



COCOA TALKS: EU VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES ON SUSTAINABLE COCOA
MEETING 3B – TRACEABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITH
REGARD TO DEFORESTATION

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 (10:00 – 13:30 CET)

Welcome and Introductory remarks	10:00-10:30
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ms. Carla Montesi, Director Green Deal, Digital Agenda, European Commission Directorate General for International Partnerships</i>• <i>Mr. Hugo Schally, Head of Unit Multilateral environmental cooperation, European Commission Directorate General for Environment</i>• <i>Hon. Joseph Aidoo, Chief Executive of Ghana Cocoa Board</i>• <i>Minister Alain-Richard Donwahi, Ministry of Water and Forests, Côte d'Ivoire</i>	
Framing the Discussion	10:30-11:00
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Presentation by <i>Ms. Adeline Dontenville, European Forest Institute</i>	
Panel Discussion	11:00-11:45
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Andrew Brooks, Head of Cocoa Sustainability, OLAM</i>• <i>Ms. Etelle Higonnet, Senior Advisor, National Wildlife Federation</i>• <i>Ms. Violaine Berger, Senior Advisor, Forests, IDH</i>• <i>Mr. Hugh Eva, Project Officer, Scientific Research, Bioeconomy, EU Joint Research Centre</i>	
Break	11:45-12:00
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Question and Answer Session	12:00-13:00
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Wrap-up and conclusions	13:00-13:30

Moderator: *Mr. Viwanou Gnassounou, Former Assistant Secretary-General at the Africa, Caribbean, Pacific Group of States (now OACP)*

Background information: Cocoa Talks

On the 22 of September 2020, the European Commission launched with EU stakeholders an inclusive dialogue on sustainable cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. The dialogue brings together key EU stakeholders, including representatives of Member States, the European Parliament, industry and civil society organisations. The Ambassadors of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana to the EU took part in the launch event with a supporting message from authorities of the respective countries. The objective of the multi-stakeholder dialogue is to foster progress in the elimination of child labour and child trafficking in cocoa supply chains, enhancing the protection and restorations of forests in cocoa-producing regions, and ensuring a living income for cocoa farmers.

Background and objectives of the meeting

This meeting will provide an overview of existing mechanisms that seek to improve transparency, traceability and accountability along the supply chain to address negative environmental externalities of cocoa production, in particular **deforestation and forest degradation**.

The meeting will provide a state of play of ongoing initiatives aimed at improving cocoa supply chain traceability and monitoring the impact of cocoa production. This includes a selection of available technologies and solutions, amongst:

- Public traceability and forest monitoring schemes
- Certification traceability and sustainability requirements;
- Corporate traceability schemes and tools;
- Publicly available data.

The meeting will discuss the appropriate allocation of roles and responsibilities between supply chain actors in the design, implementation, administration and supervision of these systems and highlight the importance of transparency and sound governance, including independent verification mechanisms.

Short Bio of the main expert

Ms. Adeline Dontenville, European Forest Institute, is a land-use and natural resources governance expert with over ten years of experience supporting tropical forest countries in designing, implementing, and financing strategies to achieve their forest and climate objectives. Adeline is a member of the EU REDD Facility of the European Forest Institute, where her portfolio includes working with public and private stakeholders in Côte d'Ivoire to scale-up sustainable cocoa production.