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Day 1 – 17 October, Thursday

- 08:00 Registration & Coffee
- 08:50 Chairman's Introduction
Paul-Harry Aithnard, Group Head, Research Ecobank
- 09:00 **Keynote Ministerial Address**
REVITALISATION DE L'AGRO - INDUSTRIE GABONAISE ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT DESCULTURES DE RENTE
Revitalising Gabon's Agro-Industry and Cash Crops Development with Emphasis on Palm Oil
His Excellency Julien Nkoghe Bekale
Minister of Agriculture Gabon
- 09:30 **An update on OLAM's Palm oil & Rubber Plantations Investment in Gabon**
Supramaniam R. Ramasamy, Global Head of Plantation Olam International Ltd
- 10:10 Discussion followed by Coffee Break
- 10:40 **Challenges and Opportunities Developing Oil Palm & Rubber Plantations in Africa – A Major Investor's Perspective**
Gert Vandersmissen, Director General Siat Gabon
- 11:10 **Outgrower's / Smallholders Scheme – Learning from Cote D'Ivoire**
Guillaume Franck Diby, Executive Secretary APROSAPCI
- 11:40 **Environmental Management System & Sustainability Practices in Socapalm in Cameroon**
Pierre Bois d'Enghien
Sustainable Development Department Socfinco SA
- 12:10 **A New Approach to Plantation Establishment to Lower Costs and Improve Productivity**
Michael Ray Duncan, Global Industry Manager Caterpillar Inc
- 12:40 Discussion followed by **Lunch Sponsored by**



- 14:00 Afternoon Session Chairman
Gert Vandersmissen, Director General Siat Gabon
- 14:05 **Working with the Industry and RSPO for a Sustainable Palm Oil Industry in Africa**
• WWF's role and what we can help deliver as stakeholders to develop African palm oil sector
Miara III Ludovic
Regional Palm Oil Programme Coordinator WWF CARPO (Central Africa Regional Programme Office)
- 14:30 **Financing Availability & Unlocking Africa's Palm Oil Potential**
Rolake Akinkugbe
Head of Energy, Oil and Gas Research Groupe Ecobank
- 15:00 **Importance of Sustainable Palm Oil - Economic, Environmental & Social Achievements in Thailand's Oil Palm Industry**
John Clendon, Managing Director Univanich Palm Oil PCL
- 15:40 Discussion followed by **Afternoon Reception Sponsored by**
 **JOHN DEERE**
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- 16:10 **Developments in High Quality Palm Oil Planting Material – Reviewing NIFOR's Role**
Dr. C.O. Okwuagwu, Executive Director Nigerian Institute For Oil Palm Research (NIFOR)
- 16:40 **Ghana - Significant Contribution of the Ghanaian Farmer to the Oil Palm Industry**
• Contributions of independent oil palm farmers, smallholder scheme farmers and outgrower scheme farmers
Christian Foli, Program Manager TAF Smallholder Support Prog
- 17:10 **Improving the Productivity, Profitability and Sustainability of Small Scale Oil Palm Farms**
Dr. Henricus Hendrickx
Regional Programme Manager SWAPP Solidaridad West Africa
- 17:40 Discussion. End of Day 1

17:45 – 18:45 *Networking Reception*
for Speakers and Delegates. **Sponsored by**



Day 2 - 18 October, Friday

- 08:00 Chairman's Introduction
Pierre Bois d'Enghien
Sustainable Development Department Socfinco SA
- 08:10 **Water Resource Management and Drip Irrigation to Improve Yield – Case Studies in Africa**
Nicolas Sepietter
Technical Manager, North & West Africa Netafim
- 08:40 **Developments in Management of Fusarium Vascular Wilt of the Oil Palm**
Dr. Georges Ngando Ebongue
Director of Research, IRAD
Institute of Agricultural Research & Development (IRAD)
- 09:10 **Palm Oil Potential in West Africa - Influence of Climate, Soil Fertility and Management Practices**
• Maintenance of soil fertility and restoration of depleted sandy soils on African smallholder farms
• Practice of nutrient recycling
Dr. Shamie Zingore, Regional Director International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI)
- 09:40 **Presentation of EcoSphere**
Ebanet Ebang Chislain, Ecosphere Sarl

- 09:45 Discussion followed by Coffee
- 10:00 Chairman for Second Session
Miara III Ludovic
Regional Palm Oil Programme Coordinator WWF CARPO (Central Africa Regional Programme Office)

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- 10:10 **Investing in Oil Palm Plantations Including Policies and Framework for Investors**
i) **Central Africa Republique**
Yakende Rodrigue Prosper, Directeur Général CENTRAPALM

ii) **Republic of Congo**
Bernard Goulou, Technical Advisor of Minister of Agriculture & Ranching
Ministry of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry

iii) **Uganda**
Oil palm Research and Production
Dr. Patrick Wetala, Head of Research
Vegetable Oil Palm Development
Vegetable Oil Development Project Phase Two

- 12:00 Final Discussion. End of Conference
- 12:30 **Closing Lunch Sponsored by**



Day 3 - 19 October, Saturday

Optional Site Visit to Awala Plantations by Olam
8:00am - 2:00pm

(Separately bookable & limited to 30 pax only - Register Early!)

- 08:00 Depart from Le Meridien Hotel
- 10:00 Arrive Awala Plantations
Visitors will be able to see all land development activities taking place which includes nursery, land preparation. Plantation visit will take about 2 hours including a short briefing
- 12:00 Depart from Awala Plantation
- 14:00 Arrive back to Le Meridien Hotel

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