

FCC Course: Practical Cocoa Quality Assessment
1 day course
27th March 2012

**Venue: KTN Terminals, Office Seaport B10,
Haandorpweg 1, 9130 Kallo (Haven 1227),
ANTWERP, Belgium**

Outline Programme

The course will focus on the theory and practice of quality assessment and sampling of cocoa beans in the context of the FCC Rules. Interactive and practical group sessions with FCC quality arbitrators will be a key feature. We will address the vital task of the correct way of drawing an arbitration sample.

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued to participants.

- **Who should attend**

Attendance is particularly relevant for those who are engaged on a day to day basis in the sampling and quality assessment of cocoa beans and those who have an interest in how FCC quality arbitrations are conducted.

- **What the course will cover**

- FCC Contract Rules for cocoa beans as they relate specifically to Quality and Sampling
- FCC Quality Arbitration procedure – practical assessment
- Key issues to be aware of in assessing potential threats to cocoa quality on arrival
- Specifics of sampling procedure
- Preparation of containers for shipment of cocoa beans

- **Quality Assessment - theory:**

- Structure of FCC rules – how does it all fit together
- Understanding the definitions
- Outline of relevant Rules
- Methodologies

- **Quality Assessment - practical:**

- All delegates to take part in small groups with quality arbitrators to perform quality assessment
- Discussion of results and valuation
- The respective roles and responsibilities of buyers & sellers

- **Sampling - theory**

- procedure for preparing an arbitration sample of cocoa beans.