

The cornerstone of Touton's approach is the company's presence in the countries where we source our products.



Touton delivers quality, responsibly sourced cocoa, coffee, vanilla and natural ingredient products to its customers around the globe.



In 2015 Touton initiated its industrial development with the acquisition of a cocoa liquor factory in Tema, near Accra.



### SUSTAINABILITY

We work on holistic approaches that benefit farmers and their families while supporting our sustainable sourcing activities.



# Touton Quarterly News

## Q2 2017



Touton was proud to host this year's European Spice Association General Assembly. During three days the city of Bordeaux was home to the movers and shakers of the spice sector.

This year's European Spice Association's General Assembly took place for the first time in Bordeaux. The event gathered participants from all over the world for three days of conferences and social events from 31

May to 2 June. This year's conference focused particularly on the health benefits of

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Guest speaker Bharat B. Aggarwal gave a fascinating talk on how new findings will disrupt the global spice industry. Bharat is the world's foremost expert on the therapeutic use of culinary spices and the author

of 'Healing Spices'. He explained how breakthrough scientific research is finding that spices-even more than herbs, fruits, and vegetables-are loaded with antioxidants and other unique health-enhancing compounds. Studies **(f** of dietary patterns around the world confirm that spice-consuming populations have the lowest incidence of such life-threatening illnesses as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's.

Sanjay Mariwala, CEO of OmniActive Health Technologies, went on to present on Spices : a journey from flavour and color to preventive health care! OmniActive offers a range of which quality ingredients, are innovative and scientifically validated dietary supplementation, for nutritional fortification. functional food/beverage, colouring, flavour enhancement and personal care applications. The company addresses complex challenges for customers in the dietary supplement, food and beverage space using technology-driven, sustainable solution with application support within a global regulatory framework.

Participants were provided with crop reports on Pepper, Mediterranean Herbs, Seeds,

Onions, Paprika, Chili and Garlic as well as detailed updates on ESA's key activities over the previous year.

In addition to a well-balanced conference & lecture programme, association members were treated to a variety of social networking

opportunities and leisure activities including a boat trip to the famous Dune du Pilat near Cap Ferret, and for partners, a guided tour of the world-reknown Saint Emilion wine country.

More on ESA: https://www.esa-spices.org/

We were delighted to welcome our peers from around the world to celebrate spices in Bordeaux during the event. It was also an opportunity for us to enlighten participants on the strategic role spices and ingredients played in the foundation and growth of Touton.



#### Rolling-out our clove programme in Madagascar

As announced in our newsletter of October 2016, 24 producers in the Ambatombary region of Madagascar received in May a total of 2000 cloves ready to be planted with the technical support of CTHT (picture on left). Planters have been trained in good plant maintenance practices (mulching, weeding, periodic clearing, fertilization, etc.). An agreement in principle is established between the CTHT and each producer to ensure the beneficiaries' participation in the protection of the girofliers they planted. This project is part of the Vokatra Mevan'ide Touton program. Later this year, these planters will be allocated cinnamon plants (2nd picture from the top on the right).

#### **CORIP Consortium Partners'** Meeting 2017 – Kumasi, Ghana

On June 7th Touton joined others in Kumasi for the Annual CORIP Consortium Partners' Meeting. The provided meeting а great opportunity to showcase developments over the past year in respect to our Akuafo Yiedie Fie Rural Service Centres in Ghana.











#### **Ghana's Emission Reduction** Programme is approved for inclusion in the World Bank's Carbon Fund

Ghana's revised Emission Reduction Programme waspresented during the 16th meeting of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Meeting in Paris in June.

The Ghanaian delegation which included government officials, Cocobod, Forestry Commission, House of Chiefs, civil society and private sector representatives responded to clarifying questions from Carbon Fund participants over 3 days. On June 22nd the World Bank's FCPF adopted a resolution to include Ghana in the Carbon Fund's portfolio.

This is a great achievement and the result of many years of hard work.

Touton remains committed to supporting going forward, notably by efforts contributing to the ongoing development of a standard for Climate Smart Cocoa.

Check out our video footage on our new YouTube Channel



As announced in our previous edition, the French version of our Sustainable Sourcing Report is now available!

We've also added a new 'Resources' section on our website with reports, newsletters and videos!



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> Touton is a leading agro-industrial actor. Our know-how builds on over 150 years' experience of providing our customers with high quality commodities.

In addition to delivering responsibly-sourced cocoa, coffee, vanilla and natural ingredients, we are now increasing our engagement in commodity-producing countries through processing operations in cocoa.

With subsidiaries in originating regions, and agents in key locations, Touton's strength lies in the skills of its workers, the cultural diversity of its teams, and a deep understanding of the countries in which the company operates.