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# Tropical Forest Alliance 2020

## General Assembly 2018 · 11–17 May 2018 · Accra, Ghana

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### On the Agenda – Registration Required for All Events Below

11-13 May	Field Trips in Ghana	Open event
14 May	Africa Implementation Dialogue	By invitation only
15 May	Sprint to 2020	Open event
16 May	TFA 2020 Partners Meeting	By invitation only
<b>17 May</b>	<b>Africa Palm Oil Initiative Regional Meeting</b>	<b>By invitation</b>

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## 17 May Africa Palm Oil Initiative Regional Meeting

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Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City Accra  
8.30 – 18.00

### Context

The Africa Palm Oil Initiative is the first signature initiative of the Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 (TFA 2020). Its vision is a prosperous palm oil industry that brings jobs and wealth to local communities in a way that is environmentally and socially sustainable and protects the rich tropical forests of the region. In November 2016 seven West and Central African countries at the frontier of new palm oil development signed the Marrakesh Declaration at COP22, pledging to sustainably develop the oil palm sector in the region; supported by regional and international private sector and civil society organizations through a joint support statement.

Two years following the signing of the Marrakesh Declaration, this fourth Regional Meeting will convene the community of practice leading initiatives to reduce deforestation through commodity production. The regional meeting was organized to draw the TFA 2020 General Assembly week to a close and will also be a chance to convene key stakeholders working more broadly towards halting deforestation in West and Central Africa. In 2010, several private-sector companies made bold commitments to remove deforestation from major commodity supply chains by 2020. Now, with less than 1,000 days left to achieve these commitments, commodity-driven deforestation continues and the need for action on the forest agenda has never been more urgent. TFA 2020 partners joined together last year to define the [Commodities and Forests Agenda 2020](#), highlighting the most urgent priorities for action. This day-long meeting will bring together the global forest community to help accelerate action on these priorities.

### Objectives

- Sharing learning and understanding between the ten APOI countries and beyond: share key challenges and opportunities of implementation of action plans and continue to build a shared understanding of the aims of TFA 2020 APOI.
- Calling attention to the Implementation Dialogue model, which has become a core part of the APOI strategy for supporting jurisdictional initiatives to implement national APOI principles and action plans in 2018.
- Evaluating the impact and follow-up opportunities of the Marrakesh Declaration.
- Connecting the TFA 2020 community in West and Central Africa and work together to build and strengthen public-private partnerships for sustainable commodity production in the region, especially at jurisdictional levels and in the palm oil and cocoa sectors.

### Registration

To request an invitation, please contact [Jasmine@proforest.net](mailto:Jasmine@proforest.net)