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## Day 1 - 5 September 2012, Wednesday

- 08:00 Registration & Coffee
- 09:00 Chairman's Remark  
*Sylvester Dery*  
**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**  
*Stephen Kumadoh, Principal Valuer Lands Commission*
- 11:10 **Business Environment and Investment Incentives for Tree Crop Production**  
*Dr George Aboagye, CEO Ghana Investment Promotion Council (GIPC)*
- 11:40 **Financing RoundTable : Agricultural Financing Facilities & Risk Mitigation in Africa**  
*Mouhammadou Niang, Division Manager Industries and Services Division Private Sector Dept African Development Bank*  
*Bedu Addo Kweku, CEO Standard Chartered Bank Ghana*  
*Thomas Kouadio, Agribusiness Leader International Finance Corporation*

- 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 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*  
*Norpalm 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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