

Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2019

Time: 12:30 – 13:25

Side Event 1

Venue: Committee Hall 1

Title: Agriculture and Climate Change in the COMESA Region: Strengthening resilience and building synergies between adaptation and mitigation

Organizers: Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

This side event explores the technologies, practices, planning, policies and investment options available for transforming landscapes and food systems, focusing on synergies between adaptation and mitigation in COMESA member States.

Panel:

- Mclay Kanyangarara, COMESA Climate Advisor
- Irene Annor-Frempong, Divisional Manager & Strategic Priority Leader, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
- Abebe Haile-Gabriel, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa, FAO
- Stephen Muwaya, Program Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda
- Tammy Muzi Dlamini, Agri Business Manager at National Marketing Board (NAMBoard), Eswatini

Side Event 2

Venue: Committee Hall 2

Title: Commodities and Deforestation - What are the Contexts and Enablers for an Economically Viable Deforestation-Free Cocoa and Oil Palm Supply Chain?

Organizer: Solidaridad West Africa

This side event explores economically viable approaches in creating a balance between cocoa and oil palm production, productivity, farmer centered livelihood and economic empowerment, while safeguarding forests and mitigating climate change. The panelists will delve into the real contexts of why current efforts are not showing much landscape level improvements in producer countries across West Africa, and options to promote an inclusive deforestation-free supply chain, without leakages.

Panel:

- Bossman Owusu, Communications Manager, Solidaridad (Moderator)
- Winston Asante, Technical Advisor Climate Change and NRM, Solidaridad
- Robert Asugri, Country head, Sustainability, Nyonkopa
- Thomas Gyambrah, Assistant Manager, Climate Change Unit, Forestry Commission
- Rosemary Addico, Program Manager, Oil Palm, Solidaridad

Side Event 3

Venue: Meeting Room 1

Title: The Paris agreement - From Science to Policy for NDCs Implementation

Organizer: West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL)

The side event discusses how science can help West African countries to effectively and efficiently implement their NDCs in order to achieve the Paris Agreement. Most of the developing countries stress the need for suitable climate information availability to be able to achieve their goals. Currently such information is still lacking although the IPCC just released a special report on 1.5oC global warming. WASCAL's role will be highlighted as a key actor for the development of climate change information for development sectors. Ways about how to transfer such information into policy will be discussed.

Panel:

- Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla, Director of Research, WASCAL
- Nii Commey, WASCAL
- Nana Ama Browne Klutse, University of Ghana, Legon
- Oblé Néya, WASCAL
- Raoul Kouame, ECOWAS