

# Conference on sustainable transport of cocoa: Summary report

23 June 2022 | Pullman Hotel  
Abidjan, Ivory Coast



As part of our continuing efforts to promote sustainable business, Maersk Côte d'Ivoire organised a conference in Abidjan for stakeholders in the cocoa industry. The event was held in collaboration with our partners Eceplast, an Italian manufacturer of liner bags for containers, and VacQpack, Netherlands-based specialists in bio treatments and packaging.

At the occasion, we intended to showcase the results of trials conducted with CargoClima, a unique solution jointly developed by VacQPack and Eceplast, and designed to reduce food wastage during transport and eliminate harmful chemicals used for container preparation.

The event, held on **23 June 2022**, had 70 attendees, including representatives of the

- Ministries of transport and agriculture
- GEPEX association
- Port Authority of Abidjan
- Coffee and Cocoa Council
- Italian Embassy in Abidjan
- Reputed local trading companies



Setting context for the event, **Thomas Theeuwes**, Managing Director, Maersk Central-West Africa, said the partnership with Eceplast and VacQPack was in harmony with Maersk's strong commitment to the environment and sustainable logistics. He reiterated Maersk's purpose of "improving life by integrating the world", and its objective to be a net-zero company by 2030.

**Wendy Bal**, Depot and Product Development Manager, Maersk, introduced the gathering to Maersk ECO Delivery, an innovative product that replaces fossil fuels with green fuels, giving customers an easy choice to transport their cargo responsibly and grow their business.





Soon after, **Nicola Altobeli**, Commercial Director, Eceplast, made a presentation on CargoClima. The solution, he explained, would reduce the build-up of mould during transport of cocoa and other agri produce. CargoClima would ensure near-zero wastage of the cargo, he added.

**Marie Jose**, Research Expert, VacQPack, unveiled the results of successful trials held at the premises of a cocoa customer earlier this year.

An engaging Q&A session followed: the audience showed great interest in CargoClima and was keen to know more about how it could be adopted in the market.



**Dr. Koffi Adjoumani**, who represented the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, thanked Maersk for organising the event. He lauded the efforts to promote CargoClima and ECO Delivery. Attention to hygiene and safety is crucial to the transport of agri produce, he said, adding that Ivory Coast is committed to ensuring the quality of goods through greater formalisation of phytosanitary inspections. This would help Ivorian businesses become more competitive in the international market.

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