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African Approach to Addressing Global Warming and Climate Change: Cocoa, the Unsung Mollifier

Abstract: As the world battles global warming and climate change, which have become more urgent than ever, every mitigation or adaptation measure of every country and every person, counts. Contrary to the conventional notion that cocoa is a major driver of deforestation and antithesis to climate change, it has been demonstrated in this presentation that cocoa rather has a strong dexterity in reforestation, agro-forestry, environmental resilience and climate mitigation. The regenerative agro-forestry practice in Ghana enables cocoa to restore deforested and degraded forestland, mitigate climate change and foster environmental resilience. It is a unique crop that the world must hold so dear not only for climate change mitigation and adaptation, but for the health of developing economies and the wellness of the human body as well.