



**GHANA TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM AND THE VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (VPA): GHANA VPA STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE**

**5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014 – LONDON, UK**

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**9:00 – 09:30** Registration and Coffee

**WELCOME & KEYNOTE**

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**09:30 – 10:00** **Welcome Address**

- *Ghana High Commissioner, UK & Ireland*

**10:00 – 11:00** **SESSION 1: GHANA'S SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT: VPA & FOREST GOVERNANCE INTERACTIONS**

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**Chair – TBC**

- **VPA as a Tool for Enhancing Forest Governance in Ghana – *Chris Beeko, Director, Timber Validation Department, GFC***
- **Addressing the Interest of the Small Scale Sector in the VPA – *Samuel Nketiah, Country Director, Trobenbos International***
- **Q & A**

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**11:00 – 11:30**

**COFFEE BREAK**

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**11:30 – 13:00** **SESSION 2: TIMBER LEGALITY ASSUARANCE SYSTEM: GHANA FLEGT-VPA**

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**Chair- TBC**

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

- **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**

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**13:00 – 14:00**

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