

Tuesday 27th September 2016, Holiday Inn Hotel, Wembley, London

After the success of the inaugural 2015 edition, once again this year, the International Cocoa Organization is to organize a one-day Conference featuring a high-level panel of sector experts who will consider the prospects for the world cocoa and chocolate market for the coming year.

The Cocoa Market Outlook Conference, taking place in the same week and venue as the meetings of the International Cocoa Council and other ICCO bodies, is a unique opportunity to meet with the most recognised analysts of the cocoa and chocolate market and with ICCO members and gain a better understanding of cocoa market developments.

Last year about 220 movers and shakers of the cocoa sector participated at the Market Outlook Conference – offering their insights into market issues and what strategies are being considered to deal with them.

The full-day Conference will be conducted in English and include full simultaneous translation into French and Spanish, and delegates will receive all of the presentations after the Conference.

WHY THE MARKET OUTLOOK CONFERENCE 2016?

The global cocoa market is likely to experience one of the five largest cocoa supply deficits ever this current 2015/2016 cocoa year. Should this be confirmed, it would push the level of world cocoa bean stocks compared to the level of demand to the lowest level for the past 30 years, bringing back concerns about a lack of cocoa to satisfy consumers' appetite for chocolate.

Should we really be worried as consumers, and how are these changes going to impact cocoa farmers, who mostly live in poverty? While market participants have been concerned about structural cocoa supply deficits in the past few years, they are now increasingly looking at the development of demand. While volume of demand is decreasing in many traditional markets, there are now rising doubts concerning the supposedly rapid growth in emerging economies, on which global demand projections have been relying. Macroeconomic and demographic factors are at play, as well as consumer tastes and lifestyles, which have been evolving.

During the Conference, you will benefit from the expertise of well-known cocoa and chocolate market analysts and prominent researchers from across the globe. They will critically assess and discuss the factors driving cocoa and chocolate supply and demand in the current year, as well as analysing the prospects for the forthcoming 2016/2017 cocoa season and for the next five years.

Only with a clear understanding of the current situation and an informed outlook on the market of the future can the cocoa community respond adequately and proportionately to both the constraints faced by cocoa growers in the various cocoa producing regions and to consumers' developing demand around the world.

Some of the organizations that attended the COCOA OUTLOOK MARKET CONFERENCE in 2015:

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The event will be conducted in English
with simultaneous interpretation
into French and Spanish.

L'événement se déroulera
en anglais avec interprétation
simultanée en français.

El evento se llevará a cabo
en Inglés con traducción
simultánea al español.



Leading world authorities from the cocoa and chocolate sector, the financial sector as well as government representatives from cocoa producing countries will meet to discuss the following topics:

PART I: PROSPECTS FOR COCOA SUPPLY AND DEMAND

In this session, renowned market analysts will review the general trends in supply, demand and prices. The large supply deficit experienced in the current 2015/2016 cocoa season will be contextualized, in particular in relation to the El Niño and Harmattan that affected the crops. Forecasts for the forthcoming 2016/2017 cocoa season will be presented, together with details of market prospects for the next five years.

Cocoa production at country and regional levels will be also be analysed in detail. Looking at recent developments in Africa, Asia and Oceania and in the Americas, the session will establish where cocoa will be sourced in the medium to long term.

PART II: INDUSTRY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALITY AND THE GROWING PRESSURE OF REGULATIONS

The cocoa processing industry has been going through a difficult period, with the profitability related to converting cocoa beans into cocoa liquor, powder/paste and butter going into negative territory, and leading to some factory closures. While the situation has improved in recent months, prospects remain uncertain. Experts will provide their views on the market drivers and prices for these main cocoa products, which are the key ingredients for chocolate and other chocolate-based products.

PART III: THE MARKET FOR COCOA SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS

As new trends appear, this session will provide insights into the future for chocolate confectionery, and the demand for it in both traditional and emerging markets. Consumer experts will discuss success stories and the range of innovations required to respond to changing demand.

PART IV: THE RECIPE FOR GROWTH IN CHOCOLATE CONFECTIONERY

In this session, experts will review the industry's requirements with regard to cocoa bean quality, in terms of flavour, food safety and physical characteristics, and how legislation and regulations in the key consumers' markets are evolving, affecting current and future market access.

With growing regulatory pressure, in particular related to food safety, consumer health and information, it is paramount for all those involved in the market to understand their regulatory compliance requirements. In particular, experts will discuss the impact of Brexit on the British and global markets, as the UK is the world's second largest chocolate confectionery market, valued at over US\$9 billion, and the home of two of the three cocoa financial markets.

The registration fee for the Conference is £490, with a reduced rate of £250 for members of selected groups of participants (farmers, cooperatives, civil society with no commercial activities). *A welcome breakfast, a three-course lunch with wine and a concluding reception will be included for all delegates*, making three more dedicated networking opportunities, allowing delegates to take full advantage of the expertise of the participants involved. The list of speakers and specific topics will be announced shortly.

Moderator:

Ms. Emiko Terazono

Journalist, Financial Times

8:00 am

Breakfast and registration

9:00 am

Welcome remarks

Dr. Jean-Marc Anga

Executive Director, ICCO

9:15 am

PART I: PROSPECTS FOR COCOA SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Overview of global cocoa supply & demand

Mr. Laurent Pipitone

Director of Economics and Statistics, ICCO

El Niño, Harmattan and cocoa production

Mr. Laurent Souron

Head of Cocoa Research, Armajaro Research Limited

10:15 am

Cocoa Break

10:30 am

Rebounding with La Niña: the outlook for West Africa's 2016/17 Cocoa Season

Dr. Edward George

Head of Group Research, Ecobank

Prospects for the cocoa sector in Ghana

Dr. Francis K. Oppong

Deputy Chief Executive (AQ&C), Ghana Cocoa Board

Current and Future Developments of Cocoa Production in Latin America

Mr. Max Goettler

Cocoa Trader
Cocoanect B.V.

12:00 pm

Panel discussion

12:30 pm

Lunch for all delegates

2:00 pm

PART II: INDUSTRY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALITY AND THE GROWING PRESSURE OF REGULATIONS

(Q&A AFTER EACH PRESENTATION)

Cocoa Beans: Chocolate & Cocoa Industry Quality Requirements

Dr. Michelle End

Cocoa Research Manager
Cocoa Research Association Ltd.

Regulatory Changes and Challenges in Relation to Cocoa

Ms. Ann Duponcheel

Global Trade & Regulatory Affairs Manager
Barry Callebaut

3:00 pm

Cocoa Break

3:15 pm

PART III: THE MARKET FOR COCOA SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS

(Q&A AFTER EACH PRESENTATION)

The global market for cocoa products: recent trends and future outlook

Mr. Gerard Stapleton

Head of Coffee, Cocoa and Natural Rubber Research, LMC International

Coping with the shifting tides in the cocoa grinding industry

Mr. Carlos Mera Arzeno

Senior Commodity Analyst, Rabobank

4:15 pm

PART IV: THE RECIPE FOR GROWTH IN CHOCOLATE CONFECTIONERY

Correlating forces: The Role of 'Premium' and 'Sustainable' in Driving Growth within Chocolate Confectionery

Mr. Alan Rownan

Ethical Labels Analyst,
Euromonitor International

4:45 pm

Closing Remarks

5:00 pm

Reception for all delegates

6:30 pm

End of Conference



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Last Name	Organization	
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Price	eMail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard rate £490	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced rate* £250	

*applicable to ICCO government representatives, cocoa farmers and cooperatives and civil society with no commercial activities. The registration fee covers conference materials, breakfast, lunch, post-conference reception and refreshments. No refund will be made to registered participants who fail to attend, but the conference materials will be mailed to them.

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