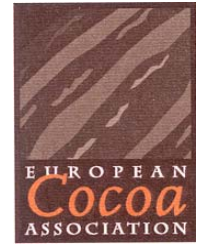




## 2002 International Cocoa Event

The Event benefits from the collaboration  
of CAOBISCO, CMA & COPAL



The European Cocoa Association (ECA) and the Federation of Cocoa Commerce (FCC) held on September 12 - 15 their joint "2002 International Cocoa Event" in Strasburg, the E.U. parliamentary capital, and the seat of the Council of Europe. The location befits the first of its kind get-together of the European Cocoa world, also attended by participants and guests from the cocoa producing countries, and from the Americas.

The gathering of 125 business leaders from 21 countries on all continents included not only ECA and FCC members, but also from CAOBISCO, CMA, CMAA & CMAC.

The speakers, from the entire cocoa chain - from cocoa producers representatives COPAL through to retailers Marks & Spencer -, covered current issues of interest to all. Ms Hannah Jones, NIKE's European Director of Corporate Responsibility, offered us some benchmarking and prior experience of this very current challenge for the cocoa world..

Fittingly, the Event was followed, at the same location, by a meeting of the Global Issues Group on Working Practices in the Cocoa industry, and in Geneva, by the first Board meeting of the International Cocoa Initiative.

### Note to the editor

- **ECA represents the European cocoa sector and regroups companies from the entire cocoa chain.** Members are involved in the cocoa bean trade and processing, in warehousing and in related logistical aspects. Some grind and process cocoa beans into cocoa liquor - out of which cocoa powder and cocoa butter are produced - and some also produce industrial chocolate and/or compounds.

**Together, ECA's members represent 75% of Europe's cocoa beans grinding, 50% of Europe's industrial chocolate production and 40% of the world production of cocoa liquor, butter and powder.**

- **FCC**

**The Federation of Cocoa Commerce Ltd is the international trade organisation for the private sector representing all areas of the cocoa supply chain. The Federation provides the international physical trading contract and related arbitration services.**

The new internationally focused Federation is actively involved with many initiatives to address issues of sustainability, quality standards, transport/warehousing, finance and socio-economic conditions which have an impact upon the cocoa trade and industry

FCC's members include cocoa producers, the cocoa trade and logistics operators together with the cocoa processing and chocolate industry.

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