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Appointment of Speaker and Deputy Speaker for Development Partners of the Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC)

In accordance with the Convention establishing the **Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC)**, in its article 6, paragraph b relating to the quality of its Observer Members, a working group of Development Partners called "**WG-DP- CICC**" has been set up to support the Institution's interventions.

Thus, on the sidelines of the fifth ordinary session of the CICC Council of Ministers which took place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from April 5 to 6, 2023, nineteen Development Partners, within the **WG- DP -CICC** , met on April 5, 2023 to elect their Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

Based on the report of this election:

1. **Ms. Rita WEIDINGER** , Program Leader of the Project "Market-Driven Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE)" implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für *Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH* (GIZ) ensures the role of Speaker for the Development Partners of the CICC.

As such, the person concerned:

- a. Coordinates partner support initiatives towards CICC and reports to the Council of Ministers;

- b. Carry the voice of the institution and promotes it to partners;
- c. Facilitates regular exchange meetings on the activities of the partners;
- d. Consolidates support initiatives and promotes synergies of activities implemented by partners to avoid duplication of interventions along the value chains or over-concentration of efforts on one aspect of said chains.

2. **Mr. Olivier Edouard KABRE**, Program Director of USDA Africa ProCashew (ProCashew) of ***Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture*** (CNFA) acts as Deputy Speaker for the Technical and Financial Partners of the CICC. As such, the Deputy Speaker:

- a. Supports the Speaker in her mission described above;
- b. Acts as interim Speaker in case of impediment;
- c. Documents the activities of the working group;
- d. Disseminates information inside and outside the working group.

This appointment, which has a duration of 02 years, takes effect from the date of its signature.



The Executive Secretary of the CICC

André Mahoutin TANDJIEKPON

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