Title: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security: Promoting Nature-based Solutions through Climate Finance

Date: Thursday, 21 March 2019

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Venue: Main Hall

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Organized by: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Support organizations: Climate Resilient Network, ICC, IETA, IIED and WBCSD

Keynote Address: Ms. Obeng-Fosu Akua Afriye, Miss. Agriculture Ghana 2018 / Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana

Panel Discussion:
The aim of the session is to increase awareness and to facilitate a discussion on the importance of climate finance and how it can be and needs to be used as a catalyst to support enhanced ambition in achieving the SDG 2030 goals and the Paris agreement through a nature-based transformation of the agriculture sector. The ensuing discussion will consider finance requirements in the context of existing environmental and climate finance resources and mechanisms while providing a platform to discuss the role of the private sector, including SMEs. The session will furthermore highlight opportunities, challenges and limitations of nature-based solutions and explore elements, criteria and requirements for financial mechanisms to enhance ambition and scale up NBS action for the transformation of agriculture and food systems.

Moderator: Mr. Ade Freeman, Regional Programme Leader, FAO Regional Office for Africa

Speakers:
- Mr. Denis Childs, Head of Positive Impact Finance and Environmental and Social Advisory, Societe Generale
- Mr. Gebru Jember Endalew, Ethiopia, former LDC Group Chair, LIFE-AR Champion
- Ms. Pauline Nantogo Kalunda, Executive Director Ecotrust, Uganda
- Mr. Pa Ousman Jarju, Director - Division of Country Programing, Green Climate Fund Secretariat, South Korea
- Mr. Marek Soanes, Researcher – Climate Change, IIED
- Mr. Akwasi Tagoe Team lead for Locagro and co-founder of Nocofio
- Ms. Asma Zaouali Rouissi, Head of Strategy and Development, Energy Transition and Climate, Caisse des Dépots et Consignations, Tunisia