Title: Food and Agriculture Systems Transformation: Innovations for Climate Adaptation and Resilience

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Status: Open to all participants

Organized by: World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

Support organizations: Climate Resilience Network, UNEP

Session 1: Farming, Innovation and Agricultural Transformation in Africa
This session highlights and clarifies the role of innovation in the food and agriculture sector for meeting nature-based solutions under the Paris Agreement in Africa. It addresses several key questions:
1. Why is innovation seen as such an important lever for addressing climate change and the wider SDGs?
2. What will the future look like in Africa for farmers in a practical and inclusive way?
3. What impacts will we see?

Host: Tony Siantonas, WBCSD
Speaker 1: Mr. Denis Kabiito, Facilitator of the WFO Youth Committee, World Farmers’ Organization
Speaker 2: Ms. Beatrice Dossah, Ambassador, Economics of Land Degradation Initiative
Speaker 3: Mr. Bruce Campbell, Global Director, CCAFS

Session 2: Technology Showcasing
This session showcases available and emerging technology solutions. It addresses several key questions:
1. What are some of the key solutions available (e.g. technology providers)?
2. How can these solutions be replicated and transferred (including south-south applications)?
3. How can the audience learn more about them and interact?

Speaker 1: Dr. Robert Zougmoré, Africa Program Lead, CGIAR
Speaker 2: Ms. Penelope Cabot, CEO, Opus Insights
Speaker 3: Dr. James Mutegbi, Deputy Director, IPNI

Session 3: Partnerships and Implementation
This session explores and highlights models and partnerships for the effective adoption and scale-up of technology-based food and nature systems transformation in Africa. It addresses these questions:
1. How are these solutions being adopted and scaled in Africa?
2. Who are main players in this space what roles are they playing in effective adoption, financing and transfer of technology?
3. What are the most effective partnerships being used and how is scale being achieved

Moderator: Dr Laurence Jassogne, Senior Agronomist, Opus Insights
Speaker 1: H.E. Jeanne Josette Acacha Akoha, Minister of Environment, Benin
Speaker 2: Mr Isaac K. B. Sackey, Cocoa Sustainability Manager, Olam
Speaker 3: Christian Mensah, CSO, Rainforest Alliance
Speaker 4: Mr Denis Childs, Head of E&S and Positive Impact team, Societe Generale, France
Speaker 5: Mr Assan Ng’ombe, Resilience Officer, Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Zambia