

Joint UNCTAD-ITC statement

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For Pamela CokeHamilton, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

x In support of this outcome, we propose five specific outputs

- x Our joint programme will incorporate these important environmental and health benefits— alongside the economic ones— into its advocacy, investment planning and policy making activities.

Fourth: By-products must be part of a coherent national cotton strategies

- x In many cotton producing countries, the institutional structure governing the value chain is relatively fractured.
- x Most countries have legislation and specialist institutions devoted to cotton production, overseen by their agriculture ministries.
- x Cotton-specific governance of value addition is rare and, where it exists, policy coordination from production to value addition is often lacking.
- x Similarly, some countries have strategies for the cotton clothing chain, while others do not
- x The policy-oriented activities in our proposal therefore stress the alignment of fibre and by-products in a single national cotton strategy as well as a more coordinated, end-to-end governance of the cotton value chain.
- x In conclusion, UNCTAD and ITC are pleased to submit this joint proposal, to implement the findings from the ongoing feasibility study on cotton by-products in eight African LDCs.
- x We trust that the structure of outcome activities and cross-cutting themes will respond to our partners' and beneficiaries' priorities.
- x We look forward to answering your questions and continuing this work on developing cotton by-products towards reducing poverty and improving farmers' livelihoods in African LDCs
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