

<b>GHANA COCOA CONNECT CONFERENCE PROGRAM</b> <b>OUTLINE - 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June - Main Conference Day</b>	
<b>10:00 - Welcome Guests - MC</b>	Emmanuel Darko-Ampem
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chairman: Daasebre Kwebu Ewusi VII</b> – Paramount Chief of Aboadze Traditional Area</li> </ul>	
<b>10:30 - Welcome Address</b>	AfroEuro: Vincent Gambrah
<b>10:40 – Introduction by</b>	Prof. Jos Walenkamp, The Hague University of Applied Sciences
<b>10:55 – Keynote Address by Ambassador</b>	H.E. Mr. Francis Kotia
<b>11:05 - Statement by</b>	Dr. James Kofi Kutsoati, Dep. CEO, COCOBOD
<b>11:25 - Panel Discussion</b>	led by Thea Fierens – Coordinator SDG-Café
<b>“Cocoa Under Pressure: Securing Resilience, Innovation, and Fair Trade”</b>	
<b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COCOBOD - Dr. James Kofi Kutsoati</li> <li>Netherlands African Business Council – Mr. Mattijs Renden</li> <li>Wageningen University – Mr. Oscar Kwame Sottie</li> <li>MD of Black Swan Consult and Former GM of GNBCC – Tjalling Y. Wiarda MA MBA</li> </ul>	
<b>12:30 - Lunch Break</b>	
<b>13:30 – Workshops led by RVO and Equal Trade Alliance</b>	
“Dutch Policy and financial instruments on Ghana cocoa sector” (RVO) - Vincent van Reenen	
“Equal trade certificate concept” (Equal Trade Alliance) - Mr. Max Koffi	
<b>14:30 – Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>15:00 - Address by Dr. Jill Wilkinson, Managing Director, The Hague Humanity Hub</b>	
<b>15:20 - Panel Discussion led by – Dr. Kwasi Boahene, Director of Health Systems PharmAccess</b>	
<b>“Attracting investors to the Ghana Cocoa sector”</b>	
<b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RVO – Vincent van Reenen</li> <li>VNO NCW MKB – M. A (Marhijn) Visser – Dep Director international Affairs ESG Lead</li> <li>PUM Country manager Ghana – Mr. Maurits Verhagen</li> <li>Equal Trade Alliance – Mr. Max Koffi</li> <li>Akwasi - Activist for the Africans goal.</li> </ul>	
<b>16:30 – Closing Remarks –</b>	
<b>16:45 – Vote of Thanks</b> – AfroEuro Representative – Deborah Afolani	

<b>6<sup>th</sup> June Investment and partnership discussions</b>
<b>11:00 – Opening Remarks</b> - Mr. Stephen Ashia - Cocoa Farmers Association
<b>11:20 – Workshop led by</b> Mr. Peter Boon, Gushikama Business Consult & Dr. Issac Manu
“Attracting investors and partners in the cocoa sector”
One-on-one consult with Peter Boon on investment opportunities after workshop
<b>13:00 Lunch Break</b>
<b>14:00 – Franchise 4 Development, led by</b> Max Koffi, <b>Africa in Motion &amp;</b> Prof. Peter Knorringa Institute of Social Studies
<b>Round Table Discussion:</b>
Young professionals perspectives in the cocoa sector
<b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDG-Café youth</li> <li>• Owura Yeboah, Ghana Young Professionals –</li> <li>• Mr. Jerome Kweku Sam (Cocobod)</li> <li>• Naana Yaa Boatemaa Asiedu, Vice versa Ghana</li> <li>• Mr. Louis Manu, Co-founder and CEO Wi-flix BV</li> <li>• Akwasi - Activist for the Africans goal.</li> </ul>
<b>16:30 – closing and networking</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June - Ghana Chocolate Exhibition</b>
<b>10:00 – Opening of the Ghana Chocolate Exhibition:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dep. CEO, COCOBOD – Dr. James Kofi Kutsoati</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – Panel Discussion: Led by Ms. Naomi Tuinstra (Dutch Embassy Ghana)</b>
"Building Bridges: The Role of the Embassy in Strengthening Ghana's Cocoa Sector and Connecting the Diaspora."
<b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nana Afua Achia (Chair Lady, Ghana Sweden chamber of Commerce)</li> <li>• Nana Kofi Amponsah</li> <li>• Mr. Kwame Aviane – Vice President Ghana Union Netherlands</li> <li>• Mr. Williem Manful – Ghana Embassy Netherlands</li> <li>• Mr. Dawud Kodua Enning (Cocobod)</li> <li>• Naana Yaa Boatemaa Asiedu (Country Coordinator, Vice Versa Media Ghana)</li> <li>• Cocoa Farmers Association – Mr. Stephen Ashia</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 Barbeque Break</b>
<b>15:00 – End of Chocolate Exhibition, Reception &amp; Closing of the Program</b>