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Day 1 - 4 Sept 2012, Tuesday

- 08:00 Registration & Coffee
- 09:00 Chairman's Welcome & Introduction
- 09:10 **Global Rubber Fundamentals: The Outlook for Supply, Demand & Price**
Mr. John McClure, Research Economist LMC International Ltd
- 09:40 **Investors Perspectives: Rubber Cultivation in West Africa**
 - CSR
 - Infrastructure and logistics support
 - Skill building
 - Environmental liability
 - Downstream processing
- 10:10 **Opportunities for Rubber Investment in Liberia**
 - Greenfield/brownfield plantation developments
 - Rubber & rubberwood processing and export activities
 - Research activities and smallholder replanting programs
 - Cross-cutting investment factors - infrastructure, legislative framework, land issues, human capacity, government relations, etc.*Mr. Brian Caouette, President Farmbuilders*
- 10:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break
- 11:10 **From Trees to Woodchips: Biomass Opportunities for Rubber Farms**
Mr. Jean-Francois Guillon, Founder and Managing Director Africa Renewables Ltd.
- 11:40 **Land Issues, Policies & Incentives for Rubber Investments in Africa - Malawi**
Mr. Noel G. Lihiku, Planning and Research Manager Malawi Investment Promotion Agency - MIPA

- **Cameroon**
Mr. Pierre Andre Owona Ndongo, Senior Representative Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development
- **Gabon**
- 12:40 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch
- 14:00 Chairman's Remarks
- 14:10 **Production and Yield Improvement of Hevea brasiliensis in West Africa: Present and Prospects**
Dr. Kenneth Omokhafa, Director & Head of Department Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria
- 14:40 **Recent Trends in Land Evaluation for Improved Rubber Cultivation in Cameroon**
Dr. Eugene Ejolle Ehabe, Director Institute of Agricultural Research & Development (IRAD)
- 15:10 **Performance of the RRIMFLOW System of Exploitation in Rubber Plantations in West Africa**
Dr. Sivakumaran A/L Seenivasagam, Executive Director (Research & Development) Greenyield Berhad
- 15:40 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break
- 16:10 **Rubber Soil Mapping and Assessment of Land Suitability**
Dr. Julius R. Orimoloye, Chief Research Officer Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria
- 16:40 **Challenges in Adoption of New Technologies in Rubber Plantations in Cote d'Ivoire**
Dr. Kouadio Dian, Operation Officer Professional Association of Natural Rubber Cote d'Ivoire (APROMAC)
- 17:10 Discussion followed by end of Day 1

Day 2 - 5 Sept 2012, Wednesday

Common Session for RubberPLANT Africa & Palm Oil Africa

- 09:00 Chairman's Remark
- 09:10 **Keynote Ministerial Address**
- 09:10 **Investment Opportunities in Palm Oil & Rubber Plantations in Ghana**
Hon. Yaw Effah-Baafi, Deputy Minister Ministry of Food & Agriculture, 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 Discussion followed by Refreshment Break
- 10:40 **Strategies for Success: A Model for Agri-Investments in Africa**
- 11:10 **Land Banks & Availability for Rubber & Palm Oil Investments in Ghana**
 - Brief overview of the the Ghanaian Land Tenure System
 - Large Scale acquisitions in Ghana and matters arising
 - Land banks Within the Ghanaian context*Mr. Stephen Kumadoh, Principal Valuer Lands Commission*
- 11:40 **Business Environment & Investment Incentives for Tree-Crop Production**
Dr George Aboagye, CEO Ghana Investment Promotion Council (GIPC)

- 12:10 **Financing RoundTable : Agriculture Financing Facilities & Risk Mitigation in Africa**
Mr. Mouhamadou Niang, Division Manager, Industries and Services Division, Private Sector Dept African Development Bank
- Mr. Bedu Addo Kweku, CEO Standard Chartered Bank Ghana*
- Senior Representative IFC/MIGA*
- 13:00 Final discussion followed by closing lunch for RubberPLANT Summit delegates
- 13:40 End of conference for RubberPLANT Summit

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