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Canopy Bridge: Canopy Bridge is a program of Ecodecision, a Latin American social enterprise based in Ecuador, which facilitates connections and relationship-building between buyers and sellers of cocoa and other sustainable natural products that contribute to rural livelihoods and the conservation of biodiversity. Canopy Bridge operates an online directory of suppliers and provides personalized support to both buyers and sellers aiming to connect with socially and environmentally sustainable counterparts to build long-term trading relationships. By providing on-the-ground and on-line support, Canopy Bridge's mission is to shorten the distance between buyers and sellers, making discovery and relationship building easy and transparent.

CEFA (European Committee for Training and Agriculture): an Italian non-governmental organization which has been working to overcome hunger and poverty for 40 years in countries around the world. In Ecuador, they have promoted sustainable agricultural development in rural areas, in ways compatible with the protection of biodiversity. Currently CEFA, together with the Ministry of Agriculture of Ecuador and the German Technical Cooperation are implementing the "Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains Program," funded by the European Union, with the objective of strengthening producer organizations that grow and market cocoa, coffee and quinoa. The cocoa component of the program is being developed in four provinces of Ecuador, three in the Amazon region, and one in the coastal region.

CNFA (Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture): CNFA manages the USDA funded MOCA project - Maximizing Opportunities for Cacao Activity in Cote d'Ivoire. The aim is to improve the supply of quality cocoa beans to chocolatiers that value quality by paying a premium on top of the state fixed minimum price to the cacao producer. It seeks to realize this aim through the delivery of capacity building, training, coaching and other related services to quality cacao producers, cooperatives and exporters, and by doing so providing over 3000 cacao producers the opportunity to improve their livelihoods.