



## BACKGROUND

Highly hazardous pesticides are increasingly being used on cocoa farms in West Africa. Many of them are banned in the European Union because of their harmful effects on human health and the environment. Despite their dangers to cocoa farmers, children, their communities and the environment, their use has not been a main topic of discussion in the sector so far.

This webinar, jointly hosted by **INKOTA** and **VOICE**, will highlight the following issues:

- causes of increasing pesticide use in cocoa production in West Africa
- effects on farmers, child laborers, communities and the environment
- weak regulatory frameworks in both producing and consuming countries
- lack of data and transparency of pesticide use in company value chains
- alternatives to synthetic pesticide in cocoa production

Brief **inputs** will be given by experts from across the globe, followed by a **Q&A** and **panel discussion** on solutions and ways forward.

## REGISTRATION

Please register for the Zoom webinar here:

<https://bit.ly/3L7RCcJ>

## PROGRAMME

**MODERATION:** Antonie Fountain, Managing Director - VOICE Network

**TRANSLATION:** This webinar will take place in English with simultaneous translation to French.

### INTRODUCTION

Juliane Bing, INKOTA-netzwerk

14:00 - 14:10

### THE USE OF PESTICIDES IN COCOA PRODUCTION IN GHANA

Raymond Owusu-Achiaw, Conservation Alliance

14:10 - 14:25

### EFFECTS OF INCREASING PESTICIDE USE ON CHILDREN AND INDUSTRY (IN)ACTION

Etelle Higonnet, National Wildlife Federation

14:25 - 14:40

### ALTERNATIVES TO SYNTHETIC PESTICIDE USE IN COCOA

Dr. Robert Mensah, Research scientist on IPM and biological pest control

14:40 - 14:55

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS TO SPEAKERS

14:55 - 15:10

### PANEL DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND WAYS FORWARD

15:10 - 15:40

### WRAP UP AND CLOSING REMARKS

15:40 - 15:45