

The RSPO is an international non-profit organization formed in 2004 with the objective to promote the growth and use of sustainable oil palm products through credible global standards and engagement of stakeholders.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RSPO <u>1st RSPO JAWG MEETING</u>

Date: 3rd May 2018 Start time: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm Venue: Capri Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Attendance:

Members and Alternates

- 1. Alagendran Maniam (SDP, AM)
- 2. Glyn Davies (WWFMY, GD)
- 3. John Watts (INOBU, JW)
- 4. Marcus Colchester (FPP, MC)*
- 5. Wahyu Wigati (GAR, WW)

On Webex

- 6. Jon Hixson (YUM, JH)
- 7. Lim Sian Choo (BAL, LSC)
- 8. Lee Kuan Chun (P&C, LKC)
- 9. Thanuska (Sunshineholdings, THK)**

Absent with Apologies

- 1. Yusrin Yusof (Benta Wawasan, YY)
- 2. Sander van den Ende (NBPOL, SDE)
- 3. Michael Rice (BothEnds, MR)
- 4. Balu Perumal (MNS, BP)
- 5. Max Donysius (WWFMY, MD)
- 6. Rauf Prasodjo (UNILEVER, RP)
- 7. Sutiyana (FORTASBI, SY)
- *only attended the afternoon session

**only attended the morning session

RSPO Secretariat

- 1. Dillon Sarim (DS)
- 2. Javin Tan (JT)
- 3. Oi Soo Chin (OSC)
- 4. Tiur Rumondang (TR)

NewForesight

- 1. Guus ter Haar (GH)
- 2. Joost Gorter (JG)

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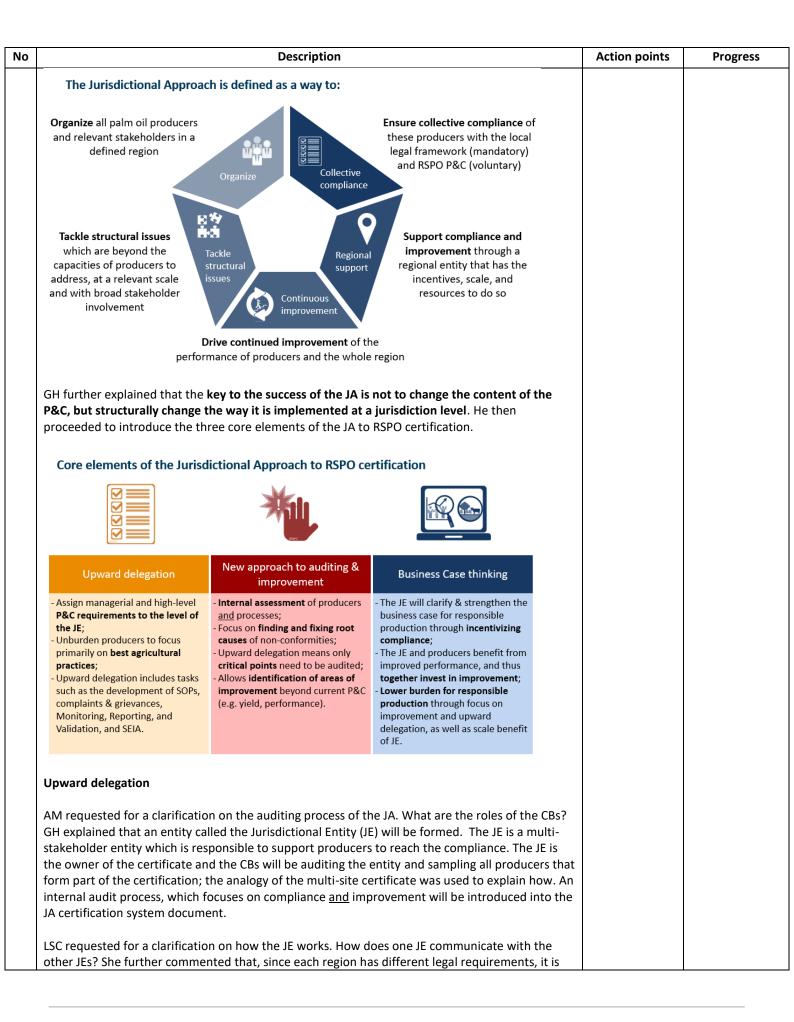
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1.0	Opening Remarks		
	JT thanked and welcomed everyone to the 1^{st} JAWG meeting and handed the floor to GH. GH		
	introduced NewForesight to the WG, emphasizing the fact that NewForesight were hired not for		
	their specific expertise in palm oil, but especially for their experience in designing and organizing		
	large scale sustainability efforts on regional level, whilst looking specifically at defining the value		
	for all stakeholders involved. GH asked the delegates to introduced themselves and state their		
	expectations of the Jurisdictional Approach and the role of the working group. Some of the expectations were:		
	a) The JAWG would be able to clarify the roles of the three pilots (Sabah, Seruyan, and		
	Ecuador), as well as the roles each stakeholder has in realising certification at a		
	jurisdictional level (JW)		
	b) Clarity on how the WG can be efficient and provide effective solutions to issues		
	regarding JA (GD)		
	and how stakeholders are impacted & contribute to the approach (AM & JH)		
	d) How the previous findings on JA is considered and applied by the WG (LKC)		
	e) To understand JA in depth (THK & WW)		
	f) Obtaining more information on JA to therefore apply the knowledge gained in an existing		
	project in West Kalimantan (LSC)		
	g) How JA can be impactful and help delivers the RSPO's missions (MC)		
	Some questions and comments from the expectations:		
	a) Why not incorporate the JA in the P&C review? (LSC)		
	b) Will JA solve legality issues? (LSC)		
	c) Voluntary vs mandatory – what is the strategy around this? (GD)		
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	GH made quick comments on the questions and comments. Before the JA can be considered in the P&C, the WG has to work on the technicality behind the approach. On the issue of legality, GH		
	hoped that JA will be a good platform to start addressing the issue. The nature of the RSPO		
	standard versus the whole jurisdictional approach under the influence of the government will be		
	the recurring subject matter in the WG discussion.		
2.0	Background of the JA, work progress so far and timeline		
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	Background of the JA		
	GH provided some background on the JA.		
	Structural issue RSPO barrier		
	Inclusion of all producers in Incentives and mechanism to effectively engage and involve non-certified and		
	sustainable production, including non-certified and P&C, unclear business case, and incomplete		
	disinterested groups registration of producers		
	Tackling sector-wide problems		
	Protection of HCV areas Social conflict Social conflict Mechanism for tackling sector-wide issues that go beyond responsibility and capacity of		
	Illegal and unregistered single members (Individuals/Groups) and		
	activities which require broader stakeholder action		
	The challenge is to address these barriers <u>without</u> significantly		
	changing the RSPO standard and system		



Work progress so far NewForesight has conducted interviews with the BoG members, RS RSPO's consultant for inputs to ensure that the certification system more impactful and provide meaningful solutions to address the ba interviews, site visits were conducted to understand the situation o went to talk to local producers, NGOs, government representatives, representatives in Musi Banyuasin regency, South Sumatra on the v applied and how they are perceived. CBs were engaged to get infor and opportunities in auditing for the RSPO P&C as well as testing as	document for the JA will be rriers. In addition to the n the ground. NewForesight	
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should be done for the whole jurisdiction.	mation on current challenges	
A concept note was developed by NewForesight. The concept note its members should move forward with the JA, highlighting all the b knowledge gaps and main barriers are also highlighted in the conce	enefits the JA offers. The	
The BoG has endorsed the concept note for the development of the documents, and supports the decision to not develop a separate Jubbeing.		
 KCL requested NewForesight to share some of the findings of the siclarified that the NewForesight team did not go to the official RSPO Indonesia helped NewForesight identified the major gaps, with one heavily on combating environmental and social issues, lacking the for improvement of the farmers. Other findings include: a) Data availability – no map for oil palm, HCV and HCS areas b) Lack of proper planning during plantings and many issues virights On the issue around spatial planning and mapping, JG mentioned the working with the World Resources Institute (WRI) on the one map i formalised to get high quality maps, depicting the oil palm concessinareas, from the government of Indonesia. 	pilot areas. The site visits in being that the RSPO focuses ocus on the performance available with concessions and land nat the RSPO is currently nitiative. This initiative is	
Timeline		
The draft JA Certification System Document is expected to be delivered by the fourth quarter of 2018 Working Group JAWG JAWG JAWG JAWG JAWG JAWG JAWG JAWG	leption lication	

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			around the proposed working time of the JAW	G. She requested		
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I.	•		s organised by the RSPO Secretariat		to assist the	meeting
					nomination	
	e) Abid	e to the RSPO's WG	i ules		of co-chairs	
JT re	eminded t	he WG that the repr	resentation of the WG members goes under th	ne organisation	via email.	
			e any requests to involve experts in the WG m	-	3. Secretariat	
			ocess should be followed. An email should be		to circulate	
			nvolvement at the next meeting (RSPO Secret		the	
			the agreement, the invited expert is to sign th		Chatham	
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		Retailer	Jon Hixson – YUM's Brand	1	1	
		Processor/Trader	Vacant	1	1	
	Smallholders	Malaysia	Vacant	1		
		Indonesia	Pak Sutiyana – FORTASBI	1		
	TOTAL	ROW	Vacant	1		
	attending the fi JW highlighted Ecuador). LKC a the JAWG meet JT commented discussion and meeting. Select selection of co- WG agreed. GD commented members as we to their networ requested the C confirm that ad would be no ne	irst meeting. the importance of greed and added t ting and discussion that since most of composition of the cion of the substan chairs will be done d on confidentiality ell as the expectation k, the WG should a Chatham House rul Iding the Chatham	the WG members could not atter WG will be discussed more thore tive and alternate members, as w offline. The RSPO Secretariat wil issues. To ensure that smooth di on of WG members to act as amb adopt the Chatham House rule. Th es to be circulated among the WG House rules to the ToR would be ne Code of Conduct. JT confirmed	ot projects (Sabah, Seruyan and ot sites should be involved in and the meeting physically, the oughly at the second WG rell as the nomination and I coordinate the process. The scussions among the WG assadors and relay information ne WG members agreed and G members. GD asked RSPO to sufficient, and that there	ז	
		ojections on the To	R. The WG agreed to adopt the To	oR, with the addition of the		
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	very important for the JEs to identify regional priorities and the regional agenda. GH commented that the communication platform among JEs is still work in progress. However, in terms of communication, the RSPO will be responsible for the coordination, in the interest of shared learning and identification of best practices. The RSPO will also develop limited guidance on forming a JE, although the group recognized that formation will strongly depend on local reality, legal requirements, and stakeholder desires.		
	LKC questioned the reality of certifying everyone in a jurisdiction – is this achievable? What would be the end point of the JC? Will partial certification of the industry be accepted? GH clarified that, an idea of a threshold, say 80%, may be introduced in the JC. With this threshold, if 80% of the producers are certified, the jurisdiction is eligible to become certified, and the certificate will only apply to the JE and the verified P&C compliant producers in the region. This way, non-compliant producers are still excluded from the certificate until they comply.		
	On inclusivity, LKC questioned how this approach can be more inclusive (i.e.: lowering bar entry for SHs)? There is no definite answer on this at the moment. LSC suggested an idea to explore and identify the types of producers in the different regions in order to be more inclusive with the approach.		
	New approach to auditing and improvement		
	On the new approach to auditing and improvement, GD and JH both commented that the government's involvement is crucial as it involves jurisdictional regulation. LKC suggested to explore the idea of marrying the internal and independent audit. This is to ensure that no additional cost is introduced and the audit can be less complicated. The WG agreed that the simplification of the Annual Surveillance Audit (ASA) can be considered.		
	Further questions arose from the auditing mechanism – will additional cost and effort be introduced for auditing an already certified company in the jurisdiction? GH explained that a system of due diligence will be applied. Certified companies can skip the JE audit if they are able to show their P&C audit as a proof.		
	JW requested for a clarification on the independent audit – at what level is the independent audit conducted (farm, mill, jurisdiction)? GH responded that sample audits will be done regarding the producers in the JE's scope, similar to a group audit, before the JE is audited.		
	Business case thinking		
	GD suggested to change the wording to Sustainable Development instead of Business Case Thinking. NewForesight will consider; noting that this will work for governments and perhaps NGOs but not for the industry per se.		
	GH introduced the ideal timeline for a jurisdiction to be certified – 9 years. The first three years involves formation of the JE and multi-stakeholder board; registration, mapping and legal compliance of all producers within the JE's scope; and plans for continual improvement with a commitment to the 9-year timeline. In the next three years, the JE should obtain full RSPO membership and has made marked improvement, meeting its intermediate targets. Lastly, for the final three years, the JE realised and maintains P&C compliance of producers within its boundaries above a minimum threshold.		
	AM questioned if this a fixed timeline as each region is very unique in terms of legal requirements, size etc. LKC agreed and questioned how the RSPO plan to recognize local standards that aim to achieve similar goal. LSC also commented that 9 – 10 years is a long time. This will not be appealing in the eyes of the farmers.		

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	GH responded that the 10-year approach is targeting more on the improvement of the performance rather than getting certified. With this idea in mind, farmers are benefiting from the start, during the 10-year period. As for the incentive to continue with the whole process, the RSPO will be exploring the mechanism, but this could consist of promotion of the lower risk profile of the region, direct investment into the region, and supporting the attraction of donor funds to the region. The involvement of internal auditors, through internal audit which focuses on improvement, is crucial as it will inform the RSPO what kind of incentives the RSPO should provide to the farmers.		
	JW questioned if a mechanism to exclude non-compliant producers is worth exploring. GH responded that this is not doable as plantation cannot be relocated. Instead, a punishment mechanism can be explored; e.g. non-compliant producers could be excluded from the Jurisdictional Certificate, and thus the production/trade of CSPO.		
	LSC requested a clarification on how the other WG can contribute to the discussion, for example the Smallholder Working Group (SHWG) as these group of producers are likely to be impacted the most. GH responded that the JAWG should focus on all type of producers, not just the smallholders. Other WGs will be given platform and opportunities to contribute when necessary.		
	Further questions arise regarding clarification of the cost of setting up and running the JE. JG noted that this will need to be further clarified; partly through assessing the current pilots, but also by calculating the cost/benefit for all stakeholders involved in a JE. This could be an additional study that is worth-while. The WG agreed this would be beneficial.		
5.0	Current system vs JE GH explain how the JE system works. The proposal is to add a jurisdictional layer to the current RSPO system building on what has already been developed.		
	Producer Mill Group Group Body (CB) Non-certified ICS Group ICS Group ICS		
	Supply base Smallholders		
	 MC questioned the new system: a) Who will verify the non-compliance of the non-members? b) What is the use of verification of an area with non-members and members? How can the complaints procedure work in the JE involving the non-RSPO members and members? c) What is the reinforcement for non-RSPO members? Logically, if it involves the whole jurisdiction, this should be legally binding. 		
	GH responded:		

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	a)	The verification will still be done through the internal and independent audit. Internal		
		audit focuses additionally on performance improvement.		
	b)	JE will have their own complaints desk to address complaints. Complaints to producers		
		that are part of the JE's Certificate will have to be dealt with in accordance to RSPO		
		requirements. Complaints procedures regarding non-compliant members is something to		
		be further developed.		
	c)	Threshold will likely be introduced. For example, a region is still considered to be		
	-,	certified if 80% of the producers are compliant. The only potential drawback to this is the		
		outside perception of RSPO P&C being diluted. However, the WG needs to stress that		
		only compliant producers are part of the certificate and are allowed to produce/claim		
		CSPO. The implications that this gives to how far the JE should be involved in supply		
		chain certification will need to be further clarified.		
	Benefit	s of the JA		
	GH expl	ained to the group the benefits of the JA		
	a)	The JA will drive further inclusion of palm oil producers in three ways: (i) drive producer		
		inclusion by decreasing financial and administration burden for compliance, both legal		
		and the RSPO P&Cs (ii) both producers and JE benefit from larger volumes of CSPO		
		produced within the JE boundary; and (iii) improved assurance of responsible production		
		of the JE will lead to de-risking of the entire region, hence improving market access and		
		demand for palm oil from all producers in the JE.		
	b)	The JA will enable broad stakeholder action to tackle structural sustainability issues.		
		Through upward delegation, the JE takes the responsibility and administrative burden of		
		addressing issues beyond the control of a single producer (e.g.: HCV). The multi-		
		stakeholder nature of the JE makes it an impartial yet competent platform for collective		
		action, driving collaborative identification of priorities and improvement goals.		
	The ma	n success of the JA will depend on three key success factors:		
	a)	Clear commitment from the international buyers on the preference for palm oil from		
		sustainable regions		
	b)	Support from local and national governments as key enablers to sustainability		
	c)	Transparent governance that represents all relevant stakeholders		
	MC requ	uested a clarification – at which stage Sabah is now with the concept? GH clarified that		
	-	e draft of the certification system document is available, the document will be checked		
		Sabah progress.		
6.0	Main di	scussion topics in workstreams and Next steps	1. NewForesight	1. To be
0.0			to include the	presented
	GH intro	oduced to the WG the main discussion topics in workstreams. There are three proposed	proposed	at the
	workstr	eams and they are to be addressed in the coming months.	workstreams	second
			in a new	meeting.
			workplan and	meeting.
			present it at	
			the next	
			meeting.	
			2. Secretariat to	
			invite	
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	Mair	n discussion topics in workstreams	officials from	
	widi		the pilot sites	
	6	1. Setting up the JA, including:	at the next	
		 a) Principles for setting the scope of the JE b) Multi-stakeholder representation and decision making 	meeting to	
	- C	c) Types of legal entities to be adopted by the JE	observe the	
			meeting.	
		2. Running the JA, including:	_	
		a) JE Membership categories and requirements		
	enve	b) Jurisdictional Certification requirements c) CSPO claims and trade		
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		 Value proposition, business case, and continuous improvement, including: 		
		a) Producer-level business case and continuous improvement of performance		
		b) Region-level business case and economic landscape analysis		
		c) Communication, stakeholder outreach, and pilot alignment		
	GH requ	iested the WG to brainstorm on the additional discussions to be added into the		
	workstr	eam.		
		ream 1: Setting up the JA A set of checks of how JE is understood and accepted in the sector and the willingness of		
	a)			
	b)	the producers to participate in the approach		
	b)	Explore government effective commitment and policy for the JA and what the RSPO can do to keep commitments.		
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	c)	Mechanism to punish non-compliant local government (the JE) including identifying the implication on individual cortification with and the effect of JE locing the cortification		
	d)	implication on individual certified units and the effect of JE losing the certificate		
	d)	Determination of the upfront cost for the JA. How far can the RSPO be involved in the upfront cost?		
		upfront cost?		
	e)	The formal role of the government in the WG to push the framework forward, possibility involving the local government from the pilot sites in the discussions		
	f)	Commissioning studies to learn from other pilots, both RSPO and non-RSPO JA pilot for		
	''	lessons learned.		
	Worksti	ream 2: Running the JA		
	a)	Early checks on the ground on the compliance to NPP to ensure things are on track for		
		the JA preparation. The JA should also look at how NPP is going to be made applicable to		
		smallholders		
	b)	The identification of categories of producers (based on size and legal compliance) and		
		potential benefits for being part of the JE should be explored		
	c)	Linking the approach with other land use or other commodities		
	d)	Addressing labour issues and how the JA can tackle this problem at the jurisdictional		
		level		
	e)	Traceability and supply chain discussion – at what stage the WG will discuss this?		
	Mailint	non 2. Value proposition business and continuous improvement		
	worksti a)	ream 3: Value proposition, business case, and continuous improvement Looking into different political legal context starting with the existing pilot sites		
	a) b)	GAP analysis on the RSPO requirement and the government regulations (ISPO, MSPO etc.)		
	c)	Targeting the increase of CSPO volume where demand is lagging		
	d)	Consideration to look at how supply chain is affected by the approach		
	e)	Study the type of claims that are permissible in the early phases to compliance		
	c) f)	Sourcing certified large volume from one region		
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	GH mentions that it might make sense to develop an additional workstream that focuses specifically on the regional level issues such as spatial planning, regional level ecological issues, land use, etc. The WG agreed. Before the next WG meeting, NewForesight will propose the revised workstreams in a new workplan.		
	Next steps		
	The WG has collectively agreed on the timeline. The next step is to develop a workplan based on the current and additional workphase identified by the WG. The next meeting will be organised in the week of 16 th or 23 rd July 2018. The RSPO Secretariat will assist with the meeting coordination. There will be an update call before each planned meeting. GH mentioned that a webinar will be organised before the call to introduce JA to WG representatives that were unable to join the physical meeting.		
	Phase 1: Phase 2: Development of CSD Phase 3: Final CSD and adoption Zero-Draft 01 2010 02 2010 02 2010		
	Q4 2017 Q1 2018 Q2 2018 Q3 2018 Q4 2018 2019		
	December 1: Directional approval from BoGMarch 8: WG ToR approved by BoGFinal draft CSD readyAdoption of final CSD at General Assembly		
	 External milestone Physical WG meeting WG update call New draft CSD ready 		
	The WG agreed that representatives from the pilot sites and governments should be present at		
.0	the next meeting as an observer. AOB	1. Secretariat	
	MC reminded the WG that there are several burning issues that will surface in future discussions in the WG: a) What is the legality behind the Jurisdictional Entity?	to send a doodle poll for the next	
	b) Government sovereignty vs RSPO autonomy	JAWG	
	c) Voluntary vs mandatory requirement – how will the RSPO work around this?	meeting.	
	MC proposed the WG to start discussing this at the next meeting. The WG agreed.		
	The Secretariat will be sending a doodle poll to the WG to confirm the date of the next meeting. The WG is looking at the week of the 16 th of July or the week of 23 rd of July for the second JAWG meeting.		
	Since the co-chairs were not selected, JT has recommended to the WG that NewForesight will be reporting the progress of the JAWG to the P&C Review Task Force in May 2018.		
	Closing remarks		



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