



## Agenda

**Event:** Cocoa Sustainability Workshop

**Co-hosted by:** John Forrer, Director of the Institute of Corporate Responsibility at George Washington University and Pathmanathan Umaharan, Director of the Cocoa Research Centre at the University of West Indies.

**Location:** Room 451, Duquès Hall

**Date:** April 26, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

- 1) **8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**  
Registration
- 2) **9:00 AM - 9:05 AM**  
Welcome by John Forrer - Opening remarks and introduction to the agenda.
- 3) **9:05 AM - 9:20 AM**  
Remarks by the Deputy Chief Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States; Venessa Ramhit-Ramroop, Foreign Service Officer at Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- 4) **9:20 AM - 9:30 AM**  
Presentation on the Cocoa, Carbon, Community (C3) Project by Alejandro Escobar, Member of the Inter-American Development Bank Group.
- 5) **9:30 AM - 09:50 AM**  
Presentation on the Good Will Chocolate Learning Community by Pathmanathan Umaharan.
- 6) **09:50 AM - 10:15 AM**  
Presentation on "Sustainability Challenges and Practices: Tree-to-Bar and Bean-to-Bar Producers" by Berkay Orhaner, Lecturer at Ted University (Türkiye).
- 7) **10:15 AM - 10:35 AM**  
Discussion on Impact Investing projects on sustainable cocoa by student organization, Compass.
- 8) **10:35 AM – 11:05 AM**  
Presentation on "Marketing and Markets for Sustainable Chocolate" by Marisol Slater, Owner of The Chocolate House and Mark Christian, Owner of the C-Spot.



**9) 11:05 AM – 11:25 AM**

Discussion on WCF program pushing for more sustainable cocoa in Western Africa and the EU guidelines on deforestation by Peter Koegler, Head of Programmes, World Cocoa Foundation.

**10) 11:25 PM – 12:10 PM**

Tasting session: chocolates from Trinidad and Tobago.

**11) 12:10 PM – 12:15 PM**

Closing Remarks.