



II) Quotes from select GAA members (alphabetical order)

AFGRI:

*"At AFGRI we are passionate about being an enabler to food security across the African continent, as such our support of the GAA puts us another step closer to fulfilling our chosen mandate." ~ **Chris Venter, Chief Executive Officer of AFGRI***

Agrocorp International Pte Ltd:

*"The agriculture and food production sector is one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases across industries. While we serve a vital need in producing and transporting food around the world, it is important to ensure that we do so in a sustainable manner. This means employing efficient production practices and supply chain control and to work together with one another to promote wider adoption of these practices. This is why groups coming together, like the GAA, are so important and we aim to take an active role." ~ **Vijay Iyengar, Chairman and Managing Director of Agrocorp International***

Agropalma Group:

*"Networking, interaction, commitments, sustainable investments and policies: the Global Agri-business Alliance is the new platform for frontrunners interested in gathering to build momentum for an inclusive and responsible economy in the food and non-food value chain." ~ **Marcello Brito, Chief Executive Officer of Agropalma***

Balsu Gida:

*"The GAA initiative brings together different parties from the agri-business sector and provides a wide platform of opportunity to discuss, address and execute on a plan for a sustainable future for the food industry. The GAA will fill a crucial gap in coordination between all the stakeholders to bring sustainable solutions." ~ **H Cuneyd Zapsu, Chairman of Balsu Gida***

Besana Group:

*"The nut and dried fruit sector is today global and becoming more and more important. High-level scientific research has confirmed the healthiness of nuts and dried fruit in the daily diet, and certified quality that starts in the field is a "must" in our international agriculture business over five continents. This means respect for the environment, sustainability for farmers and high food safety for consumers, with an eye towards the impact of climate change. We therefore welcome the initiative and the mission of the Global Agri-Business Alliance (GAA) as a very important step towards global development." ~ **Giuseppe Calcagni, President of Besana***

Bidco Africa Ltd:

*"The Global Agri-business Alliance is an active movement by companies that recognise the potential of using demand-driven smallholder farming to end poverty and hunger by building inclusive value chains. This is the kind of commitment we need and must have from the private sector to achieve the SDGs." ~ **Vimal Shah, Chief Executive Officer of Bidco Africa***

Chellam Plantations Group:

*"Ignoring engagement on the issue of sustainability is a myopia that could damage the perceived integrity of palm oil and its derivatives. The battle to sustainability is a long and difficult one, involving cooperation of many parties throughout the entire palm oil value chain. But it is also unavoidable as with education, technology and media, people have become global citizens. The key to surviving this battle will be to embrace it." ~ **Venkata Chellam, Managing Director of Chellam Plantations Group***



Export Trading Group (ETG):

"An initiative of creating a common platform for the agriculture Industry is welcomed by ETG. We look forward to being a committed member of the Global Agri-business Alliance. Strengths of the agri private sector will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in overcoming environmental and social challenges, contributing towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 as adopted in September 2015." ~ Mahesh Patel, Executive Chairman of ETG, and Ketan Patel, Group Chief Executive Officer of ETG

Flour Mills of Nigeria:

"The importance of achieving global food security cannot be overstated. The Global Agri-business Alliance can play a leading role at the forefront of this critical effort." ~ John Coumantaros, Chairman of Flour Mills of Nigeria

Golden-Agri Resources Ltd:

"Agriculture plays an essential but often invisible role in our world. Without farming there is no food, no rural economy and no stewardship of the land. The GAA provides a platform to demonstrate agri-businesses' real value – how crops like sustainably produced palm oil can feed future generations, end rural poverty and fuel a low-carbon economy." ~ Franky Widjaja, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Golden Agri Resources

Greenyfield Berhad:

"We recognise that collective action among key players in the global agri-business sector is required in order to achieve the Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) formulated by the United Nations. The formation of the Global Agri-business Alliance (GAA) is therefore timely and critical in this regard and our company is honoured to be a member of this alliance. This membership fortifies our total commitment to achieving the SDGs and undertaking to work within the framework of the alliance to enhance our work in the field of sustainability." ~ Tham Foo Keong, Group Managing Director of Greenyfield

Groupe Mimran:

"The GAA is a great initiative and the Mimran Groupe has always been strongly involved in environmental, social and sustainable issues, with a long history of acting responsibly in Africa, and is delighted to be part of this alliance." ~ David Mimran, Chief Executive Officer of Groupe Mimran

Groupe SIFCA:

"SIFCA Group is proud to have joined GAA especially at this time as we are fully committed to the preservation of biodiversity through a "Zero Deforestation" policy. As a Responsible leader in Agribusiness in West Africa, SIFCA has always been a pioneer in the field of sustainable development based on strong commitments to local communities. These commitments include the reduction of malnutrition, support for small farmers, gender promotion so that more women may be supported in agricultural production, and finally protection of the environment. We have been feeling a bit lonely in this area and the opportunity to partner with the largest agribusinesses through GAA will allow us to share best practices, strengthen our actions and impose changes, because together, we are stronger." ~ Pierre Billon, CEO SIFCA

Hakan Agro DMCC:

"Around the world, I have seen the impact of linking farmers to markets and delivering good quality food. Hakan Agro is pleased to join the global effort to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and we are already finding new ways to integrate value in the food chain to achieve better nutrition." ~ Hakan Bahceci, Chief Executive Officer of Hakan Foods



Halcyon Agri Corporation:

"As a global natural rubber supply chain manager, our business touches the lives of millions of people in rural communities around the world. With sustainability and responsibility amongst Halcyon Agri's core values, we wholeheartedly support the Global Agri-business Alliance in bringing together the world's leading agriculture-related businesses to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals" ~ Robert Meyer, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Halcyon Agri

IFFCO:

"IFFCO Group, with our vision as "the preferred provider of essential and value added foods for everyone, everywhere and every day", by joining the Global Agri-business Alliance shall support all measures towards achieving SDG2 of "Zero Hunger" by adopting new and sustainable technologies and business models to contribute towards the global goal to end hunger." ~ Shiraz Allana, Member of the Supervisory Board of IFFCO Group

Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC):

"We take pride in becoming a founder and core member of GAA which is expected to make significant impact on the emerging critical social, environmental and sustainability issues faced by the entire supply chain. IOPEPC is committed to make the required potential contribution in the efforts of GAA to achieve the delineated goals." ~ Sanjiv Sawla, Chairman of IOPEPC

Lewis M. Carter Manufacturing Inc.:

"With the ever increasing world population, steps are needed to care for food and fiber needs." ~ Lewis M. Carter Jr, Chairman of Lewis M. Carter & Co

Markham Agro Pte Ltd:

"We believe the GAA will be a good forum to achieve its mission objectives in general and in particular to improve rural livelihoods and eliminate the irony for farmers. This initiative of forming a Global Agri-business Alliance will be valuable for all agricultural companies with an opportunity to share ideas." ~ Krishnan Muthappan, CEO and Founder of Markham Agro

Minanga Group:

"Minanga Group is well invested in the agri sector and we understand the opportunities to do good in this sector, as well as the challenges ahead. The GAA is a very good idea to bring together the disparate agri sector and the corporates therein. We see the GAA as an idea whose time has come." ~ Mona Surya, President Director of Minanga Group

Musim Mas Group:

"Musim Mas welcomes and supports the formation of the Global Agri-business Alliance. The mission of the alliance to meet the complex challenge of sustainable development for the agricultural sector encapsulates the ethos of Musim Mas. The alliance will enhance the role of the sector to pursue a pathway that is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable, contributing to economic growth. The alliance with its goals and targets that are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals will also be able to contribute to the global sustainable development agenda." ~ Bachtiar Karim, Executive Chairman of Musim Mas Group



Olam International:

"I believe that consistent with Olam's Core Purpose of Growing Responsibly, we should make sure that values and value creation are not traded off in the long-term. I am therefore excited about the formation of the Global Agri-business Alliance because as an industry, we need to be both brave and restless to make a real difference to the major developmental challenges that face our sector, including food security, water security, impact of climate change, protecting natural capital, sustainable agriculture and inclusive growth by harnessing our collective strengths." ~ **Sunny Verghese, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Olam**

Von Buntit Co. Ltd.:

"We are all environmental-friendly manufacturers, who wish to produce, export, and promote the use of natural products to the world. By coming together under the Global Agri-business Alliance, all of us strongly commit to operate our business based on responsibility to society, stakeholders, customers, business partners, community and the environment." ~ **Bundit Kerdvongbundit, Chief Executive Officer of Von Buntit**

Willowton Group:

"Willowton Group is proud to be a member of the Global Agri-business Alliance (GAA) and focus our energies towards tackling sustainability, environmental and social challenges. We are looking to spearhead industry change and proactively tackle these real world issues that materialise further every day. Willowton Group is proactive in ensuring sustainability in procurement and manufacturing, whilst working towards a greener and sustainable future." ~ **Zubeir Moosa, Chief Executive Officer of Willowton Group**

Wilmar International Limited:

"As a leading agribusiness group, Wilmar is cognisant of its responsibility towards sustainable development. The GAA's mission is in line with our ongoing efforts in implementing our "No Deforestation, No Peat and No Exploitation" policy and we see synergies arising from collaborations with like-minded partners in the GAA. A coordinated and collective effort at the sector level will make a greater stride towards achieving the SDGs." ~ **Kuok Khoon Hong, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Wilmar International**