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Nigeria/West Africa Cocoa Origins — EU Industry Match-Making Forum

Business-to-Business · Business-to-Finance · Business-to-Government · Region-to-Region

Thursday 29 October 2026 · Sofitel Brussels Europe · 08:00–17:00

Organiser	EU–Nigeria Agribusiness Platform (EUNAP), managed by Agribusiness Register Limited
Supporter	European Cocoa Association (ECA)
Convener and Host	Roland Oroh, Project Director, EUNAP; Founder / Director, Agribusiness Register Limited
Held alongside	The Nigeria–Belgium-Luxembourg Business Forum
Working languages	English and French

The day at a glance

Time	Session	Format
08:00–09:00	Registration, welcome coffee and Investment Wall viewing	Foyer
09:00–11:00	Session 1 — Opening Plenary, including the Special Presentations	Plenary hall
11:00–11:30	Networking break and move to tracks	Foyer
11:30–15:30	Session 2 — Four parallel breakout tracks, with a working lunch at 13:00	Four rooms
15:30–16:30	Session 3 — Announcements and Outcomes	Plenary hall
16:30–17:00	Closing	Plenary hall

SESSION 1 · OPENING PLENARY — 09:00 – 11:00

Part I — The case, the answer and the compact · 09:00–10:30

Time	Item	Speaker	Min
09:00	Call to order; house notice and competition-law compliance statement	Master of Ceremonies	5
09:05	Welcome and Convener's Address — Why this forum, and what we intend to build *The fifty-year region-to-region compact; the three-year forum cycle; the institutionalisation plan*	Roland Oroh *Convener and Host; Project Director, European Union - Nigeria Agribusiness Platform (EUNAP)*	9
09:14	*Welcome Remarks - Nigeria's and regional diplomatic support expressed by Nigeria and Ivorian Ambassadors*	*Nigerian Amb. Adebayo Emmanuel Ayeni, & Ivorian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU*	10
09:24	Address by the European Commission - Team Europe and West African Cocoa: Building Sustainable, Traceable and Investable Value Chains	Senior Representative, *Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) European Commission (TBC)*	10
09:34	Ministerial Keynote — Nigeria's cocoa expansion agenda and the government's commitment to origin partnership	Prof Anoka A. Njan Chief Advisor to Sen. John Owan Enoh *Hon. Minister of State for Industry, Trade and Investment*	12
09:46	The European industry's answer — what Europe will require of West African origin	Mr. Chris Beetge *President, European Cocoa Association*	10
09:56	The producer institution — mandate, reform and Nigeria's cocoa investment pipeline	Mr. Buka Musa *Chairman, National Cocoa Management Committee, Nigeria*	8
10:04	Cameroon — regulation, supply and the terms of partnership	Dr MANGA ESSOUMA François Représentant Permanent Comité Cacao Durable du Cameroun (CCDC), Office National du Cacao et du Café (ONCC)	8
10:12	Ghana — the private cocoa trade and its European counterpart	Mr. Samuel Adimado, Rostoff Marketing Ltd; Acting President, *Chamber of Cocoa Marketers Ghana*	8
10:20	Special Remarks - "The State of the Cocoa Economy: Supply, Sustainability and Value Addition at Origin"	Michel Arrion *Executive Director, ICCO, Abidjan*	8

Part II — Special Presentations · 10:30–11:00

Time	Item	Speaker	Min
10:30	EUDR readiness in Nigeria and West Africa — where the region stands eight weeks from enforcement	1. **Nigeria:** C-Lever.com (Patrick Stoop) 2. **West Africa:** European Forestry Institute (EFI)	18
10:48	The value of upscaling cocoa waste and off-specification cocoa	Daan Dullant - J.S. Cocoa	10

Time	Item	Speaker	Min
10:58	Track briefing, room allocations and rapporteur protocol	Master of Ceremonies	2-4
11:00–11:30	**Networking coffee. The Investment Wall is open in the foyer. Delegates move to their allocated tracks.**		

SESSION 2 · BREAKOUT TRACKS 11:30 – 15:30

Four tracks run in parallel, each chaired by its institutional anchor and each required to table a one-page outcome note by 15:25. Delegates are allocated to a primary track on registration and may move between tracks over the working lunch.

Track	Subject	Institutional anchor	Required output
A ***B2B***	Commercial match-making: beans, semi-finished products and West African pressing capacity	TBC	Register of pre-matched meetings held and letters of intent signed
B ***B2F***	Financing the expansion: traceability infrastructure, replanting and processing investment; presenting Nigeria's investment wall	European Investment Bank *Co-anchors proposed: Bank of Agric, Bank of Industry, Ecowas Bank for Investment and Development*	Shortlist of projects accepted into due diligence, with named institutions
C ***B2G***	Regulation and market access: EUDR, SPS, residue limits and certification; legality issues;	Fed Govt. of Nigeria & EC *Co-chairing European Commission (DG INTPA / DG Trade and Economic Security)*	Agreed list of barriers to carry into the Nigeria–EU Trade and Investment Dialogue
D ***R2R***	Pairing West Africa's cultivating regions with Europe's processing regions	TRACE & ECOTOP *Proposed: ISCO Platforms with the NCMC, CCC, ECOTOP, Ondo & Cross River state government delegations, etc*	Named twinning pairs and draft cooperation protocols

Running order within each track

Time	Item
11:30–11:40	Anchor's framing: what this track must produce by 15:25
11:40–13:00	Working part one — structured meetings (B2B, B2F) or moderated negotiation (B2G, R2R)
13:00–14:00	Working networking lunch. Pre-matched meetings continue at table; the Investment Wall stays open
14:00–15:15	Working part two
15:15–15:25	Rapporteur reads back the outcome note; track agrees it
15:25–15:30	Return to the plenary hall

The working lunch is an addition to the four-hour window rather than a subtraction from it.

SESSION 3 · ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUTCOMES			15:30 – 16:30
Time	**Item**	**Led by**	**Min**
15:30	Reconvening; order of announcements	Master of Ceremonies	5
15:35	Track reports — four rapporteurs, five minutes each, against the required outputs	Track rapporteurs	25
16:00	Signing ceremony — memoranda, letters of intent and offtake declarations concluded during the day	Master of Ceremonies *Signatories called in order*	20
16:20	Investment Wall — which projects go forward, and with whom	EUNAP Secretariat	10

CLOSING			16:30 – 17:00
Time	**Item**	**Led by**	**Min**
16:30	Reading and adoption of the Brussels Statement on Nigeria/West African Cocoa.	EUNAP	10
16:40	The three-year cycle — host, venue and date of the second forum	Convener	5
16:45	Closing remarks	Hon. Minister of State; Convener	10
16:55	Vote of thanks and close	Master of Ceremonies	5

30th October 20, 2026

* Field Visits - Port of Antwerp;

* Cocoa storage and processing facilities around Antwerp