



Agenda

EU multi-stakeholder dialogue for sustainable cocoa

Launch event

22 September 2020 (15:30-18:00)

The event will be moderated by Viwanou Gnassounou, Executive Business and Development Policy Advisor. It will be conducted in English and French and simultaneous translation will be available.

15:30-16:00 Opening Session

- Welcome remarks by Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships
- HE Abou Dosso Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire
- HE Harriet Sena Siaw-Boateng Ambassador of Ghana to the EU

16:00-16:50 Session 1: The role of the EU private sector in the sustainability of cocoa supply chains

This session will look at the role of the EU private sector in contributing to the sustainability of the cocoa supply chains through responsible practices. The European Commission will present ongoing or planned initiatives in this regard. Representatives from across the value chain will share their experience on how private sector-led sustainability efforts can be further advanced.

- Introductory remarks: Helena König, Deputy Director General, DG TRADE
- Presentations:
 - Hugo-Maria Schally, Head of Unit, Multilateral Environmental Cooperation, DG ENV
 - Maija Laurila, Head of Unit, Company law, DG JUST

- Mr. Harold Poelma, European Cocoa Association Chairman and President Cargill Cocoa and Chocolate
- Christophe Alliot, Le Basic
- Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs of the OECD

The session will be followed by a short discussion with participants.

16:50-17:30 Session 2: Improving synergies between the EU's international cooperation programmes and other sustainability initiatives

Building on a series of short presentations by the European Commission, representatives of public authorities, international organisations, research networks, cocoa producers and traders, this session will present how information sharing and coordination on existing EU programmes could be improved, including with regard to initiatives of the EU Member States, as well as capacity building programmes funded by the EU private sector.

- Introductory remarks: Koen Doens, Director General, DG DEVCO
- Presentations:
 - Toussaint N'Guessan, President of the Board, World Cocoa Producer Organisation (WCPO)
 - Dr. Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
 - Francesco d'Ovidio, Fundamentals, International Labour Organization (ILO)
 - Antonie Fountain, Managing Director, VOICE-Network

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17:30-18:00 Wrap-up and way forward

- Views from Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Closing remarks by Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President for an Economy that Works for People and responsible for Trade (designate)
- Wrap up and next steps by the moderator