

**DAY ONE – TUESDAY, 30 JULY 2024**  
**09:00 – 22.00 WEST AFRICA TIME (WAT)**

**OPENING CEREMONY**

**Moderator**

**Dr. (Mrs) Olori Boye-Ajayi**

*Personal Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

09:00 – 09.20

**Professor Joseph Akinkugbe Adelegan**

IRSG Secretary-General

*Restoring Growth: A New Reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber  
Industry*

09:20 – 9.40

Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Dr. Doris Anite-Azuka**

*A New Reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber Industry*

09.40 – 10.00

**His Excellency, Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal**

Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam, Netherlands

*Catalyzing Natural Rubber Investment: Sustaining the new reality of Trade and  
Innovation in the Rubber Sector in Africa and South-East Asia*

10.00 – 10.20

**His Excellency, Ambassador Aly Toure**

Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to International Commodities  
Organization

*The Cote d'Ivoire Natural Rubber Production Growth: Sustaining the new reality of  
Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber Sector in Africa*

10.20 – 10.40

**His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCON**

President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria

*Why Invest in Nigeria? Opportunities for the Rubber Sector in Nigeria*

10.40 – 11.00

**TEA BREAK**

11.20 – 11.40

**Mr. Kaura Irimiya**

Chairperson, Local Organizing Committee & Director, Commodities and Export  
Department, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Federal Republic of Nigeria

*Innovative Policy Instruments for the Rubber Sector: A New Reality of Trade and  
Investment in Africa*

11.40 – 12.00

**Otunba Peter Idowu Igbinosun**

Vice Chairperson, Local Organizing Committee & President, Natural Rubber  
Producers, Processors and Marketers of Nigeria

*The Development of the Rubber Sector as a Driver of Sustainable Industrialization in  
Africa*

12.00 – 13.00

**LUNCH BREAK**

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

13.00-13.20	<p><b>KeyNote Address 1</b> <i>TBD</i></p> <p><b>KeyNote Address 2</b> <b>Mr. Ebenezer Mouandjo</b> <i>Minister Plenipotentiary and Director of United Nations and Decentralized Cooperation, Ministry of External Relations, Yaounde, Republic of Cameroon</i></p> <p><i>Overview of the Cameroon Rubber Industry: Sustaining the new reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation</i></p>
13.20-13.40	
13.40-14.00	<p><b>KeyNote Address 3</b> <b>Dr. Anzhelika A. Gurina</b> <i>Chief Expert of Eurasian Integration Division, Department of Europe, North America, CIS and Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation</i></p> <p><i>Overview of Russian Federation Rubber Industry: Sustaining the new reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation</i></p>
14.00 – 14.20	<p><b>KeyNote Address 3</b> <b>Ms. Mary Xu</b> <i>President, China Industry Rubber Association, Beijing, China</i></p> <p><i>Overview of China Rubber Industry: Sustaining the new reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation Collaboration with Africa</i></p>
14.20 – 14.40	<p><b>KeyNote Address 4</b> <b>Dr. Juan Ramon Salinas</b> <i>Managing Director, International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc., Houston, Texas, United States</i></p> <p><i>Driving a Sustainable Future for the Synthetic Rubber Industry: A New Reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation</i></p>
14.40-15.00	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
15.00-17.00	<p><b>MINISTERIAL AND GOVERNOR'S ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION</b> <b>Moderator: Prof. Joseph Akinkugbe Adelegan, IRSG Secretary-General</b> <i>Restoring Growth: A New Reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber Industry</i></p> <p><b><u>DISCUSSANTS</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. His Excellency, Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities, Amsterdam, Netherlands</i></li><li><i>2. Dr. Doris Anite-Azuka, Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Federal Republic of Nigeria</i></li><li><i>3. His Excellency, Governor Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki, Executive Governor of Edo State, Nigeria</i></li><li><i>4. His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Francis Orohedor Oborevwori, Executive Governor of Delta State, Nigeria</i></li><li><i>5. His Excellency, Dr. Adedapo Oluseun Abiodun MFR, Executive Governor of Delta State, Ogun State, Nigeria</i></li><li><i>6. His Excellency, Senator Bassey Out, Executive Governor of Cross River State, Nigeria</i></li><li><i>7. His Excellency, Mr. Aly Toure, Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to International Commodities Organization and IRSG Heads of Delegation</i></li></ol> <p><i>Mr. Ebenezer Mouandjo, Minister Plenipotentiary and Director of United Nations and Decentralized Cooperation, Ministry of External Relations, Yaounde, Republic of Cameroon</i></p>
17.00 – 18.00	<b>REST</b>
18:00 – 22:00	<b>SUMMIT GALA DINNER</b>

**DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024**  
**09:00 – 18.00 WEST AFRICA TIME (WAT)**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

09.00-9.30

**KeyNote Address 1**

**Dato' Seri Dr. Abdul Aziz S.A. Kadir**

*Director-General, International Rubber Research and Development Board (IRRDB),  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

*Evidence-Based Research to Practice in the Rubber Sector: A new reality of Trade,  
Investment and Innovation for the Rubber Sector*

9.30 – 10.00

**KeyNote Address 2**

**Mr. Toh Heng Guan**

*Secretary-General*

*The Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

*EUDR and Pricing of Natural Rubber: Sustaining the new reality of Trade, Investment  
and Innovation in the Rubber Sector*

10.00 – 10.30

**KeyNote Address 3**

**Mr. Stefano Savi**

*Executive Director, Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPNSR)*

*Global Rubber Production and Consumption in a Net-Zero World: Sustaining the new  
reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber Sector*

10.30 – 11.00

**TEA BREAK**

**BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

11.00 – 12.00

**Session 1: Sustainable Natural and Synthetic Rubber**

**Presentation 1:** Sustainable development of rubber plantations in a context of climate change

**Presentation 2:** Greening Rubber: Can we use PES-Type Direct Incentive Mechanisms?

**Presentation 3:** Net-zero transition journey for the synthetic rubber industry

12.00 – 13:00

**LUNCH BREAK**

13:00 – 15:00	<p><b>PRIVATE SECTOR ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Restoring Growth: A New Reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber Industry</p>	<p><b>RESEARCHERS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Restoring Growth: A New Reality of Trade, Investment and Innovation in the Rubber Industry</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p><b>TEA BREAK</b></p>	
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Session 2: Socioeconomic Issues of Rubber Industry</b></p> <p><b>Presentation 1:</b> Partnership to catalyze rubber investment programs.</p> <p><b>Presentation 2:</b> Smallholders’ limited access to finance.</p> <p><b>Presentation 3:</b> Enhancing higher participation of youths and women in a new reality of trade and investment.</p> <p><b>Presentation 4:</b> EUDR and Pricing of sustainable Natural Rubber</p>	
16:30 – 18:00	<p><b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b></p>	
<p><b>DAY THREE – THURSDAY, 01 AUGUST 2024</b>  <b>09:00 – 22.00 WEST AFRICA TIME (WAT)</b></p>		