



SUSTAINABLE COCOA DIALOGUE – GHANA
11 March 2021 – indicative programme

Moderator: Viwanou Gnassounou, Former Ass. Secretary-General at the ACP Secretariat

09:00-09:10 Welcoming remarks

- Hon. Dr Owusu Afriyie Akoto, Minister of Food and Agriculture, tbc

09:10-09:45 State of play of Cocoa Initiatives

Objective: Presentation of the current state of play of cocoa initiatives in Ghana. The session will start with the presentation of COCOBOD's strategy for the sector. It will be followed by the presentation of the EU Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on sustainable cocoa.

- Hon. Joseph Aidoo, Chief Executive of Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD)
- H.E. Diana Acconcia, European Union Ambassador to Ghana

09:45-11:15 Tour de table – Q&A

Objective: Key stakeholders will enrich the dialogue (5 min each) with additional perspectives and initiatives from EU Member States, CSOs, private sector and international organisations. It will be followed by a Q&A session. The Moderator will manage the questions and direct them to the relevant speaker(s). Provisional speakers list:

- H.E. Ron Strikker, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Ghana
- H.E. Sena Siaw-Boateng, Ambassador of Ghana to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, the European Union
- Michel Arrion, Executive Director, International Cocoa Organization (ICCO)
- Pierre Laporte, Country Director, The World Bank
- Obed Owusu-Addai, Managing Campaigner, EcoCare Ghana
- Mamadou Ly, Managing Director, Barry Callebaut
- Cocoa farmers representative

11:15-11:25 Wrap up and way forward

- Moderator, Viwanou Gnassounou

11:25-11:30 Closing remarks

- H.E. Diana Acconcia, European Union Ambassador to Ghana