



PhD Course

Cocoa in a Changing Climate

**CLIM
COCOA**
A research project on climate
smart cocoa in Ghana

Dates: Tuesday 13. – Friday 16. November 2018

Venue: University of Ghana, Legon Campus

Registration: Short CV and one-page cover letter to kowusu@ug.edu.gh
incl. study program and level, University, main topic, expected outputs from course.

Deadline: 7th November 2018 End of registration

Providing PhD students with state-of-the-art knowledge on cocoa in a changing climate, this course caters to PhD students working with climate change and agriculture from a natural science as well as a social science perspective.

Cocoa is one of the most important cash crops in many tropical countries, providing a livelihood to millions of farmers. However, cocoa is threatened by climate change, making the future for the farmers uncertain. Several mitigative and adaptive responses to the changing climate are possible, including changed production systems, new livelihood strategies and strengthening farmers' adaptive capacity.

The PhD course is multidisciplinary and will cover biophysical as well as socio-economic aspects of the impacts of and responses to climate changes in the cocoa sector. Themes covered include climate change and crop distribution, crop physiology, genetics, breeding and quality aspects, farmers' livelihood and their coping strategies, and institutional aspects of governance and adaptive capacity.

The course will consist of lectures, short exercises, analyses and discussions, a field trip to cocoa farms, as well as poster sessions with feedback. Participants prepare their posters in advance of the course.

There is no course fee, but the participants will cover their own expenses for travels, accommodation, meals and poster materials. Accommodation is available at the Legon Campus, University of Ghana.

The course is organized jointly by partners in the international research project on climate smart cocoa in Ghana – CLIMCOCOA, including the Department of Geography & Resource Development, University of Ghana, the Faculty of SCIENCE, University of Copenhagen, Department of Social Sciences and Business at Roskilde University, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture and the World Agroforestry Centre.

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