Day 1 Opening Session: Cocoa Agroforestry for a Sustainable Environment

Dr. Dennis Garrity is a systems agronomist and research leader. His career has focused on the development of small-scale farming systems in the tropics. He is currently Drylands Ambassador for the UN Convention to Combat Desertification where he emphasizes agroforestry; World Resources Institute Senior Fellow; and Distinguished Senior Research Fellow at World Agroforestry (ICRAF). He served as ICRAF Director General from 2001 to 2011. He is currently Chair of the Board of the Global EverGreening Alliance, a partnership of nearly all major development and conservation organizations around the world, working together to restore hundreds of millions of hectares of degraded land and enhance the livelihoods of millions of the least-favored smallholder farm families in the tropics. He chaired Landcare International from 2005 to 2020, a worldwide effort to support grassroots community-based natural resource management, and currently is a member of the Board of Global Landcare.

Etelle Higonnet is currently the National Wildlife Federation Senior Advisor, where she focuses on ending deforestation in commodity agriculture. Etelle previously worked at Mighty Earth, Greenpeace, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the International Human Rights Law Institute, and has been knighted in France for her environmental and human rights work. She speaks 9 languages and has published widely on deforestation, traceability, mapping, human rights, living income, agroforestry, and other sustainability issues in cocoa.

Panel: Agroforestry and the Environment

Eric Penot is a researcher at the International Research Center for agronomy and development CIRAD. His most recent work focuses on agroforestry practices on coffee, cocoa, cloves, and rubber intercropping systems as well as cost benefit and income/risk analyses for smallholders in agroforestry systems. He is a specialist in agroforestry innovation, and his work has ranged from Indonesia to Cambodia, Vietnam, Colombia, Guatemala, Guinea, Ghana, Brazil, Thailand, Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Sri Lanka, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Gabon. He has published widely on agroforestry.

Carolina Mejía is the Head of the Technical Services Department at 12Tree and has 8 years of experience in optimizing cacao agroforestry systems. She joined 12Tree in 2017 and has been collaborating with the evolution of the decision-making processes within the company for the diversification and enrichment of the agroforestry systems.
Panel: Cocoa Agroforestry and Biodiversity

Howard-Yana Shapiro is Principal at Double Helix Consulting, Distinguished Senior Fellow at Resilient Landscapes, CIFOR-ICRAF, and Senior Fellow at the University of California, Davis. He has been involved with agroforestry systems, plant breeding, molecular biology and genetics for over 40 years, releasing hundreds of cultivars into the public domain. Formerly Chief Agricultural Officer at Mars; a university professor for 15 years; Fulbright Scholar; Ford Foundation Fellow. Howard is a founding member of the Keystone Roundtable on Sustainable Agriculture; co-chaired the 1st and 2nd World Congress of Agroforestry, and led the global effort of sequencing, assembling and annotating the Theobroma cacao genome.

Petra Heid is the Head of Sustainability at Chocolats Halba/Sunray Division der Coop, where she oversees Halba’s agroforestry cocoa efforts as well as other sustainability work. She has 20 years of experience and broad interdisciplinary knowledge in the area of cocoa sustainability and certification of the whole cocoa value chain and in other soft commodities. Prior to Halba, Petra has worked at Barry Callebaut as well as GIZ. Petra’s academic background includes a focus on geo-ecology and sustainable coffee production.

Ruth Bennett is a research ecologist at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's Migratory Bird Center. Ruth focuses on optimizing conservation of birds and other wildlife in working landscapes, especially coffee and cocoa-growing regions. She helped launch a Bird Friendly Coalition to bring together market-based conservation initiatives; improved environmental and social outcomes of the Smithsonian’s Bird Friendly coffee certification as well as establishing standards for Bird Friendly cocoa; and led efforts to build the Smithsonian’s cocoa agroforestry e-library.

Hervé D. Bisseleua is the Director of Agricultural Productivity in the World Cocoa Foundation. He plays a key role in WCF’s agricultural productivity work including planting materials and soil fertility. Hervé brings nearly 17 years’ experience in cocoa production and sustainability, community-based cocoa research, economic aid, and development. Before joining WCF Hervé was a Senior Innovation Systems Scientist at the World Agroforestry Centre; and previously was at the Columbia University Earth Institute’s Millennium Development Centre; the Islamic Development Bank; the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation; Soros Foundation.

Christian Cilas is CIRAD’s regional director for West Africa. Previously Christian headed CIRAD’s research unit on diseases and pests of tropical perennial crops such as cocoa, coffee, rubber, palm, and coconut. Christian does research in plant protection, epidemiology and quantitative genetics; and he has published on how agroforestry practices can reduce disease, cocoa and climate change, genetic diversity of cocoa, advances in pest- and disease-resistant cocoa varieties, and other research subjects relating to agroforestry cocoa.
Panel: Cocoa Agroforestry and Carbon Sequestration

Andrew Nobrega is the Global Programs Director at PUR Projet, an organization focused on working with brands and suppliers to restore ecosystems in agricultural landscapes; bringing nature back to agriculture. With a background in ecosystem science, impact investing and impact frameworks, Andrew has lead PUR Projet’s growth in global cocoa activities, supporting over 20 partner brands and traders to develop, implement and value large-scale community-based landscape restoration projects in more than 8 countries in Latin America, West Africa and South East Asia.

Eduardo Somarriba is head of the program on Agriculture, Livestock and Agroforestry at CATIE, and the focal point for FTA at CATIE. His current fields of research focus on optimal design and management of trees on farms, shade design in multi-strata agroforestry systems with coffee and cacao, tree management in silvopastoral systems, and timber production on farms. Over the last 34 years he has advised governments, NGOs, companies, and development projects. He’s led science-based development cocoa projects in Bolivia and in Central America, and published nearly 300 publications.

Mireille Feudjio is a plant biologist and lecturer at the University of Dschang, interested in managing trade-offs between development and economy for the sustainable management of resources within landscapes. Previously she served as Social and environmental Senior Specialist at REDD+ Technical Secretariat of Cameroon’s MINEPDED; Assistant Research Scientist in ICRAF; and Social & Environmental Lead for PIDMA – the Agricultural Investment Market Development Project – a joint initiative of the Cameroon Government and World Bank.

Jeff King is the Senior Director of Global Sustainability and Social Impact at the Hershey Company. He is responsible for Hershey’s sustainability and farmer livelihoods programming, philanthropic giving and community programs. He leads Hershey’s commitment to childhood nutrition programs and expanding economic development in underserved communities. He is a global sustainability and social impact professional with experience in environment, human rights, responsible sourcing and supply chain sustainability, philanthropy, development and public-private partnerships.

Jean Paul Aka is a REDD+ expert at the UNDP-Green Commodities Programme. He focuses on sustainable agriculture, forest management, REDD+, agroforestry, and climate finance. He served as national expert for Côte d’Ivoire on formalizing economic and financial models for sustainable cocoa production, proposing financing solutions for smallholders’ financial inclusion, and to raise private capital for agroforestry. He was head of Côte d’Ivoire’s national REDD strategy and private sector partnership to reduce deforestation; and developed the national zero deforestation agricultural policy and the National Payment System for Environmental Services (PES).
Abdulahi Aliyu is the Global Cocoa Programme Coordinator at the NGO Rikolto International. Mr. Aliyu coordinates the design and implementation of strategic actions in cocoa origins in Africa, Latin America and Asia aimed at empowering cocoa farmers economically and enhancing sustainability of the cocoa sector. Previously, he served as Solidaridad West Africa Senior Program Officer. He has specialized in cocoa sustainability, rehabilitation and intensification.

Clare Stirling is the Cocoa Life Global R&D Technology Lead for Mondelēz International. She has over 25 years’ experience in agricultural and natural resources research and project management, sustainable intensification, climate adaptation and mitigation, and monitoring. She previously was Senior Scientist at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, managing research for development, focusing on climate change adaptation / mitigation co-benefits for smallholder farmers. Prior to that she was at the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board; Stirling Thorne Associates; the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology; and the University of Essex.

Manuel Toledo-Hernández is a biologist focusing on the potential of small-scale agricultural systems for preserving biodiversity, ecosystem services, and food security. His PhD project disentangles the role of cocoa pollination ecology in reducing yield gaps and mitigating climatic risks in cocoa producing regions of South America, West Africa and Southeast Asia. Manuel is at the Sustainability, Agriculture and Technology Lab, in Westlake University (China), and coordinator of the Global Agroforestry Network.

Teja Tscharntke is a professor and head of the Agroecology Group at the University of Göttingen, Germany. His interests include biodiversity patterns and associated ecosystem services, plant-insect interactions, pollination, biological pest control in agroecosystems, and interdisciplinary, socioeconomic-ecological analysis of biodiversity-related ecosystem services and landscape management. Teja serves as Editor-in-Chief of ‘Basic and Applied Ecology’; is a member of the Scientific Board of WWF Germany. He was acknowledged as the most cited ecologist from Germany, Austria & Switzerland; has won the Marsh Award, and won the Honorary Medal of the Gesellschaft für Ökologie.

Fakhrusy Zakariyya is an agronomist and researcher at the Indonesian Coffee and Cocoa Research Institute. As head of the Agronomy Laboratory, he researches production of cocoa and coffee, eco-physiology, and agroforestry. His research interests include cocoa pathogen infections; cocoa seedlings' response to drought; input management in cocoa; pollination; and impacts of shade as well as cocoa-rubber intercropping patterns.
Panel: Cocoa Agroforestry and Climate Resilience

As an editor for the global nonprofit news provider Mongabay, Erik Hoffner keeps 10 million monthly readers informed on key developments in environmental news and science. He edits Mongabay’s series about agroforestry, and produces Mongabay’s podcast. Erik is also a photographer, writer, and member of the Society of Environmental Journalists.

Richard Asare is a Cocoa Scientist at The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture. His research spans East, West, and Central Africa looking into agroforestry tree seed distribution pathways and researching forest trees that are preferred by farmers and recommended by researchers as compatible with cocoa. Previously, he worked as Agricultural Advisor with the Danida Forest Seed Center; the Center for Forest, Landscape and Planning in Denmark; and as a consultant for the World Cocoa Foundation. His expertise includes resilience of cocoa agroforests to climate change.

Tom Wanger is an Associate Professor at Westlake University, China and a Senior Researcher in the Agroecology Group at the University of Göttingen, Germany. As a global agroecologist and interdisciplinary scientist, Tom and his team work on the effects of agricultural diversification on the environment and people with a focus on agroforestry systems, coordinate multiple large scale research platforms including the Global Agroforestry Network (https://www.globalagroforestrynetwork.org) and develop machine-learning based ecosystem monitoring technology. Besides his research career, Tom held senior positions at a technology start-up; served as WWF Singapore’s Head of Conservation; and is a Member of the IUCN Commission of Ecosystem Management.

Johanna Jacobi is a Senior Research Scientist at the University of Bern’s Centre for Development and Environment. Her research focuses on sustainability and resilience in agriculture systems, agroecology as science/practice/social movement, power relations in food systems, and political ecology. She has researched resilience-building in cocoa farming, comparing agroforestry to monoculture farms in Bolivia. She won the “Fiat Panis” award; and is a member of the Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology. She has also taught at the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés.

Ywe Franken is Tony’s Chocolonely Serious Farmer Accelerator. He has a Master’s in agronomy from Wageningen University, and started his career in urban agriculture and moved to bioenergy production in small business and communities in developing countries. Before joining Tony’s Chocolonely in 2018, he worked for Cargill as Program Manager Sustainable Cocoa. Ywe is an experienced project manager in developing and managing sustainable agro-industrial productions chains in upcoming economies, business is a catalyst for local economic development, and improving the lives of farmers.
Jack Steijn is the co-founder of Chocoa, a major annual meeting place for cocoa producers and other stakeholders in the cocoa supply chain. He also co-founder of Equipoise, a consultancy for sustainable cocoa. Jack is directly involved in the sustainability of the cocoa chain as chair of the International Technical Committee developing a new ISO and CEN standard for sustainable and traceable cocoa. Jack has also contributed as content coordinator for the Second World Cocoa Conference, the biennial event of the International Cocoa Organization ICCO.

Panel: Yields in Cocoa Agroforestry

Viwanou Gnassounou is an economist and financial expert with 20+ years of experience in sustainable development policy and management, sectoral strategies design and implementation, business management, aid programming, trade negotiation, and corporate social responsibility. He is currently Executive Business and Development Policy Advisor at Val Regius SA. He previously was Under-Secretary General for Sustainable Economic Development and Commerce at the Organization of African Caribbean and Pacific States, developing agricultural and development policies.

Angela Tejada Chavez is a Senior Manager at Mars, focusing on Strategic Sustainable Cocoa Sourcing. She believes in the power of business to drive positive change and has a flair for bringing strategies to life. Her grandfather in Peru taught her first-hand what we now call regenerative agriculture with a business mindset. This led her to the Netherlands where she complemented her industrial engineering studies and eclectic work experience gained in Peru with a Masters in Environmental Resources Management focusing on Sustainable Land Management. Today, Angela is a sustainability practitioner and spends her time designing and implementing sustainability programs in complex and global supply chains.

Elsa Sanial is a research officer at the French sustainable development nonprofit Nitidae. She has expertise in ecological, agronomic and socio-economic agroforestry’s stakes, cocoa value chain sustainability, and the analysis of agricultural systems at territorial scale, socio-ecological systems studies, social sciences investigation, mapping and botany. Previously at the University Jean Moulin Lyon 3 and the International Research Centre for agronomy and development (CIRAD), she also has years of experience in project coordination.

Deborah Faria is a researcher at Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz in Brazil, where she is one of the foremost national scholars on agroforestry cocoa. Her research focuses on the understanding of how forest loss and fragmentation affect patterns of diversity and ecological processes in anthropogenic landscapes such as cocoa agroforests. She addresses biodiversity in anthropogenic landscapes, the value of shade plantations for biodiversity conservation, ecology and conservation of bats and endangered species, and functional ecology of tropical forests.
Martijn ten Hoopen is an epidemiologist and phytopathologist and Deputy Director of the Research Unit Plant Health Institute Montpellier (PHIM) at CIRAD (Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement). Martijn works on the factors influencing population dynamics of pests and diseases of perennial crops, notably cacao, with the aim to identify action levers for their management and to develop sustainable management strategies.

Panel: Cocoa Agroforestry Promotion by/with/for Countries

Wendy Arenas is the co-founder of the Latin American NGO Alisos. As an entrepreneur and social scientist working to fight inequality, exclusion and unsustainable practices, Wendy has developed and implemented more than 15 initiatives in Latin America. In the Amazon region, Wendy co-leads AMAZONAS 2030, an accountability initiative for the Colombian Amazon region that emphasizes land use, impacts of extractives, and infrastructure. She coordinates the Cocoa, Forests and Peace Initiative in Colombia, promoting zero-deforestation production, and restoration of forests.

Musah Abu-Juam is the Technical Director in charge of forestry at Ghana’s Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources. He has over 25 years of experience in forest resource management with the Forestry Commission of Ghana and played an integral role in designing, preparing and implementing many sustainable forest management projects including the Ghana Forest Investment Programme, High Forest Biodiversity Conservation Project and the Northern Savannah Biodiversity Conservation Project. He coordinated formulation of policies and legislations to reform forest management.

Raúl Meléndez Valle is the principal investigator of the ‘Comissão Executiva do Plano da Lavoura Cacaueira/Centro de Pesquisas do Cacau’ (CEPEC/ CEPLAC), Brazil’s agency overseeing cocoa. He has published widely, including co-authoring the ‘Cacao quality index for cacao agroecosystems in Bahia, Brazil.’ He specialises in plant physiology and crop physiology. He edits several national and international journals. Raúl has experience in Biological Sciences, with emphasis on production physiology and ecophysiology of cultivated plants, witches’ broom, and tissue culture in cacao.

Beate Weiskopf is the Senior Executive Secretary for the German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa (GISCO). She has been working for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in the field of rural development since 1990, with many years of expertise in the cocoa sector. For GIZ, she was responsible for strengthening the cocoa value chain in Ecuador and Nicaragua. Previously, she worked at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Jean Claude Koya was Technical Adviser on Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development, in the Cabinet Ministry of Planning and Development of Côte d’Ivoire for the last decade. He is now the Director of ROSCIDET, a leading Ivorian environmental group. Jean Claude is an environmentalist, planner, macroeconomist, sustainable development specialist Writer, and engineer specializing in combating climate change.
Panel: Financing Cocoa Agroforestry

Romuald Vaudry works for the European Forest Institute (EFI) and leads the EU REDD Facility’s work on sustainable land-use policies in the Republic of the Congo and Cameroon. He also contributes to the Facility’s work on public-private partnerships promoting sustainable agricultural production, landscapes and supply chains in Central and West Africa. Before joining EFI, Romuald was involved in the design and implementation of various (agro)forestry models in Côte d’Ivoire in close collaboration with the private sector.

Regis Meritan is the Head of Agriculture Growth in the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission (DG DEVCO). He helps develop private sector partnerships for rural development, agriculture, and food and nutrition security. An agro-economist by training, Regis has been posted in various Sub-Saharan African countries, in the Middle East and in Tunisia as First Counsellor of the EU Delegation in charge of the Economic Cooperation.

Marjolaine Chaintreau is Head of Private Sector Digital Payment Innovation team for the Better Than Cash Alliance at UN Capital Development Fund, working with global corporations to develop innovative digital payment solutions in emerging markets, reaching unbanked smallholder farmers and workers in companies’ supply chains. Marjo is a digital finance and inclusive finance specialist, focusing on the intersection of business, innovation, capital and development to build economic opportunities for the underserved. Previously was Vice President in Citi Microfinance team.

Oliver Hanke is the Chief Sustainability & Marketing Officer at 12Tree, leaders in mobilizing institutional investments in large-scale sustainable land use and agroforestry, with an ambitious agenda for climate change mitigation, biodiversity and regenerative farming. He manages the 12Tree Sustainable Agroforestry Fund, the only dedicated cacao fund. Oliver has invested over 150M in sustainable agroforestry projects, and is in the ForestFinance Group. Previously, he was Chief Investment Officer at NatureBank; CEO at the Global Sustainable Agroforestry Fund.

Peter Umunay is the Africa Regional Coordinator on Forests and Climate at UN Environment Programme (UNEP). Peter has more than a decade of work experience with local communities, international organizations, academic institutions and governments. Peter’s work is mostly interdisciplinary and has published widely on impacts of human induced deforestation and forest degradation on forest carbon and biodiversity, forest ecology and management, REDD+ and forest carbon accounting, and zero-deforestation in commodity supply chain. He leads the work on land use finance and cocoa-forest nexus in Cote d’Ivoire.
**Day 3 Opening Session: Cocoa Agroforestry for Farmers & Sustainable Communities**

**Warren Sako** is the Secretary General of the International Cocoa Farmers Organization. ICCFO represents smallholder cocoa farmers to help them get involved with decision-making processes on sustainability within the cocoa industry. ICCFO is the cocoa sector’s leading cocoa farmers umbrella organization, defending the interests of its members worldwide. ICCFO-members are cooperatives, unions, and associations of cocoa farmers. Warren is also CEO at Farmgate Cocoa Alliance.

**Eduardo Somarriba** is head of the program on Agriculture, Livestock and Agroforestry at CATIE, and the focal point for FTA at CATIE. His current fields of research focus on optimal design and management of trees on farms, shade design in multi-strata agroforestry systems with coffee and cacao, tree management in silvopastoral systems, and timber production on farms. Over the last 34 years he has advised governments, NGOs, companies, and development projects. He’s led science-based development cocoa projects in Bolivia and in Central America, and published nearly 300 publications.

**Panel: Cocoa Agroforestry and Food Security/Income Diversification**

**Antonie Fountain** is Managing Director of the VOICE network of NGO’s and trade unions throughout Europe, working on sustainable cocoa value chains. He’s also the co-author of the Cocoa Barometers. Antonie acts as one of the key spokespersons for civil society working for a more ethical cocoa industry, and has been actively advocating a sustainable cocoa sector for more than a decade. He is a member of various think tanks on sustainable economy, and the role of society, government & the marketplace. Previously he was co-founder and director of 'Stop the Traffik' in the Netherlands, and before that was coordinator of the 10 Campaign, a global cooperation of NGO’s and trade unions calling for legislation and enforcement to end the worst forms of child labour in West Africa's cocoa sector.

**Bashiratu Kamal** is the Gender Equality Officer and Training and Education Officer of the General Agricultural Workers’ Union (GAWU) of the Trades Union Congress-Ghana. The union protects interests of workers and rural people, and promotes sustainable development. Bashiratu specializes in labor and global workers’ rights and has a passion for working on women, youth and children’s issues. She helped provide alternative livelihoods for women in 20 communities in Ghana, and was part of a team that worked on withdrawal of about 3,000 children from child labour.

**Antoine Ambert** is the Senior Director of Innovation & Sustainability at the chocolate company Alter Eco. An entrepreneur and mission-driven executive, he is passionate about clean-labelled, sustainable foods targeting conscious consumers. As the longest standing employee at Alter Eco, he has over 9 years’ experience leading marketing, branding and innovation efforts at this fast-growing and award-winning organic and fair trade company. Antoine is leading Alter Eco’s efforts on regenerative agriculture.
Denis Sonwa is Senior Scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). Since 1997, Denis’ has researched natural resources management in the humid forest landscapes of West and Central Africa with focus on cocoa agroforests, agriculture, forests, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Denis is a prolific author on cocoa agroforestry. Previously he has taught at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Emma Harbour is the Rainforest Alliance’s Director of Advocacy, where she oversees advocacy and policy work worldwide. She engages with public and private sector policymakers to help create more enabling environments for sustainable supply chains to flourish. With an international career in development and sustainability, Emma has advocated with policy makers on issues including gender equity, livelihoods, and sustainable supply chains. Previously she led global campaigns on poverty reduction, equitable value distribution, and women’s rights.

Panel: Cocoa Agroforestry and Disease/Pest Control

Ruth Maclean is the West Africa bureau chief for the New York Times. She joined The Times in 2019 after three and a half years covering West Africa for The Guardian, reporting on the chocolate industry’s devastation of the rainforests in Côte d’Ivoire; the government’s cover-up of a rape crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo; and tensions between herders and farmers in the highlands of Nigeria. Previously Ruth was based in Johannesburg for The Times of London. She grew up in Southern and East Africa, and as a reporter, was based in Mexico City, London, Johannesburg, and Dakar.

Christian Andres is at ETH Zürich’s Department of Environmental Systems Science, focusing on sustainability of tropical crop production systems. He works on biophysical and socio-economic feasibility of agroforestry systems with cocoa and oil palm in West Africa. Previously he studied comparative agronomic, economic, ecological performance of organic vs. conventional production systems in cocoa at the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL). Previously he has studied Cocoa Swollen Shoot Virus Disease.

Pomasi Ismail has been a member of the Cocoa Abrabopa Association since 2007 and has been growing cocoa on his land for 18 years. As a board member, he represents the interests of 8,000 small farmers who are members of the cooperative in the Ashanti region in Ghana.

Gricia Safarian, Shareholder and Managing Director of Puratos Grand-Place Indochina, has been in the B-to-B chocolate business for 35 years, being one of the founders of OCG Cacao Group (acquired by Cargill) and founder of Grand-Place Chocolate Indochina. Gricia has been involved in the introduction of cocoa plantations in Vietnam since 2008 with a number of sustainable cocoa sourcing programs. His latest achievement was to set up the Cacao Trace program, including innovative incentives for farmers and a full “pod to bar” model. Gricia recently established the Sustainable Cacao Institute, a nonprofit think tank aiming at changing the paradigm reigning in the Cocoa Supply Chain.
**Interactive Session: Reflections and Participant Polling**

Suzanne Ngo-Eyok is Managing Director Africa at CIAT, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture. Suzanne has over 12 years of experience working with Biodiversity International, USAID, World Bank, DFID, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Walmart Foundation, MasterCard Foundation, and with the World Cocoa Foundation as Côte d’Ivoire Country Director and Cocoa Livelihoods Program Director. Her other experiences include 6 years of public private partnership development and policy dialogue for trade in eight of the fifteen ECOWAS member states in West Africa.

**Closing Session: The Future of Cocoa Agroforestry**

Gerome Tokpa is Senior Manager of West Africa for the Earthworm Foundation, previously The Forest Trust (TFT). He supports smallholder and large-scale agriculture in Côte d’Ivoire and West Africa and conducts data analysis, field visits, and mentoring – often with a focus on cocoa. With large scale agriculture, Gerome helps agribusiness companies to set up responsible sourcing including full traceability of their supply chains and facilitating relationships between companies and local communities.

Pablo Perversi was appointed to the position of Chief Innovation, Sustainability & Quality Officer and Global Head of Gourmet of Barry Callebaut effective September 2018, and has been a member of the Executive Committee of Barry Callebaut since 2017. Prior to this, Pablo worked for Unilever as Vice President Foods Europe, a business made of more than 50 brands in Europe, serving 370 million consumers. Pablo is a member of the board of WBCSD Food & Nature Program. He studied Industrial Engineering and Economics at the University of Birmingham, and holds an accreditation from Cambridge University in Sustainable Leadership.

Michel Arrion is the Executive Director of the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO). A lawyer by training, he previously was an EU civil servant for thirty years. He served in the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO); in the EU delegation in Mali; in Brussels managing the EU’s financing committees; as Head of Service at the European Community Humanitarian Office in charge of programming humanitarian aid and institutional relations with the United Nations, NGOs. He then served as Ambassador of the European Union in Nigeria, Rwanda, Liberia and Côte d’Ivoire.