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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
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- 14:10 **Production and Yield Improvement of Hevea brasiliensis in West Africa: Present and Prospects**
Dr. Kenneth Omokhafa
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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)
- 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 **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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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 R. Ramasamy,
Global Head of Plantation
Olam International Limited

14:40 **Liberia - Sustainable Oil Palm Development - An Operator's Perspective**

- Dealing with Land Laws - leasehold / freehold; types of tenure, Indigenous Peoples' Rights(IPR) & community issues

 Henri Harmon, AVP, Government Affairs
Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc. (GVL)

15:30 Discussion followed by Tea

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

16:30 **Logistics Challenges – From Getting the Fruit from Local Outgrowers to Processing Mills to Refineries or Ports**
Eric A Anang, General Manager -
Norplam Ghana
Norplam Ghana Ltd / Norpalm AS

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

- New planting procedures and maintaining HCV

 Abraham Baffoe
ProForest

17:30 **Agronomic Specificities in Africa and Yield Potential**
Dr . Claude Marcel Jannot, Agronomist
Centre de Coopération Internationale
en Recherche, Agronomique pour le
Développement (CIRAD)

18:00 Discussion. End of Day 1

Day 2 - 6 September 2012, Thursday

08:00 Chairman's Introduction

08:10 **West African Oil Palm: Country Risk v Execution Risk**

- Attracting Investment Partners

 Doug Hawkins, Partner
Hardman & Co

08:40 **Environmental & Social Impact Assessment for Palm Oil Projects in Africa**
Marc Hardy
Principal Environmental Consultant
Coastal & Environmental Services

09:15 **Wild Oil Palm Germplas Research & Crop Improvement in Ghana**
Dr . George Okyere-Boateng, Breeder
CSIR-Oil Palm Research Institute

09:45 Discussion followed by Coffee

10:05 **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 SAS

10:40 **Developments in Palm Oil Seed Resistant to Diseases : Case of CNRA of Cote d'Ivoire**
Dr . Adiko Amoncho
Director of Research Programs
Centre National de Recherche
Agronomique (CNRA HQ)

11:10 **Precision Farming and Nutrient Management to Assist Investors & Plantations to Reduce Input Costs and Increase Yield in a Sustainable Way**
Cobus Burger, Managing Director
SGS South Africa

11:50 Discussion followed by Lunch

13:30 End of Conference

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