

**How can we raise the integrity and credibility of the cocoa supply chain in tackling deforestation and child labour? Join us as we address this key question in the closing debate of the 2019 European Cocoa Forum in Lisbon**

The last panel of the 7<sup>th</sup> ECA Forum, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Lisbon, will focus on 4 main themes:

- I. Presenting the **EU framework** and the **anticipated EU options** to tackle deforestation and child labour in the commodities supply chain
- II. **Implementing responsible business conduct** – clarifying the key steps in reaching the target of sustainable cocoa
- III. How child labour has been addressed efficiently in other tropical commodities, notably through the **due diligence system**
- IV. **Certification in a transforming sector** – how governments, companies and standards can work together to address deforestation and child labour in the cocoa sector

Confirmed moderator and panellists include:

- ✓ Mr. Harold Poelma, ECA Board member, Cargill President Cocoa & Chocolate
- ✓ Hon. Joseph Boahen Aidoo, Chief Executive of Ghana Cocoa Board
- ✓ Mr. Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO, European Commission
- ✓ Mr. Benjamin Smith, Senior Specialist, International Labour Organization
- ✓ Ms. Albertine de Lange, Advocacy lead, Rainforest Alliance

Speakers will introduce the audience to the work conducted by the European Commission on the sustainability aspects of the cocoa supply chain such as deforestation and child labour and will debate on the different options for due diligence legislation.

In parallel, panelists will investigate Public-Private Partnerships and the role of cocoa producing countries in enforcement of legislation to address sustainability challenges.

Access to funding for reforestation and community building projects in cocoa producing countries will also be addressed, together with panelists and attendees sharing best practices on how financial support can be structured to reward meaningful policy and initiatives.

You will have the opportunity to listen and engage with the International Labour Organisation on current challenges in terms of eradicating child labour, while analyzing the impacts that certification schemes are having on empowering farmers and driving the action plan on a credible and traceable cocoa supply chain.

**A rich variety of networking opportunities organised jointly with workshops and tasting sessions complete the carefully designed programme for this 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the European**



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