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Sander Muilerman serves as the program manager for the World Cocoa Foundation's Climate Smart Cocoa Program in West-Africa, with the aim to increase private sector engagement and investments in climate-smart strategies for more socio-economic and environmental sustainability in the cocoa sector. As a rural development and agricultural innovations expert, he has over ten years of field experience in the Sub-Saharan tropical forest zone. He currently lives in Ghana with his wife and two children.

Previously, Mr. Muilerman performed international social science research and climate change project coordination in cocoa-based farming systems for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, of the CGIAR. Until 2010, he worked as a management coach for NGO 'Alternative Durables pour le Developpement' in Cameroon, and as a press and communications coordinator for European cultural institute 'deBuren' in Brussels. Earlier positions were held with the international tour operator TUI, at a ministerial development research council in The Hague, and with Dutch ICT provider Royal KPN. During his studies he volunteered with a gorilla conservation project in Congo Brazzaville, worked at the Dutch import promotion council CBI, and performed an in-depth study of local natural resource management practices in rural Senegal.

Sander has a Doctorandus degree (BA+MA) in Sociology and Anthropology from Leiden University and an additional Bachelor's in Marketing and Management. He soon hopes to defend his PhD thesis with Wageningen University. Sander is a Dutch national and speaks Dutch, English, French, German and basic Portuguese.