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08:00	Registration	11:50	PROMOTING A SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL BUSINESS IN AFRICA Samuel Avaala, General Manager Benso Oil Palm Plantation
09:00	Chairman's Introduction	12:20	Discussion followed by Networking Lunch
09:10	GLOBAL PALM OIL PRICING OUTLOOK IN 2020 AND BEYOND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southeast Asian & Global palm output overview• Palm oil pricing forecasts and critical factors contributing to price fluctuation• Long term problems for palm oil output and its effects on oil prices after 2022 David Jackson, Director of Oils Research LMC International	13:35	Afternoon Chairman's Introduction
09:45	NIGERIA'S ROADMAP & EXPANSION PLAN TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN PALM OIL PRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional supply demand gap & current and future production capacities• Challenges that had stifled the growth of Nigerian palm oil industry• Funding support for plantation owners and investors• Collaboration opportunities• Action plans & timelines Christopher Tsogbe, General Manager IMC Plantations	13:45	CLIMATE-SMART SMALLHOLDERS PROGRAM TO IMPROVE OIL PALM PRODUCTION: CASE STUDY OF GHANA Isaac Gyamfi, Regional Director Solidaridad
10:20	Discussion followed by Coffee	14:15	CASE STUDY: BEST PRACTICES IN ROLLING OUT AN EFFECTIVE OUTGROWER'S SCHEME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Efficient land use, capital administration and mobilization of farmers• Success stories and lessons learned Safianu Moro, CEO Serendipalm Co. Ltd.
10:50	EMERGING DOWNSTREAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR PALM OIL Kwame Wiafe, General Manager Wilmar Africa	14:45	NEW DEVELOPMENT IN PALM OIL REFINERY, FRACTIONATION & SOAP PRODUCTION (TOPIC TBC) Senior Representative, Desmet Ballestra S.p.A 
11:20	NEW OIL PALM PLANTATION PROJECT UPDATES IN NIGERIA: SUCCESS STORIES & LESSONS LEARNED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing environmental, land ownership and certification demands• Use of HCV/ESIA including soil studies as part of preplant assessments, followed by HCS• Developing FPIC agreements• Costs of land preparation Billy Ghansah, Agricultural Co-ordinator Okomu Oil Palm	15:15	Discussion followed by Tea
		15:45	BOOSTING AFRICA'S PALM OIL PRODUCTIVITY WITH MECHANIZATION
		16:15	TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE AGRI VALUE CHAIN FROM PLANTATION TO FACTORY Madhukar Khetan, COO - Commercial De United Foods Industries Limited
		16:45	End of Day One



09:00 Chairman's Introduction

09:10 **IMPACT OF TOPOGRAPHY ON OIL PALM YIELDS IN MARGINAL CONDITIONS IN GHANA AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LANDSCAPE INTEGRATIONS**

- Critical role of terrain under sub-optimal rainfall situation
- Integration with other perennial systems for optimal land-use
- Maximizing ecosystem services across the landscape
- Lessons learned and way forward

Charles Acquah, R&D Manager

Ghana Oil Palm Development Company Limited (GOPDC)

09:40 **PALM OIL IN HOME & PERSONAL CARE: BRAND OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE**

Akintunde Fayanmira, Senior Procurement Manager, Commodities / RM

PZ Cussons Nigeria Plc

10:10 Discussion followed by Coffee

10:40 **LARGE - SCALE PALM OIL PROCESSING INVESTMENT THROUGH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN LIBERIA**

- Demand and supply outlook and growth projections in West Africa
- Production capacity and export markets
- Challenges & opportunities

Elvis Morris, Director

Golden Veroleum Liberia Inc. (GVL)

11:10 **PKS-BASED BIOMASS POTENTIAL & OPPORTUNITIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

- PKS distribution in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Processes & technologies to convert PKS into energy
- Other economic advantages of PKS

Adeneye Adeolu Patrick, Vice President

Palmline Group

11:40 **EFFICIENT RECYCLING OF PALM BIOMASS INTO BIO-ENERGY: CASE STUDY FROM MALAYSIA/INDONESIA**

12:10 Final Discussion followed by Closing Lunch

13:25 End of Conference

TOWARDS ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL SUPPLY CHAIN IN AFRICA

Over the past decade, large-scale palm oil production has expanded into West and Central Africa. However, the sector is faced with challenges including poor infrastructure, inadequate access to credit facilities, the domination of the industry by smallholders, among others.

Various efforts have been invested to encourage local production and processing. Recently, Solidaridad launched the National Initiatives for Sustainable and Climate-smart Oil Palm Smallholders (NISCOPS) aimed at enabling governments to support farmers towards more sustainable climate smart palm oil production (Business Ghana, 21st Jan 2020). Nigerian government announced an investment of \$500 million to double oil palm output and meet country's domestic palm oil demand by 2027.

How is Africa – one of the key palm oil producing regions - leveraging on this growing billion dollar market?

Booming demand for edible oil, cosmetics, bio-diesel, lubricants, surfactants, energy and other applications have boosted the growth of palm oil activities in Africa. Some of the African countries that have taken the lead with investments and initiatives -

- Nigeria aims to become palm oil self-sufficient by increasing its production to 5 MTA by 2027. It also aims to double its oil palm acreage 6 million hectares.
- A multi-million dollar oil palm refinery is coming up in Ghana – a collaboration between Ghana's Agricultural Development Bank and South Korean firm, Posco International. (Agro Africa Magazine, 27 Nov 2019).
- This year, Solidaridad launched the National Initiatives for Sustainable and Climate-smart Oil Palm Smallholders (NISCOPS) in Ghana aimed at enabling governments to support farmers towards more sustainable climate smart palm oil production (Business Ghana, 21st Jan 2020).
- Ethiopia will soon welcome a new edible oil production plant established by Golden Africa, a subsidiary of Malaysian Hayel Saeed Anam (HAS) - (Food Business Africa, 24 Apr 2019). Will this investment change Ethiopia's palm imports – 90% of the palm oil sold in country is currently imported.

Power plant projects using palm biomass as feedstock:

- Biovéa Energie SA and the Ivory Coast Government signed a contract for the first and biggest biomass power plant in Ayebo. Biomass will be retrieved from non-industrial planters and from PALMCI (Africa Oil & Power, 30 Jan 2020).
- Dekel Agri-Vision Plc announced plans to develop a hybrid power plant which will use feedstock from Dekel's palm oil operations (Renewables Now, 2 Dec 2019)

Key programme highlights:

- LMC Int reveals long term problems for palm oil output and its effect on oil prices after 2022.
- Benso Oil Palm Plantation focuses on sustainable palm oil business in Africa.
- IMC Plantations presents Nigeria's roadmap & expansion plan towards self-sufficiency in palm oil production.
- Okomu Oil Palm updates on their new oil palm plantation project and lessons learned.
- Solidaridad explains about climate-smart smallholders program to improve oil palm production.
- Wilmar Africa talks on emerging downstream opportunities for palm oil.
- GVL provides details on the new large - scale palm oil processing investment through public private partnerships in Liberia.
- Palmline Group shares on PKS-based biomass power plant in Nigeria and opportunities.
- Ugandan Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries shares latest updates on palm oil scene in East Africa.
- Shendipalm presents a case study on best practices in rolling out an effective outgrower's scheme.

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