

# EUDR Learning Community for Africa Official Launch

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**Friday, February 6th** at the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA) Conference 2026  
Conference Hall 2

**Program 9:00 – 13:00**

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| <b>9:00</b> | <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Kyeyune</b>, GIZ</li> <li>• <b>Matthias Reusing</b>, European Union Delegation to the African Union</li> <li>• <b>Hannelore Beerlandt</b>, International Coffee Organization- ICO</li> <li>• <b>Gilbert Gatali</b>, AFCA</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                             |
| <b>9:30</b> | <b>Introduction</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>Alison Streacker</b> , AFCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                             |
| <b>9:35</b> | <b>Part 1<br/>Updates<br/>on EUDR</b>                                                                                                                 | Common understanding and clarity on the EUDR requirements, responsibilities, and latest updates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Matthias Reusing</b> ,<br>European Union Delegation to the African Union |
| <b>9:50</b> | <b>Part 2<br/>Learnings<br/>from the<br/>field</b>                                                                                                    | <p>Learnings from SAFE project activities concerning the preparation for EUDR with a focus on smallholder inclusion</p> <p>Due diligence in practice – insights from EUDR dry runs and from the visit of the Italian Competent Authority to Ethiopia</p> <p>Case study from Kenya</p> <p>Assessment of the accuracy, cost-effectiveness, and inclusiveness of using Earth Observation (EO) data for EUDR compliance</p> <p>ICO Joint EUDR Joint Actions</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> |                                                                             |
|             | In this session, participants will hear about field-level challenges, how they were overcome, and key best practices for implementing EUDR solutions. | <b>Vera Koeppen</b> , SAFE Project/GIZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Abdi Itana</b> ,<br>European Forest Institute (EFI)                      |
|             |                                                                                                                                                       | <b>George Watene</b> ,<br>Kenya Coffee Platform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Sylvia Calfat</b> , COSA<br><b>Jacob Hall</b> , Aid Data                 |
|             |                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Hannelore Beerlandt</b> , ICO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Facilitated by<br><b>Alison Streacker</b> , AFCA                            |

**11:15 Coffee Break**



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| 11:30 |                                                     | Introduction                              |                                                         | Gilbert Gatali, AFCA                                                   |  |
| 11:35 | Part 3<br>World Café: Solutions for EUDR Compliance | Geolocation, Traceability & Deforestation | Whisp/ Ground                                           | Jonas Spekker, FAO                                                     |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Inatrace                                                | Vera Koeppen, SAFE Project/GIZ                                         |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Facilitated by                                          | Jacob Hall, AidData                                                    |  |
|       |                                                     | Legality Methodology                      | EFI's methodology for legality assessment               | Abdi Itana, European Forest Institute (EFI)                            |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | - Pilot application in Colombia                         | Marcela Gaviria<br>Colombian Coffee Federation                         |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | - Pilot application in Ivory Coast, Cameroon, and Ghana | Sebastian Arrieta Bolanos<br>Preferred by Nature                       |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Facilitated by                                          | Sylvia Calfat, COSA                                                    |  |
|       |                                                     | Data repositories, sharing and governance | DIASCA                                                  | Brian King<br>Alliance Biodiversity & CIAT/ CGIAR                      |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Deforestation Free Trade Gateway- DFTG                  | Grzegorz Tajchman, ITC                                                 |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Facilitated by                                          | Hannelore Beerlandt, ICO                                               |  |
|       |                                                     | Business Models for Data Collection       | Pula                                                    | Ivan Mugeere, Pula                                                     |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Ethiopian Coffee Association                            | Gizat Worku, Ethiopian Coffee Association                              |  |
|       |                                                     |                                           | Facilitated by                                          | Kibur Kibet Demisse, Base of the Pyramid, Inc.<br>Matthew Himmel, COSA |  |
| 13:00 |                                                     | Closing                                   |                                                         | Gilbert Gatali, AFCA                                                   |  |

