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## Day 1 - 4 Sept 2012, Tuesday

- 08:00 Registration & Coffee
- 09:00 Chairman's Welcome & Introduction  
*Dr. Kenneth Omokhafa*  
Director & Head of Department  
**Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria**
- 09:10 **Global Rubber Fundamentals: The Outlook for Supply, Demand & Price**  
*Mr. John McClure, Research Economist*  
**LMC International Ltd**
- 09:40 **Revisiting Africa - Sime Darby's Experience**  
*Mr. Mohd Faris Adli Shukery,*  
Vice President  
(Special Projects, Plantation Upstream)  
**Sime Darby Plantation**
- 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**
- **Nigeria**  
*Mr. Sule Musafau Omotayo*  
Deputy Director  
**Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development**
- 12:40 Discussion followed by Networking Lunch
- 14:00 Chairman's Remarks  
*Mr. John McClure, Research Economist*  
**LMC International Ltd**
- 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 **Soil Mapping and Suitability Evaluation for Rubber**  
*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  
*Dr. A B Salifu, Director General*  
**Council For Scientific & Industrial Research Ghana (CSIR)**
- 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 **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**
- 11:10 **Business Environment & Investment Incentives for Tree-Crop Production**  
*Dr George Aboagye, CEO*  
**Ghana Investment Promotion Council (GIPC)**

- 11:40 **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**
- Mr. Thomas Kouadio, Agribusiness Leader*  
**International Finance Corporation**
- 12:40 Final discussion followed by closing lunch for RubberPLANT Summit delegates
- 13:40 End of conference for RubberPLANT Summit

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