TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

9:00 – 09:30  Registration and Coffee

WELCOME & KEYNOTE

09:30 – 10:00  Welcome Address

- H.E Prof. Kwaku Danso-Boafo, Ghana High Commissioner, UK & Ireland
- Hon. Barbara Serwaa Asamoah, Dep Minister, Lands & Natural Resources
- Statement – Department for International Development (DFID)

10:00 – 11:00  SESSION 1: Ghana’s Sustainable Forest Management: Principles, Forest Governance & the VPA

Chair – Dr Alhassan Attah, Consultant, Ghana Forestry Commission (GFC)

- VPA as a Tool for Enhancing Forest Governance in Ghana – Chris Beeko, Director, Timber Validation Department, GFC
- Ghana’s Forest Management Systems – Edward Obiaw, Director, Resource Management Support Centre, GFC
- Q & A

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00  SESSION 2: VPA and the Timber Industry

Chair- Dr. Alison Hoare, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House

- Addressing the Interest of the Small Scale Sector in the VPA – Samuel Nketiah, Country Director, Trobenbos International
- The EUTR and the VPA: Monitoring Impacts on Timber Trade – Anand Punja, Head of Sustainability, Timber Trade Federation, TTF (UK)

- VPA and Timber Trade: Perspectives and Readiness of the Ghana Timber Industry – Dr. Kwame Adam (Chief Executive, Ghana Timber Millers Organisation) / Richard Nsenkyire (General Manager, Samartex)

- Q&A

13:00 – 14:00 Networking Lunch & VPA Video Documentary

14:00 – 15:30 SESSION 3: Ghana Legality Assurance System: FLEGT-VPA

Chair- Mr. John White, Chief Executive, TTF, UK

- Global Market Outlook and the FLEGT VPA - Emily Fripp, Managing Director, EFeca

- Implementation of FLEGT-VPA: Challenges and Lessons Learned – Raphael Yeboah, Executive Director, Forest Services Division, GFC

- The Ghana Wood Tracking System - George Kuru, Director, Ata Marie Group Ltd

- Q&A

15:30-15:45 Closing Remarks – Samuel Afari Dartey, Chief Executive, GFC

15:45 -16:00 Launch of Ghana VPA Logo - Dep Minister; H.E High Commissioner; CEO- GFC

16:00 – 18:00 Reception