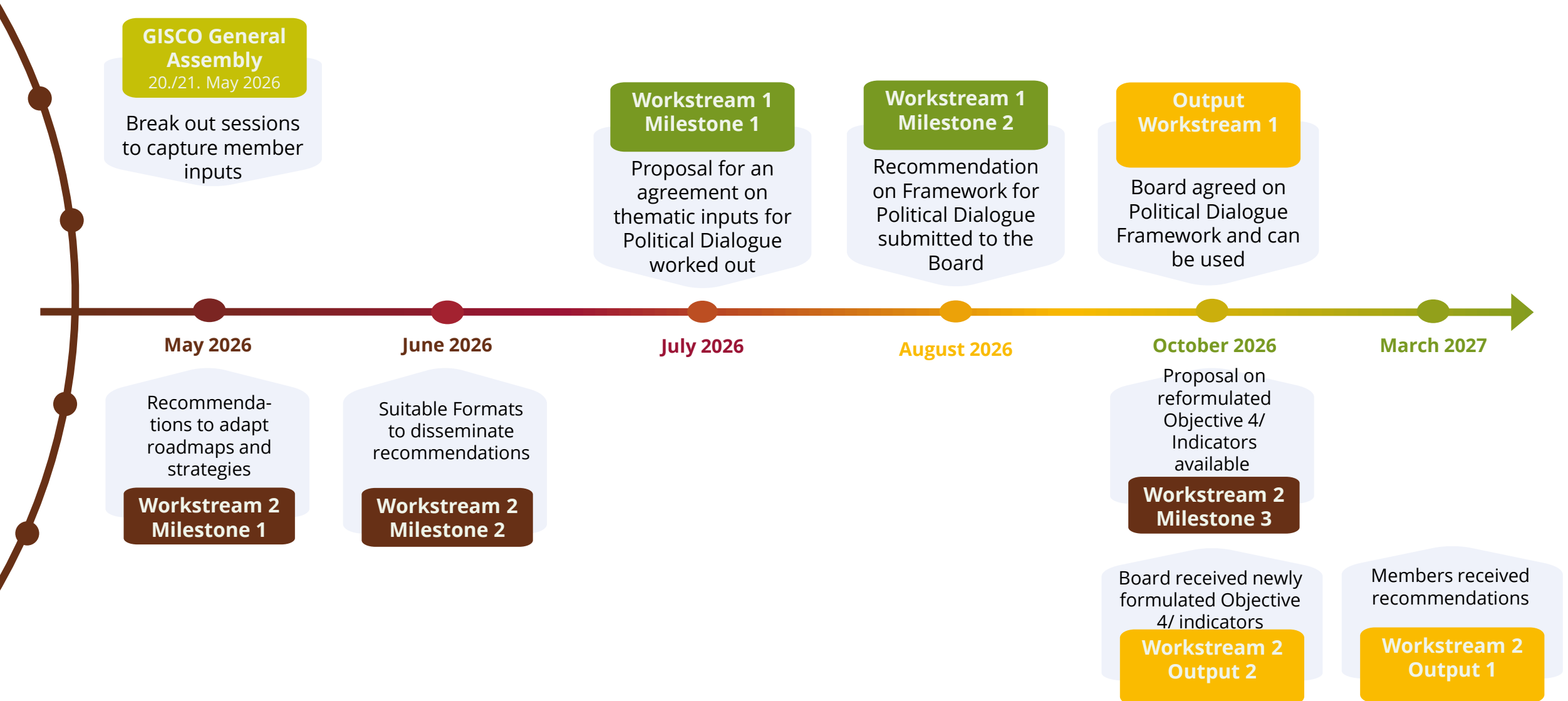
Kerstin Weber (WWF)

Wendy Arenas





ToR Timelines Milestones/Outputs 2026/2027



Meeting schedule & contents 2026



Date	Topics
March 4.	Kick-off and operational mode of the Task Force Environment Workstream 2: (1) Discuss analysis of roadmaps & M/E report, and recommendations to membership, (2) Select members to discuss dissemination of recommendations, and incentive systems
April 15.	Workstream 1: (1) Talk with local stakeholders on legal aspects for agroforestry and response of farmers (with guests) (2) Discuss experiences of GISCO member projects/programmes Workstream 2: (1) Report on feedback from selected members on how to disseminate information, and incentive Systems
May 13.	Workstream 1: (1) Identify topics/recommendations for political dialogue framework (2) Identify persons/channels through which GISCO interests can be leveraged Workstream 2: (1) Discuss formats for the dissemination of membership-specific recommendations, including incentive systems Annual General Meeting: Prepare presentation/group work during GISCO AGM
July 30.	Workstream 1: (1) Discuss background papers for the political dialogue framework Workstream 2: (1) Finalize with recommendations to membership groups and members
September 24.	Workstream 2: (1) Discuss 2-3 Options for newly formulated indicators Objective 4 (2) Agree on final formulation to be submitted to the GISCO Board
November 26.	



Integration of Ressource Persons

Network

Who can provide info....?

- GIZ CIV projects working on Agroforestry
- GIZ GHA projects working on Agroforestry
- SWISSCO projects working on Agroforestry
- GIZ SV Agriculture
- ...

Political

What is the policy...?

- CIGHCI
- CCC
- COCOBOD
- WCF
- Forestry Commission
- Cocoa Carbon+ Initiative
- OFAC (on AF Standards)
- World Bank
- AfDB
- ...

Technical

Your experience with...?

- Pro-Planteurs
- GISCO Members (Traders/Brands)
- Cooperatives
- ECOTOP
- INADES
- IDEF
- Sankofa Project
- ECAMOM Project
- Timber industry
- PROAmazonia
- ABL
- FAO (Focus: smallholder financing & Agroforestry)
- ...

Research

Your experience with...?

- CNRA
- CRIG
- CIFOR-ICRAF
- CIRAD
- Risome
- FiBL
- German Research Institutions
- ...



Suggestions to invite partners for discussion for the next meeting

On legal frame conditions

- CCC
- COCOBOD
- Forestry Commission Ghana
- PROAmazonia
- ...

Technical Experience with the introduction of Agroforestry

- Cooperatives in the Pro-Planteurs project
- Barry Callebaut
- ECOTOP
- ...

Thematic Workstream 1

„Consideration of systemic barriers to the introduction of agroforestry and resilient cropping systems“



Output: “The Board, the Secretariat, and third actors can use the dialogue framework to position GISCO’s inputs in the political dialogue.”

Topics to be looked at:

Applicable regulations & policies

- Relevant sectors: agriculture, forestry, environment,
- Supportive vs. preventive regulations

Practitioners’ experience with legal framework in countries

- Farmers/Cooperatives
- Companies
- Practitioners from public sector
- Service Providers

Questions to the Task Force

- Recommendations for resource persons?
- Which countries to prioritize?

Develop a common understanding about the regulatory framework and the practical implementation of agroforestry and identify systemic barriers.

- What role will GISCO play in the political dialogue, and where are connections to other ISCOs?
- Which contacts and institutions can GISCO use to contribute to the political dialogue?
- How will the political dialogue be structured in terms of content and objectives?
- Is the political dialogue aimed at both, producer and consumer countries?

Output: Paper(s) with findings and recommendations for political dialogue.



Proposed Countries in the focus of the Task Force work

For both workstreams, aligned to the proposals in the Task Force Living Income

Option 1: Focus on West Africa

- Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana
- + additional option: Nigeria or Cameroon

Option 2: Focus on important supplier countries for the German market

- Côte d'Ivoire (64,1%)
- Ecuador (11,2%)
- Ghana (8,9%)

Option 3: Focus primarily on Côte d'Ivoire based on GISCO-members presence in the country and the relevance for Germany

Thematic Workstream 2

„Strengthening the strategies of GISCO members to introduce agroforestry systems“



Output 1: “GISCO members receive recommendations adapted to specific stakeholder groups on how they can anchor agroforestry goals in their companies/organisations.”

Topics to be looked at:

Members' roadmaps

- Consistency in roadmaps regarding voluntary commitments related to agroforestry
- Members' strategies, concepts, and experiences with the implementation of agroforestry
- Members' and challenges to fulfill commitments

Monitoring reports

- Review of results regarding Agroforestry

Financing options as incentives to convert to agroforestry

- Carbon insetting models
- Product/market diversification at farmers level, Organic certification
- Payment for Environmental Services

How to disseminate our recommendations?

- Webinars – Webpage - Monitoring Report – Peer Learning ...

Develop a common position how members' commitments could accelerate the implementation of agroforestry.

- What should commitments in roadmaps include regarding agroforestry to contribute to the indicators of of GISCOs goal 4?
- What do members report, and is the information useful in relation to GISCOs goal 4?
- How could members strengthen their interventions on agroforestry and environmental issues?
- What obstacles or incentives exist for members to increase their efforts on agroforestry?
- Where can best practice examples be found, and how can the be disseminated within the GISCO membership?
- Where do members find support to align/adapt the strategies on agroforestry?

Output: Paper(s) with findings and recommendations.



Suggested Members* for talks in preparation for the next meeting

On the topics „Introductoin of Agroforestry“, „Incentive Systems“, „Use of Pesticides“, „Financing Options“

- **Barry Callebaut**
- **Alfred Ritter**
- **Lindt & Sprüngli**
- **Mondelez**
- **Stollwerck**
- **Rainforest Alliance**
- ...
- ...

*The selection was based on experience gained in the company's own projects/programmes, best practice models, or through participation in initiatives such as the Cocoa and Forest Initiative. The Rainforest Alliance has relevant standards and was therefore selected. Further suggestions are welcome.

Thematic Workstream

„Strengthening the strategies of GISCO members to introduce agroforestry systems“



Output 2: “A proposal for resolution on the newly formulated indicators of Goal 4 and/or SMART formulation at Goal level has been submitted to the Board.”

Topics to be looked at:

Members’ strategies

- Agroforestry targets contained in members' strategies, are they SMART?
- Relevance of Projects/Programmes to achieve GISCO Objectives

Monitoring and reporting system

- Analyse Monitoring Report regarding to agroforestry indicators

Other organisations

- What do objectives and indicators of other organisations contain and how do they compare to GISCO

Open questions

- Which agroforestry definition model does GISCO want to pursue?
- Which organisations to compare with?

Propose a re-formulated and Objective 4 with SMART indicators as an orientation for members’ roadmap commitments.

- What should a newly formulated Goal 4 and its indicators contain so that members can derive measurable interventions for their roadmaps?
- Which information should be included in the monitoring process so that GISCO can measure members’ results against Objective 4? (link to TF Monitoring)

Output: Paper(s) with findings and recommendations.



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