



# Forum Nachhaltiger Kakao

German Initiative on Sustainable Cocoa

## AGENDA GENERAL MEETING 2022 GERMAN INITIATIVE ON SUSTAINABLE COCOA

**Topic: Human Rights Due Diligence in the Cocoa Sector:  
Working Together to Ensure Better Living Conditions for Cocoa Farmers**



### TUESDAY, 3 May 2022 | Hybrid Event GENERAL MEETING – Pre-Event

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Christian Thorun  
Meeting Language: German  
Simultaneous interpretation: English

18:00 – 18:05	<b>WELCOME</b> <i>Merit Buama, Chairwoman of the GISCO Board</i>
18:05 – 18:10	<b>OPENING</b> <i>Dirk Meyer, Head of Division Global Health, Economy, Trade and Rural Development at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</i>
18:10 – 18:35	<b>KEYNOTE: “The state of transparency in the cocoa sector in Côte d’Ivoire”</b> <i>Cécile Renier, TRASE</i>
18:35 – 19:00	<b>KEYNOTE: “The true price of Chocolate”</b> <i>Michel Scholte, True Price</i>
19:00	<b>RECEPTION (with buffet)</b>

### WEDNESDAY, 4 May 2022 | Hybrid Event GENERAL MEETING – public part

**Topic: Human Rights Due Diligence in the Cocoa Sector:  
Working Together to Ensure Better Living Conditions for Cocoa  
Farmers**

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Christian Thorun  
Meeting Language: German  
Simultaneous interpretation: English and French

10:30 – 10:40	<b>WELCOME</b>
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	<b>Merit Buama</b> , Chairwoman of the GISCO Board
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Bärbel Kofler</b>, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</p> <p><b>Cem Özdemir</b>, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)</p>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION</b></p> <p><b>“The new EU regulation on due diligence - challenges and opportunities for the cocoa sector”</b></p> <p><b>Zoe Druilhe</b>, Policy Officer, coffee/cocoa/cotton chez European Commission &amp; <b>Urszula Stepkowska</b>, European Commission, DG TRADE</p> <p><b>INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION</b></p> <p><b>“Potentials and Risks of EU Regulation from the Perspective of Cocoa Growing Countries”</b></p> <p><b>H.E.M. Aly Touré</b>, Permanent Representative Spokesperson of Cocoa Producing Countries ICCO</p>
<b>11:30 – 11:40</b>	<p><b>"How can the ICCO contribute to supporting the implementation of human rights due diligence?"</b></p> <p><b>Michel Arrion</b>, Executive Director of the ICCO</p>
<b>11:40 – 12:05</b> <i>each presentation about 5 minutes</i>	<p><b>SHORT INPUTS on selected issues</b></p> <p><u>Impulse 1:</u> What framework conditions are locally needed for a due diligence law to really improve the situation of farmers on the ground?</p> <p><b>Pauline Zéi</b>, Director Inades-Formation</p> <p><u>Impulse 2:</u> What framework conditions are necessary for companies to fulfil their human rights due diligence obligations in the long term and to achieve positive effects for cocoa farmers?</p> <p><b>Simone Roth</b>, Public Affairs Manager Nestlé</p> <p><u>Impulse 3:</u> Paradigm shift: from voluntary sustainability commitment to corporate due diligence - how companies can build on certification.</p> <p><b>Dr. Bettina von Reden</b>, Team Leader Policy &amp; Development Fairtrade</p> <p><b>Christian Hohlfeld</b>, Public Affairs Manager Rainforest Alliance</p>
<b>DIVISION INTO WORKING GROUPS</b>	
<b>12:05 – 12:50</b>	<b>WORKING GROUPS ON THE SHORT INPUTS</b>
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b>13:35 – 14:00</b>	<b>Presentation of the results of the working groups</b>
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b>	<p><b>PRO-PLANTEURS</b></p> <p><b>Sonia Lehmann</b>, Project lead PRO-PLANTEURS</p>



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14:15 – 14:20	Closing remarks at the end of the public part
COCOA BREAK	
14:30 – 16:30	<i>INTERNAL PART OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF GISCO</i>