**LAUNCH OF THE CENTRAL AFRICA PLATFORM**

**OF THE ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE IN AFRICA**

**VENUE:** La Falaise Hotel, Yaoundé Centre

Moderator: Alex Mutungi

**DATE:** 2nd December 2021

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Launch the Central Africa EOA-I Platform
2. Establish partnerships and networks with the Central Africa Governments and organic sector stakeholders in Central Africa.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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| **Time** | **Events** | **Responsible** |
| **08.00-08.30** | Arrival, Registration & Networking | EOA-I CSC Secretariat |
| **08.30-08.40** | Welcoming Remarks by the Host-German Embassy | Representative of German Embassy/ GIZ Cluster Coordinator- Rosette Mbenda |
| **08.40-08.50** | Opening Remarks from the Continental Steering Committee Chairperson-AU | Dr Simplice Nouala Fonkou  Head of Agriculture and Food Security Division AUC, & Chair of EOA CSC |
| **08.50-09.05** | Overview of Organic Agriculture Trends in Africa | Dr David Amudavi  Executive Director  Biovision Africa Trust (EOA-I CSC Secretariat) |
| **09:05-09.25** | Speech of 2 organic farmers | Organic Farmer representatives |
| BREAK | | |
| **09.40-10.00** | Speech by 2 students | College of Agriculture students |
| **10.00-10.10** | Policy Updates by ECCAS | Mr ABAKAR Mohammed |
| **10.10-10:30** | Overview of the Organic Sector in Cameroon | Pr Mme BAMBOT Grace Annih epse MBONG |
| **10.30-10.50** | Status of EOA Initiative in Africa and Institutional Structures | Venancia Wambua,  EOA-I Project Manager  Biovision Africa Trust (EOA-I CSC Secretariat) |
| **10.50-11.10** | Global Presentation of the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture in Africa (KCOA) project | Ms Dorith von Behaim  Team Leader  Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture in Africa - GIZ |
| **11:10-11:20** | Presentation of the Knowledge Hub in Central Africa (KHCA) | Rev. Dr Jean Blaise Kenmogne |
| **11.20-11.40** | Launch of the EOA-I Central Africa Platform | Pr Mme BAMBOT Grace Annih epse, CSC Chairman/ Representative of German Embassy/ GIZ Cluster Coordinator/ BvAT and local organisations |
| **11.40-11.50** | Remarks by EOAI development partners | Gunilla Eitrem (SSNC)/ Daniel Valenghi (SDC) |
| **11.50-12.10** | Appreciation and Closing Remarks | Stefanie Zeiss / Dr David Amudavi/ Josephine Atangana |
| **12.10-12.20** | Briefing on Field visit | Hozier Nana Chimi |
| Networking & Lunch | | |