1. **Project: Cacao for Peace Initiative**

**Project Summary**: Research different cooperative movements in the developing world that could help develop the framework to organize cacao association in Colombia to provide scale and quality for export.

**Project Description:** On January 15, 2016, USDA and USAID entered into an interagency agreement titled Cacao for Peace. The Cacao for Peace Initiative will provide the necessary tools and resources to empower Colombian agricultural institutions to become a leading global supplier of fine cacao while taking advantage of the rapidly increasing global demand for chocolate. This initiative will create economic opportunities for both American chocolate manufacturers and thousands of Colombian farmers and their families.

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1. **Project: Colombia Market Brief Project**

**Project Summary**: Write market briefs for U.S. exporters on opportunities for consumer oriented products in Colombia.

**Project Description**: Sales of U.S. products to Colombia have grown rapidly since the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) went into effect in May, 2012. U.S. consumer oriented product exports to Colombia have outstanding growth potential. In order to capitalize on this unique opportunity, the Office Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia is writing a series of market briefs on consumer oriented products for U.S. producers and exporters seeking to enter the Colombian market.

Selected candidates will enjoy a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the international trade arena, closely guided by local trade specialists with many years of experience and stories to share.

1. **The SaborUSA Campaign**

**Project Summary:** Work on social media projects for the SaborUSA campaign in Colombia. SaborUSA is an innovative campaign that uses social media tools to promote U.S. food products in Colombia. For more information, check our website saborusa.co.

**Project Description:** Develop, edit and compile content for website and social media that highlight U.S. food and beverage trends.

1. **U.S.- Colombia's Agricultural Trade: A new beginning?**

**Project Summary**: Helping USDA with the research needed to produce a comprehensive report on U.S.-Colombia agricultural trade.

**Project Description**: It is an exciting time for Colombia given the convergence of several positive factors, including the free trade agreement between the United States and Colombia, the ongoing efforts to improve the competitiveness of Colombian agriculture, and the recently signed peace agreement with a long-standing guerrilla group. Colombia with a population over 45 million people is the largest South American market for U.S. agricultural products.  USDA is working on a comprehensive report to analyze the impact of the bilateral trade agreement and the peace accord on U.S.-Colombia agricultural trade.

This report will be written in coordination with USDA’s Office of Agricultural Affairs in Bogota, Colombia and the Economic Research Service in Washington, D.C.