



## VINCENT FRIMPONG MANU

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Vincent is a scholar and fellow of the Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Plan (CSFP) with a Master of Science degree in Development Management from the Open University, United Kingdom. He holds a Bachelor of Education degree in Primary Education (majored in Sociology and Social Studies) from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He also holds a Diploma in Financial Management from the Institute of Commercial Management, United Kingdom and a Certificate in Project Management from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Previously, Vincent worked as the Ghana Cocoa Program Manager of Solidaridad West Africa working in a network of global experts to promote development and poverty reduction through sustainable agricultural value chains and trade. At Solidaridad, he managed a country portfolio of different cocoa and additional livelihoods projects and instituted several initiatives in Ghana. He successfully led a vibrant team to pilot the efficacy of cocoa sustainability and certification models with farmer organizations and private companies for farmers to adopt better farming practices for better income and to enable cocoa traders, processors and manufacturers to source sustainably produced cocoa.

In the cocoa sector, he has set up projects and brokered partnerships with international organizations, national institutions, NGOs, farmer organizations, private companies and government agencies. Vincent initiated the National Cocoa Stakeholders' Conference for stakeholders in Ghana's cocoa sector to annually meet and discuss cocoa sustainability issues in Ghana.

He serves on a number of local and international committees including the National Technical Committee on Cocoa Extension in Ghana, a working group for the development of CEN/ISO standard for cocoa and a member of the Global Advisory Group of the Green Development Initiative (GDI).