Opening Session
14.30 - 14.45 - Opening Remarks – Shashi Kolavalli (Senior Research Fellow and Coordinator of Ghana Strategy Support Programme - Ifpri)

Panel one: Production, productivity, the economy and poverty reduction
14.45 - 16.00 - Chairperson: Prof. Daniel Sarpong (Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, University of Ghana, Legon)

- The Role of cocoa in Ghana's growth and poverty reduction (Clemens Breisinger, IFPRI)
- Drivers of productivity growth in Ghana's cocoa sector between 2001 and 2003 (Marcella Vigneri, ODI)
- International perspectives on the cocoa sector: expansion or green and double green revolutions? (Francois Ruf, Cirad)

Comments: Ralph Odei-Tetteh (Wience)

Sector’s perspectives
- Cocobod strategy (Ebenezer Quartey, Research Department, Cocobod)
- Producers’ view (Nana Yiadom Boakye Kokroko II, Ghana Cocoa Coffee Shea – Nut Farmers Association)
- Cocoa production and environmental changes (Jim Gockowski, STCP-IITA)

Panel two: Organization and marketing
16.00 - 17.15 - Chairperson: Chris Jackson (The World Bank – Ghana Office)

- Licensed Buying Companies in the cocoa sector of Ghana: survival strategies and long term perspectives. (Anna Laven, University of Amsterdam)
Ghana and the Cocoa Marketing Dilemma. What has liberalisation without price competition achieved? (Marcella Vigneri, ODI and Paulo Santos, University of Sydney)

Comments: Kofi Addo (t.b.c., Barry Callebaut)

Sector’s perspectives
- The LBCs’ perspective (Licensed Buying Company representative)
- COCOBOD’s role in overlooking the operation of LBCs (Ebenezer Quartey, Research Department, Cocobod)

17.15 - 17.30 Concluding remarks – Shashi Kolavalli (Ifpri)

17.30 – 18.30 Reception