



Abanya-Rwenzori Farmers' Cooperative Union Limited (AFCU)  
P.O. Box 1202, Bundibugyo, Uganda, East Africa

## Uganda's Ethical Cocoa

'Innovation at the Source'

the lifecycle of cocoa production from initial preparation to the mature tree



### Premium Cocoa by AFCU

**Our Commitment:** *'Transforming the Ugandan value chain through traceable systems, empowered communities, and resilient landscapes.'*

#### I. WHO WE ARE

**Abanya-Rwenzori Farmers' Cooperative Union (AFCU)** is a leading group of cocoa farmers from Bundibugyo District in Western Uganda. Rooted in a legacy that began with the Semliki Cooperative Society in 2009, AFCU formally unified in 2019 and achieved full registration in 2021 (Reg No: 11908/RCS).

Today, we represent a formidable network of over **5,000 smallholder farmers** across four primary cooperatives: Semliki, Bughendera, Busamba, and the Bughendera Women Farmers' SACCO. Our mission is to bridge the gap between traditional Ugandan cultivation and the rigorous standards of the global specialty market. By specializing in high-quality Cocoa, Coffee, and Vanilla, we empower women and youth through professionalized value-chain development. Our "Single Origin" products are defined by integrity, environmental stewardship, and superior flavor profiles.

#### II. WHY CHOOSE AFCU COCOA?

We offer more than just cocoa beans; we offer a partnership built on reliability and superior taste.

- **Supply Power:** With over 5,000 farmers (including 3,400 women), we can provide a steady, high-volume supply of premium beans.
- **Superior Flavor Profiles:** We grow **Trinitario** and **Amelonado** cocoa. Our beans are fermented in traditional "Sweat Boxes" and sun-dried on raised beds. This creates a rich, chocolate taste with hints of earthy fruit and red-berry acidity—perfect for craft chocolate producers.
- **High Quality Standards:** We control every step, from the farm to the shipping container. This ensures our beans meet strict international moisture and fermentation levels.



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### III. 100% READY FOR THE EUROPEAN MARKET (EUDR)

We know that European buyers need "risk-free" cocoa. AFCU is ahead of the competition regarding the new **EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)**.

- **Fully Traceable:** We have digitally mapped over **2,000 farm plots**. We can prove exactly which farm your cocoa came from.
- **Zero Deforestation:** We guarantee that our cocoa does not cause forest loss. Every batch comes with the GPS data you need to satisfy EU customs.
- **Chemical-Free:** Our cocoa is grown naturally in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains. We use organic methods to ensure our beans are free from harmful pesticides and heavy metals.

### IV. SOCIAL IMPACT: EMPOWERING WOMEN

When you buy from AFCU, you are supporting social change.

- **The Women's SACCO:** Most of the careful work in cocoa harvesting and sorting is done by women. Through our specific Women's SACCO, we ensure these women have access to soft credits with low interests and leadership roles.
- **Direct Sourcing:** By working directly with us, you remove "middlemen." This means more money goes to the farmers, and you get a more honest, transparent product.

### V. INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: CHOCOLATE AT THE SOURCE

We are looking for **Joint Venture Partners** to build a modern chocolate factory in Uganda.

Instead of just exporting raw beans, we want to create "Finished Single-Origin Chocolate" right here in Bundibugyo. We have the land, the legal status, and the best cocoa in the world. We just need the right partner to help us scale up.

### VI. CORPORATE IDENTITY & CONTACTS

- **Registered Name:** Abanya-Rwenzori Farmers' Cooperative Union Limited
- **Brand Name:** Green Bean
- **TIN:** 1038065328 | **Reg No:** 11908/RCS
- **Head Office:** Bimara-Twanzane Road, Bundibugyo Town Council, Uganda

**General Manager: Azoli Bahati**