

COCOA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA, IBADAN												
ANNUAL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES												
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A. COCOA (<i>Theobroma cacao</i>)												
S/N	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1. LAND CLEARING												
2. Nursery establishment												
3. Transplanting to field	Apr – May (early rains)											
4. Fertilizer application	May – June / Sept											
5. Weeding	3-4 times yearly (Apr, July, Sept)											
6. Pest & disease control	May- August											
7. Main harvesting	Oct – Feb											
8. Light harvesting	May – Aug											
	January Continue major harvesting Break pods & ferment beans Dry and bag cocoa Shade regulation (light pruning)	February End of major harvest Field sanitation Prepare nursery materials (polybags, topsoil)	March Raise nursery seedlings Repair shade trees Apply organic manure	April Transplant seedlings (early rains) First weeding Fungicide spray (black pod prevention)	May Fertilizer application (NPK 15:15:15) Pest control (capsids) Mulching	June Weed control Fungicide spray Remove chupons (water shoots)	July Second weeding Pest monitoring	August Light harvest begins Disease control (rainy season peak)	September Fertilizer (second split dose) Field sanitation	October Major harvest begins Regular harvesting every 2 weeks	November Peak harvest Drying and storage	December Continue harvesting Prepare land for expansion
2. TRAINING OF COCOA STAKEHOLDERS ON GAP (EXTENSION)												
Pre-season Training exercise	26-28 Jan											
3. Visit to CRIN Adopted villages and Schools		Visit to CRIN adopted Villages and schools	Divisional Seminar	27th April-1st May Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	Divisional Seminar	
4. CRIN RADIO PROGRAMME weekly (March-June)			Ip-Oro program (Fresh FM105.9 fm)									
5. Production of Extension Materials, flyers, banner and booklets			16th -20th		4th -8th							
Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) Division												
		Resuscitation of CRIN Pure Water factory	Upgrading of CRIN bakery		Commencement of operations of Incubation platforms							
B. Cashew (<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>)												
Land clearing												
Nursery operation												
Field planting	Apr – June											
Fertilizer application	May – July											
Pruning	Aug – Sept											
Pest control (tea mosquito, etc.)	Nov – Feb											
Harvesting	Feb – May											
	January Flowering period Pest control (tea mosquito bug)	February Nut formation Begin harvesting early varieties	March Peak harvesting Dry nuts properly	April Late harvesting Field sanitation	May Fertilizer application Weed control	June Gap filling (replanting) Mulching	July Weed control Disease monitoring	August Light pruning Pest monitoring	September Major pruning Orchard thinning	October Land clearing for expansion	November Dry season pruning Fire belt creation	December Orchard inspection Prepare for flowering season Field planting Fertilizer application
3. Coffee (<i>Coffea arabica / robusta</i>)												
Land clearing	Nov – Jan											
Nursery raising	Jan – Feb											
Transplanting	Apr – May											
Fertilizer application	May – June / Sept											
Weeding	3 times yearly											
Pest & disease control	Rainy season											
Harvesting	Nov – Feb											
	January Harvesting Processing (wet/dry method)	February End harvest Pruning	March Nursery preparation Land clearing	April Transplanting Mulching	May Fertilizer application Weed control	June Pest control Fungicide for leaf rust	July Weed control Shade management	August Field sanitation	September Fertilizer (second dose)	October Cherry development monitoring	November Begin harvesting	December Peak harvesting
4. Kola (<i>Cola nitida / Cola acuminata</i>)												
Land clearing	Nov – Jan											
Nursery operation	Jan – Mar											
Transplanting	Apr – May											
Fertilizer application	May – July											
Weeding	3-4 times yearly											
Pest control	Rainy season											
Harvesting	Sept – Dec											
	January Field sanitation Nursery preparation	February Nursery operations Mulching	March Land preparation	April Transplanting First weeding	May Fertilizer application	June Weed control Pest monitoring	July Disease control	August Field sanitation	September Harvest begins	October Peak harvesting	November Continue harvesting	December End harvest Drying and storage
5. Tea (<i>Camellia sinensis</i>)												
Land clearing	Nov – Jan											
Nursery raising	Jan – Mar											
Field planting	Apr – June											
Fertilizer application	Start of rains & mid-season											
Pruning	After major harvest											
Pest & disease control	Rainy season											
Picking/Harvesting	All year (peak rainy season)											
	January Light picking Pruning	February Nursery raising Shade management	March Land preparation	April Transplanting Fertilizer application	May Picking begins (rains) Weed control	June Peak picking Pest control	July Continuous picking Fertilizer (split dose)	August Disease control	September Picking	October Heavy picking	November Light picking Pruning	December Maintenance Soil testing