

MINUTES OF MEETING
17th SSC Meeting

Time : 1500 - 1800 (MYT)

Date : Thursday, 06/05/2021

Venue : Zoom Room 8 / Conference Call

Attendees:

Name	Initial	Organisation	Representative Category
1. Olivier Tichit	OT	Musim Mas	P&T - Substantive, Co-Chair
2. Lee Kuan Yee	LKY	MPOA/KLK	Grower (MY)- Substantive, Co-Chair
3. Audrey Lee	AL	OLAM Group	Grower (RoW) - Substantive
4. Brian Lariche	BL	Humana Child Aid Society	SNGO - Substantive
5. Ian Orrell	IO	NBPOL	Grower (Smallholder) - Substantive
6. Masui Nobuhiko	MN	KAO Group	CGM - Alternative
7. Sian Choo Lim	SCL	Bumitama Agri	Grower (INA) - Substantive
8. Jenny Walther Thoss	JWT	WWF-International/ Sustainable Biomass Program	ENGO - Substantive
Guest			
1. Madeleine Brassier	MB	Oxfam Novib Network	
1. Amir Afham	AA	RSPO Secretariat	
2. Prasad Vijaya	PVS	RSPO Secretariat	
3. Julia Majail	JM	RSPO Secretariat	
4. Javin Tan	PV	RSPO Secretariat	
5. Emir Bustami	EB	RSPO Secretariat	

Agenda:

Time	Topic
1500 - 1505	1.0 Opening 1.1 Acceptance of Agenda 1.2 RSPO Antitrust Law 1.3 RSPO Consensus-based decision making
1505 - 1510	2.0 Confirmation of the 15th MoM on 27th Jan and 10th Feb 2021 2.1 Matters arising from previous meetings 2.2 Action tracker
1510 - 1530	3.0 P&C National Interpretation 3.1 Guatemala NI – for endorsement 3.2 Honduras NI – for endorsement 3.3 Thailand NI
1530 - 1550	4.0 RISS Local Interpretation 4.1 Cote D'Ivoire – for endorsement
1550 - 1610	5.0 Jurisdictional Approach Pilot Framework – Updates
1610 - 1630	6.0 New Planting Procedures - Updates
1630 - 1650	7.0 Peatland WG time extension – for decision
1710 - 1720	8.0 MGTF - Updates
1710 - 1720	9.0 FPIC - Updates
1720 - 1730	10.0 AoB 10.1 Decent Living Wage
1730	END

DISCUSSION:

No.	Description	Action Points (PIC)
1.0 Opening		
1.1	The Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the agenda of the meeting.	
1.2	The Antitrust and consensus-based decision making was read out to the Committee.	
1.3	The Secretariat confirmed that quorum had been reached for the meeting.	
2.0 Confirmation of the 16th SSC MoM		
2.1	The 16th SSC Minutes of Meeting was approved with minor alignment issues.	
2.2	<p>Action Tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. RISS INA NI - Updates were given for the timeline of RISS INA NI. ii. Criteria for NI of RISS - The Committee commented on the proposal and requested to remove the word “not” as a large producing country should exceed 5% of global palm oil. 	Secretariat to put into a decision paper and disseminate this to the SSC.
3.0 P&C National Interpretation		
3.1	<p>Guatemala NI</p> <p>The Guatemala NI is approved subject to corrections made to the comments. It will be submitted to BoG for endorsement only after all the corrections been addressed and approved by SSC.</p>	
3.2	<p>Honduras NI</p> <p>The Honduras NI is approved subject to corrections made to the comments. It will be submitted to BoG for endorsement only after all the corrections been addressed.</p>	
3.3	<p>Thailand NI</p> <p>Issue on replacement of membership representing CGM was discussed. Efforts have been invested to find replacement but with the same outcome.</p>	

	SSC advised to move forward with the process. The WG to submit the draft to the SSC for review and approval.	
4.0 RISS Local Interpretation		
4.1 Côte D'Ivoire	<p>A problem regarding the hectareage threshold proposed for the smallholder where it should not be doubled than the threshold of the RSPO. The 100ha for smallholders is not acceptable as it contradicts with Cote D'Ivoire's P&C NI.</p> <p>The document cannot be endorsed yet.</p> <p>Socialization plan can only be done after the document is endorsed.</p>	<p>To re-submit the draft to SSC after the issue on threshold been rectified.</p> <p>SHSC to be informed when RISS LI is submitted to SSC for approval.</p>
5.0 JA Pilot Framework		
5.1	<p>Updates presented on the following matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary Secretariat Arrangement 2. JA Piloting Framework and Workplan (JWG) 3. Communication and roll-out plan for JA <p>RSPO Secretariat will work with the JWG in finalizing the JA piloting framework document and to include a front-page stating the purpose of the document as well as the end-page listing the gaps of the document.</p> <p>The final draft will be presented back to SSC for endorsement.</p> <p>JWG Co-Chairs will be updating/communicating with the 3 pilots about the JA current status and way forward.</p>	<p>JWG/Secretariat to work on the document and re-submit to SSC.</p>
6.0 New Planting Procedures		
6.1	<p>SSC was briefed on the progress to-date of the NPP Revision process. The 2nd public consultation will be ending on 21st May. SSC will look into the revised document on a standalone basis. SSC agreed to submit the document for BoG endorsement at its meeting on 10th June 2021.</p> <p>The SSC agreed to meet up specifically to look into this document on 26th May. Secretariat will share the document and comments with SSC three days before the meeting.</p>	

	<p>The SSC expressed their appreciation to the NPPRS for their dedication and hard work in reviewing the NPP document.</p>	
<p>7.0 Peatland WG</p>		
7.1	<p>The Peatland WG is requesting for an extension of 12 months active period (1st March 2021 – 28th February 2022).</p> <p>The reason is to complete the following four activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Revision of the Drainability Assessment Procedure (DAP) b. Development of the Smallholder Peat BMP Manual c. Development of the DAP Training Module d. Assessment of trends of OP Cultivation on Peat <p>SSC approved the request for the extension period.</p>	
<p>8.0 MGTF - Updates</p>		
8.1	<p>Definition of Medium Grower</p> <p>The MGTF has come up and agreed with a definition that does not overlap with the land size with the RISS. The agreement is with a condition that it is to be reviewed alongside with the RISS P&C Review in 2023.</p>	
8.2	<p>Certification Path for Medium Grower</p> <p>The MGTF will continue to discuss on the certification path for medium grower. The TF collectively agreed that a separate standard for medium growers is not necessary at this stage. The Group Certification document is still being reviewed depending on the MGTF decision for the certification path.</p>	
8.3	<p>Update for BoG</p> <p>Progress and outcome from the MGTF will be updated to BoG by the SSC Co-Chairs.</p>	
<p>9.0 FPIC - Progress Updates</p>		
9.1	<p>Two FPIC Guidance documents are undergoing public consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2015 Revised FPIC Guidance b. Simplified FPIC for ISH <p>Translated to 4 main languages and webinar sessions organised in conjunction with the public consultation process.</p>	

	<p>The generic FPIC guidance document is noted to be sizable and heavy. It was proposed that a summarized versions for practitioners to be provided.</p>	<p>Summarized version of the document to be prepared. (Secretariat)</p>
<p>10.0 Any Other Business</p>		
<p>10.1</p>	<p>Decent Living Wage Secretariat is currently still in the process of hiring DLW Manager. SSC proposed to consider getting a consultant to assist while waiting for the DLW Manager in view of the fact that the work progress has been slow.</p> <p>The Labour Regulations in Indonesia highlight DLW which could be used as a benchmark for the DLW rate. RSPO Secretariat to leverage on this for the DLW benchmarking work for Indonesia.</p> <p>To re-confirm if the TOR for the DLW TF need to be further re-endorsed.</p>	<p>RSPO Secretariat to look into the hiring for the DLW Manager.</p>
<p>10.2</p>	<p>RISS Internal Audit Requirement SSC agreed to look into this document and provide comments back to the Secretariat.</p>	<p>Secretariat to check on the status of the DLWTF Terms of Reference.</p>

MEETING ENDED AT 1715 MYT