

8th- 11th June 2021

Facing the Future: Inclusiveness, Sustainability and Growth for the Next Normal

Moving to the current decade, the global economy has witnessed one of the worst economic crisis in history. In addition to the tragic loss of life, the COVID-19 pandemic has rolled back decades of progress on poverty and has exposed social and economic inequalities. The victims of its social and economic costs have mainly been children and young adults, people who cannot easily work from home, generally the less skilled, women and ethnic minorities.

The global economy contracted by 3.5% in 2020, but the economic shock of the pandemic crisis has the potential to provide an opportunity for transformative growth. The Rubber Economy is not an exception. New mobility, digitalization, climate change and the development of the "green economy" are among the driving forces that will determine the future for the rubber sector. Mature and emerging markets might take years to reach pre-crisis level as lost sales are not going to recover fully.

To embrace an inclusive and sustainable recovery all stakeholders are called to cooperate in restructuring supply chains, implement diligent information sharing, promote green investments, capacity building and upskilling to generate positive social and environmental outcomes. These actions need to be enabled and supported through policy reforms and regulations. The recovery that lies ahead of us will bring multiple opportunities for governments, businesses and consumers to drive a real change towards a more socially responsible production and consumption to assure a fair, inclusive and sustainable rubber economy growth in this decade.

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**Day One – 8th June
Afternoon 1700-1800, SGT**

1700 -1800

Welcome Address

Opening Address

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cote d'Ivoire

IRSG Secretary-General

IRSG Chairperson

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Day Two – 9th June Morning 0900-1230, SGT Two session + Panel	
09.00 - 09.30	Keynote Address 1 Economic Recovery and Sustainability: A Balancing Act
09.30 - 10.00	Keynote Address 2 Commodities: Market Dynamics and Resilience <i>dejo Post-Crisis</i>
10.00 - 10.30	Understanding Automotive New Era Shift
10.30 - 11.00	Tyre Value for Vehicles: Transitioning to Sustainable Solution Provider?
11.00 - 11.30	Sustainability and SafetyNet: What Producers' can Offer
11.30 – 11.45	Break
11.45-12.30	Panel Discussion Resilience to Recovery: Are We in the Right Trajectory?
Afternoon 1700-1900 pm, SGT Two session + Two Panel	
17.00 – 1730	Keynote Address 3 Reframing Narrative for Sustainable Development
1730 – 1800	Farmers of the Future: What can Africa do to improve practises and income?
1800 - 1830	Rapid Transition to a Leading Producer and Exporter: Opportunities and Challenges for Côte d'Ivoire
1830 - 1900	Panel Discussion Productivity and Quality-A Win-Win for Africa

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Day Three - 10th June Morning 0900-1130, SGT Two session + Panel	
0900 - 0930	Keynote Address 3 Adapting to Climate Change: Resilience in Action
0930 - 1000	Keynote Address 4 Sustainable Financing – Raising the Bar: Asia vs Africa
10.15 - 10.45	Digital Technology and Innovation: Tracking from Land for Mitigation and Adaptation
10.45 - 11.30	Panel Session Climate Adaptation & Mitigation: Farm to Trade
Afternoon 1700-2000 pm, SGT Two session + Panel	
1700 - 1730	Walking the Talk on Cutting Carbon
1730 - 1800	The Future of Finance: Rubber Industry opportunities to Tap Green Credential
1800 - 1830	Global Supply Chain in a Post-Pandemic World
1830 - 1900	Raw Material Performance: Reshaping Collaboration
1900 - 2000	Panel Session From Surviving to Thriving: Asia vs Rest of World

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Day Four - 11th June Afternoon 1700-2000 pm, SGT Two session + Panel	
1700 - 1730	Raising the Role of Women and Youth in Rubber Industry
1730 - 1800	Protecting Public Health in the Next Normal: The Strategic Importance of Gloves
1730-1800	Panel Discussion Conclusion
	Closing

About Organiser:

The **International Rubber Study Group (IRSG)** is an intergovernmental organisation and the most authoritative source of statistical data and market analysis for the world rubber market. IRSG promotes the international cooperation on rubber issues and its Secretariat is based in Singapore.

Host Government:

Republic of Côte d'Ivoire – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

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