

# The Cashew Value Chain



Cashew trees, *Anacardium occidentale*, bear fruit after five years. 90% of African cashews are harvested from small farms.



Picking cashews



Storing and drying raw nuts

Cashew processing holds vast economic potential for Africa.

By processing the 650,000 MT of raw cashews exported in 2007, the continent would gain:

- 1,000 new businesses
- 250,000 new jobs
- USD 150 million added value



African processing



Export and processing in India and other countries



Roasting and salting in Africa



Roasting and salting in North America & Europe



International markets

The African Cashew Alliance is a public-private partnership supporting increased farmer income, exports, and economic growth of the cashew industry in Africa.



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