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### **I. BACKGROUND**

1. The first stage of this initiative - the First Roundtable Meeting on a Sustainable World Cocoa Economy - took place from 3-6 October 2007 in Accra, Ghana, through the generous sponsorship of the Ghanaian Government and of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands. The meeting was jointly organized by the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) and the Ghana Cocoa Board. More than 200 stakeholders representing 25 countries took part, including cocoa farmers, government officials from cocoa producing and cocoa consuming countries, traders, chocolate manufacturers, donor organizations and national and international NGOs. This four-day meeting was highly productive, with work performed both in groups and in plenary sessions. The culmination of the RSCE was agreement on a comprehensive agenda - the "ACCRA AGENDA" - and a consensus among all stakeholders that a second Roundtable Meeting ("RSCE2") should follow.

2. As a follow-up to the first Roundtable Meeting, a pre-working group met twice, and as a result of these meetings, an independent Working Group with representation of the major stakeholders and two elected Co-chairs was formed to organize the Second Roundtable Meeting (RSCE2). The Working Group held its first meeting in March 2008 and agreed on a set of objectives and a detailed work programme in preparation for the next Roundtable Meeting. At the second meeting, which took place in May 2008, working procedures and methods were discussed in conjunction with the strategy required to achieve the objectives and suitable modes of communication via the [www.roundtablecocoa.org](http://www.roundtablecocoa.org) website.

### **II. THE SECOND ROUNDTABLE FOR A SUSTAINABLE COCOA ECONOMY (RSCE2)**

3. The Second Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy (RSCE2) is scheduled to take place from 24-26 March 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago. A field trip is planned for 27 March 2009.

4. The Second Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy (RSCE2) will be held at the Conference Centre of the Hyatt Regency Trinidad in Port of Spain. More information about the Hotel and the Conference Centre is available on the hotel website: <http://trinidad.hyatt.com/>.

5. Information on logistics (venue, flight connections, immigration/emigration, visa, hotels and information on the host country) is available on the Roundtable website as illustrated in Figure 1 on the next page: <http://www.roundtablecocoa.org/showpage.asp?logisticsRSCE2>



Figure I: A screen print from the Roundtable website displaying logistical information provided

6. The five-star Hyatt Regency Trinidad provides very good accommodation and excellent meeting facilities, plus transport to and from the airport. In view of the very competitive hotel rates and considering the heavy traffic in Port of Spain at rush-hour times, RSCE2 will not provide transportation between other hotels and the conference facilities at Hyatt Regency Trinidad. Please note that the group discount code “G-RSCE” must be quoted in all reservation requests. Reservation can be made online via the hotel website, <http://trinidad.hyatt.com>, entering the group discount code “G-RSCE” in the “group/corporate” field to obtain the special rates. Alternatively, reservation can be made by **telephoning** the Hotel: **tel** +1 868 623 2222, or by **faxing** the completed reservation form to **fax**: +1 868 821 6401 or by e-mail to: [trinidad.reservation@hyattintl.com](mailto:trinidad.reservation@hyattintl.com). (For convenience, the reservation form can be found on the Roundtable website in the "related documents" section on <http://www.roundtablecocoa.org/showpage.asp?hotels>)

7. Registration for the Roundtable meeting is open to all interested stakeholders and can be done online on the Roundtable website at: <http://www.roundtablecocoa.org/registrationform.asp>. A letter of invitation will be provided for those delegates requiring this service in support of a visa application. To obtain such a letter, please tick the corresponding field on the registration form.

**Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy: Register now!**

To register for the Second Roundtable Meeting please complete the form below with as much detail as possible. Once registered, you cannot return to this form to make changes.

**Register now!**

Firstname(s)

Surname

Organization / Company

Category  
Please select...  
Please select...  
Farmer  
Private Sector  
Government  
Non-governmental Organization  
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Figure 2: A screen print from the Roundtable website displaying the registration form

8. The Roundtable meeting will open in plenary session on Tuesday, 24 March, and will break into group sessions on Wednesday, 25 March, finishing in plenary session on Thursday, 26 March. A field trip for all delegates will take place on Friday, 27 March. The programme for the Roundtable Meeting is presently under preparation and will be published on the website in due course.

### III. PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE BOARD AND THE RSCE WORKING GROUP IN MAY 2008

9. Thanks to generous financial support pledged to RSCE2 by the Governments of Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland, and technical support by ICCO, an independent coordination office for RSCE2 has been established, located at the headquarters of the ICCO in London. A dedicated website is running and actively used by the cocoa community <http://www.roundtablecocoa.org>. It provides:

- complete documentation of the last Roundtable meeting;
- information on the RSCE Roundtable process, the RSCE working group and its meetings;
- the possibility to register as a user and comment on topics, documents, the Roundtable process and upload related documents;
- information, related documents (in English, French and Spanish) and a discussion forum on sustainable cocoa;
- an overview of sustainability initiatives including the possibility to discuss them and upload related documents; and
- all information related to the preparation of the Second Roundtable meeting including registration, logistical information and preparation of the background documents.

10. The RSCE Working Group has agreed a work programme for preparation of the Second Roundtable meeting. Six expert groups have been established and are preparing background documents on rules and objectives for the operation of RSCE, best known practices in the cocoa value chain, sustainability initiatives and the challenge of compliance, traceability and tracking, social issues and a draft of principles for a sustainable cocoa economy, which will form the basis for discussions at the next Roundtable meeting. The expert groups and its members are the following:

<b>RSCE2/2: Rules and Objectives for the Operation of RSCE</b>	<b>Mr. Tony Lass (MBE) (leader)</b>	International Cocoa Organization
	Mme Amouan Acquah Assouan	Cabinet du Premier Ministre, Côte d'Ivoire
	Mr. Simon Schnetzer	RSCE, Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy
<b>RSCE2/3: Best Known Practices in the Cocoa Supply Chain</b>	<b>Dr. Jean-Marc Anga (leader)</b>	International Cocoa Organization
	Dr. Martin Gilmour	CAOBISCO, Association of the Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionary Industries of the European Union
	Mr. Richard Holland	World Wide Fund for Nature
	Dr. René Kossa	Côte d'Ivoire
	Mr. Manuel Adem Opoku	GCB, Ghana
	Mr. Simon Schnetzer	RSCE, Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy
	Mr. Jack Steijn	European Warehouse Keepers' Federation
<b>RSCE2/4: Study on Sustainability Initiatives and the Challenge of Compliance</b>	<b>Mr. Simon Schnetzer (leader)</b>	RSCE, Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy
	Mr. Richard Holland	World Wide Fund for Nature
	Mr. Youssouf Ndjore	FTPCC, Côte d'Ivoire
	Ms. Chantal Oltramare	Secrétariat d'Etat à l'économie SECO - Département fédéral de l'Economie DFE
	Mr. Marcel Vernooij	Department of International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands
	Ms. Gine Zwart	Oxfam Novib
<b>RSCE2/5: Traceability and Tracking</b>	<b>Mr. Tony Lass MBE (leader)</b>	
	Mme Amouan Acquah Assouan	Cabinet du Premier Ministre, Côte d'Ivoire
	Ms. Isabelle Adam	European Cocoa Association
	Dr. F. M. Amoah	CGIR / COCOBOD, Ghana
	Dr. Jean-Marc Anga	International Cocoa Organization
	Mr. Enzo Barattini	European Commission
	Dr. Martin Gilmour	CAOBISCO, Association of the Chocolate, Biscuit And Confectionery Industries of the European Union
	Dr. Victor Iyama	Cocoa Association of Nigeria
	Mr. Simon Schnetzer	RSCE, Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy
	Mr. Philip Sigley	The Federation of Cocoa Commerce Ltd (FCC)
	Mr. Jack Steijn	European Warehouse Keepers' Federation
<b>RSCE2/6: Social Issues</b>	<b>Mme Amouan Acquah Assouan (leader)</b>	Cabinet du Premier Ministre, Côte d'Ivoire
	Ms Isabelle Adam	European Cocoa Association
	Mr. Ngwe Apollinaire	Cocoa and Coffee Interprofessional Board, Cameroon
	Dr. Victor Iyama	Cocoa Association of Nigeria
	Mr. Peter McAllister	International Cocoa Initiative
	Mr. Ebenezer Tei Quartey	GCB, Ghana
	Mr. Simon Schnetzer	RSCE, Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa

		Economy
	Mr Hagen Streichert	BMELV, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Germany
	Ms. Gine Zwart	Oxfam Novib
<b>RSCE2/6: Draft Outline of Principles for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy</b>	<b>Mr. Marcel Vernooij (leader)</b>	Department of International Affairs Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands
	Mr. Richard Holland	World Wide Fund for Nature
	Ms. Patricia Maharaj	Ministry of Agriculture, Land & Marine Resources, Trinidad & Tobago
	Mr. Ebenezer Tei Quartey	GCB, Ghana
	Mr. Simon Schnetzer	RSCE, Roundtable for a Sustainable Cocoa Economy
	Mr. Pierre Tsimi Enouga	CICC, Cameroon
	Mr. Vicente Javier Urrutia Cueva	Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganaderia, Acuicultura y Pesca, Ecuador