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Day 1 - 5 September 2012, Wednesday

08:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 Chairman's Remark

Keynote Ministerial Address:

09:10 **Investment Opportunities in Palm Oil & Rubber Plantations in Ghana**
*Hon. Yaw Effah-Baafi, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Food & Agriculture,
Republic of Ghana*

09:40 **Liberia: Role of Oil Palm Investments and Investors in Rural Prosperity Building and Food Security**
*Hon. Dr. Florence Chenoweth, Minister
Ministry of Agriculture of Liberia*

10:10 **Strategies for Success: A Model for Agri-Investments in Africa**

10:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break

11:10 **Land Banks & Availability for Rubber & Palm Oil Investments in Ghana**
*Stephen Kumadoh, Principal Evaluator
Land Commission*

11:40 **Agricultural Financing Facilities in Africa**
Inviting: African Development Bank

12:10 **Mitigating Political & Investment Risk for African Agribusiness**

12:40 Discussion followed by Lunch

14:00 **Developing Large Scale Sustainable Palm Oil Plantations in Gabon**
• Resource/capacity building in Gabon for large scale planting – technical expertise, plantation material inputs, plantation culture adaption, language barrier etc

- RSPO accreditation
- Implementation of BMP in large scale planting
- Training & Development – localization of staffing
- Sourcing of right planting materials – both quality and availability.
- Challenges of costing
- Infrastructure development within plantation
- Introduction of mechanization from land development to planting to harvesting

*Supramaniam Ramasamy,
Global Head of Plantation,
Olam International*

14:30 **Liberia - Sustainable Oil Palm Development - An Operator's Perspective**

- Dealing with Land Laws – leasehold / freehold; types of tenure, Indigenous Peoples' Rights(IPR) & community issues
- David Rothschild, Director,
Golden Veroleum Ltd*

15:00 **Benefits and Challenges of Palm Oil in Africa – A Grower's Perspective**
*Delilah Rothenburg,
Herakles Farm*

15:30 Discussion followed by Tea

16:00 **Sierra Loene Palm Oil Plantation Experience**
*Patrick Caulker,
Sierra Loene Investment & Export
Promotion Agency (SLIEPA)*

16:30 **Logistics Challenges – From Getting the Fruit from Local Outgrowers to Processing Mills to Refineries or Ports**
*Eric Anang, General Manager,
Norpalm Ghana Ltd. (NGL)*

17:00 **Biodiversity Conservation and REDD Opportunities in Expansion of Palm Oil Plantations in Africa**

- New planting procedures and maintaining HCV
- Abraham Baffoe, Associate Director,
Proforest*

17:30 Discussion. End of Day 1

Day 2 - 6 September 2012, Thursday

09:00 Chairman's Introduction

09:10 **West African Oil Palm: Country Risk v Execution Risk**

- Attracting Investment Partners
- Doug Hawkins,
Hardman & Co*

09:40 **Palm oil Sustainability in Africa – An Auditor's Perspective**

- Challenges/ opportunities, how different is it? supply chain
- David Ogg,
Peterson Consultancy*

10:20 Discussion followed by Coffee

10:50 **Environment and Social Impact Assessment for Palm Oil Expansion Projects in Africa**

*Dr Ted Avis, CEO,
Coastal & Environmental Services*

11:20 **PalmElit Breeding and Genetic Improvement in Response to the Specific Constraints in Africa for the Oil Palm (Drought and Vascular Wilt Disease)**

*Michel Cazemajor. Breeder,
PalmElit*

11:50 **Wild Oil Palm Germplasm Research & Crop Improvement in Ghana**

*Dr George Okyere-Boateng Breeder
OPRI*

12:20 **Nigeria -Developments in Oil Palm Varieties High Yielding Materials**

*Dr Clement Ataga,
NIFOR*

13:00 Discussion followed by Lunch

14:00 **Agronomic Specificities in Africa and Yield Potential**

*Dr Claude Jannot, Agronomist,
CIRAD*

14:30 **Developments in Palm Oil Seed Resistant to Diseases : Case of CNRA of Cote d'Ivoire**

*Dr. YO Tiemoko, Director General of
CNRA Cote d'Ivoire*

15:00 Final Discussion. End of Conference

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