

Roundtable discussion

Developing legally binding approaches Child labour and Deforestation in EU cocoa imports

9.30-11.30, 21 November 2018 Room ASP 8F388, European Parliament, Brussels

Co-hosting MEPs: Heidi Hautala (Greens/EFA), Maria Arena (S&D), Judith Sargentini (Greens/EFA)

This meeting aims to follow up and facilitate a discussion on efforts to address deforestation and child labour in the cocoa sector. It will bring together key people from the European Commission, European Parliament, Member State governments, chocolate companies, and NGOs. The discussion will be about outlining potential legally-binding approaches for cocoa.

Participants will then spend the majority of the session discussing the different options.

Welcome remarks

Heidi Hautala - Chair of EP RBC wg, Vice-President of the European Parliament Linda McAvan - Chair of the Development Committee of the European Parliament

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Moderated by Maria Arena, Member of the European Parliament

Michelle O'Neal, VP Global Corporate Affairs, Mars

Tyler Gillard, Head of Sector Projects and Legal Adviser - Responsible Business Conduct Unit, OECD Rev. Emmanuel Ahia Clottey, Deputy Executive Director (Operations), Ghana COCOBOD Government of France (Speaker name TBC)

Julia Christian, Forests & Climate Campaigner, Fern
Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit- Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition, DG DEVCO
Duncan Brack, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

Debate

Closing Remarks

Judith Sargentini - Member of the European Parliament



