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, Duques 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.