

Minutes of the Meeting

Subject : 5th Greenhouse Gas Task Force (GHGTF) Meeting
 Date : 8th May 2025, Thursday at 3:05 - 5:48pm (MYT)
 Venue : Zoom meeting (Virtual)

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Jannick Schmidt	LCA 2.0 Consultants	Observer
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The objective of the meeting was for Agridence to update the PalmGHG V5 calculator development and for the Secretariat to present draft 2 of PalmGHG V5 Internal and External Guidance and to kickstart the revision of GHG assessment procedure for New Development's guidance and tool. This meeting minute should be read in conjunction with "RSPO GHGTF 5th Meeting_v1_18 May 2025_Final_post" deck, which is for GHGTF use only.

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1.0	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Refer to the deck from slides 1-3.</p>	<p>The Secretariat and the Chair welcomed the GHGTF members into the meeting.</p> <p>The Secretariat informed members that one alternate member has exited the GHGTF and a replacement is pending. One remaining alternate has yet to sign the Code of Conduct, and the Secretariat requested the substantive member to follow up.</p>	<p>The GHGTF member to invite an alternate member for the replacement</p> <p>The GHGTF substantive to remind the alternate GHGTF member to sign the CoC.</p>	Pending 1 to sign as of June 2025.
2.0	<p>Overview of the agenda, review, and approval of the previous meeting's minutes (MOM), and action progress</p> <p>Refer to the deck from slides 4-8.</p>	<p>The Secretariat outlined the updated agenda for the meeting and informed the members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RSPO Antitrust Statement ● RSPO Consensus-based Decision-Making Clause ● RSPO Declaration of Conflict of Interest <p>The Chair provided background on the updated meeting agenda, noting that it was revised following a proposal by a representative from Protcor & Gamble (P&G) who is also a member of <i>prisma's</i> subcommittee. The P&G representative had engaged in discussions with a consultant and subsequently recommended inviting him to share his expertise on Life Cycle Assessment for the PalmGHG V5 Calculator. The Chair's explanation was acknowledged and appreciated by the GHGTF members.</p> <p>The Minutes of Meeting (MoM) from the 4th GHGTF meeting were then reviewed for formal adoption. The Secretariat highlighted the action points addressed and those still pending from the previous meeting. It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The internal guidance document had been updated; ● The external guidance remains under development; 	<p>The review of the 4th GHGTF MoM was proposed by Wilmar International and seconded by Permata Hijau Group.</p> <p>Secretariat to obtain GEC's contact from GHGTF member for their technical input on peat.</p>	Ongoing.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are in place to invite the Global Environment Centre (GEC) to provide technical input on peat. A proposal related to conservation proposed by the biodiversity team will be postponed for future discussion. 		
3.1	<p>Update on PalmGHG V5</p> <p>Refer to the deck from slides 9-10.</p>	<p>The Secretariat provided an update on the status of PalmGHG, covering key developments across several areas:</p> <p>Closure of PalmGHG V5 Pilot Testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat shared that all feedback from the pilot testing phase had been compiled and sent to participants on 3 April 2025. While no technical inquiries were received, one participant responded positively and expressed appreciation for participating. <p>PalmGHG Calculator Revisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates were incorporated into the calculator based on decisions made during the 4th GHGTF meeting. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustments to stationary and mobile combustion emissions; Merging Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) sourced from third-party estates; Adoption of a 25-year amortisation period; Separation of landuse change and land management emissions; Non-inclusion of belt press for POME emissions as sludge is out-of-scope; and Inclusion of standing palms as part of conservation areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GHGTF Chair raised concerns about including standing palms as conservation areas and suggested removing them under this topic due to being controversial. <p>Gap Analysis in <i>prisma</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 17 April 2025, the Secretariat met with the Certification Body (CB) to better understand the audit process in PalmGHG and the New Planting Procedure (NPP). The Secretariat informed that an internal review of the NPP has commenced and will be discussed in a separate agenda item 3.2. 	Secretariat to remove the term 'conservation' for standing palms.	Ongoing.

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		PalmGHG V5 Timeline and Implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat confirmed that the latest version of PalmGHG V5 was shared with Agridence on 3 April 2025. Development is ongoing and closely coordinated with the vendor. This was also discussed at this meeting. 		
3.2	Approach to streamlining PalmGHG in <i>prisma</i> Refer to the deck from slide 11.	<p>The Secretariat provided updates on the document review and follow-up from previous interviews/workshops (refer to orange text in the slide), noting that Land Use Change Analysis (LUCA) and New Planting Procedure (NPP) modules in <i>prisma</i> have yet to kickstart the development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Checklist Consultation: The Secretariat engaged with Growers and CBs during the Audit Checklist Consultation Workshop to better understand PalmGHG V5 and NPP auditing processes. This would be further discussed in agenda item 3.3. Data Integrity Check: The Secretariat reviewed NPP Summary Assessments and Notification Statements to support the Impact, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (IMEL) team for the Impact Report and Update. Discrepancies were found between the two sources due to differing reporting templates and understanding of what needs to be reported. In response to the Chair's query, a GHGTF member noted that infrequent NPP submissions may contribute to the inconsistencies, as new planting usually occurs during a new land acquisition. Usage of GHG Data: The GHGTF Chair raised a concern regarding the implications of the PalmGHG V5 update, noting that the alignment with the GHG Protocol represents a significant overhaul of the calculator. The Chair questioned whether this would require a change in the narrative presented in the RSPO Impact Report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat responded that the GHG data generated through PalmGHG V5 will be analysed by the Climate Change team for its inclusion in the report. The Chair emphasised the importance of GHGTF members reviewing both the data and the accompanying narrative before any publication. This would ensure that potential risks are identified early and that the data is accurately represented from a technical standpoint. 	<p>Secretariat to keep the GHGTF informed on the GHG data analysis before publishing.</p> <p>Secretariat to consider for a panel discussion in RT 25.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Pending.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additionally, the Chair proposed organising a panel discussion on PalmGHG V5 at RT25, to raise awareness, encourage feedback, and promote transparency regarding the tool's development and future direction. 		
3.3	<p>Gap Analysis & Key Findings- PalmGHG and NPP</p> <p>Refer to the deck from slides 12 and 13.</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented the summary of gaps and improvement opportunities with key findings on PalmGHG and NPP, except alignment to LUCA and NPP in <i>prisma</i> was not explored, as these modules have yet to be developed.</p> <p>PalmGHG Calculator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PalmGHG V4 Summary Report & Audit Checklist: The Secretariat shared that CBs approved the PalmGHG V4 summary report. A key gap identified during the Audit Checklist Consultation Workshop was the lack of validation and understanding of data inputs by CBs, leading to outliers. To address this, the Secretariat proposed setting input ranges and conducting targeted training for CBs and members. ● Audit Checklist & Guidance: The Chair emphasised that the checklist should serve as guidance rather than a detailed manual to avoid overcomplicating audits. GHGTF members discussed auditor competency and role during the audit, as the calculator automatically calculates the summary for the CB to be approved. The CBs suggested a separate auditor's guidance for PalmGHG V5, after discussion the members agreed to enhance the PalmGHG V5 External Guidance with clearer instructions for verifying user-defined default values as this was raised by the CB. ● Disclosure in <i>prisma</i>: The Secretariat recapped efforts to align supply base terminology between <i>prisma</i> and PalmGHG and noted that development of PalmGHG V5 in <i>prisma</i> will resolve current misunderstandings. ● GHG Data in ACOP: The Secretariat recapped efforts on the guidance for GHG data reporting in the Annual Communication of Progress (ACOP). <p>NPP:</p> <p>The Secretariat shared that the NPP review and revision have been kick-started internally and shared the summary of the key findings:</p>	<p>The Secretariat and GHGTF members to enhance the PalmGHG V5 External Guidance document to provide guidance for CBs i.e. verifying user-defined default value.</p> <p>The Secretariat to keep GHGTF on the updates for NPP.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NPP Monitoring: The Secretariat reported findings from NPP monitoring, noting discrepancies between the proposed planting area in the NPP report and the GHG Assessment for New Development. This was attributed to CBs focusing on completing the GHG assessment rather than verifying data alignment. To address this, the Secretariat proposed enhancing the GHG assessment process internally to include a land cover breakdown in the NPP template guidance annexes. No further comments were given by the GHGTF members. ● Entity Management: It was noted that the Entity Management module is still under development and will be aligned in future updates. ● Audit Checklist: The Secretariat also shared that enhancements have been made to the document review process in the audit checklist, and training sessions will be conducted for CBs accordingly. 		
3.4	<p>PalmGHG Timeline & Implementation Plan- AGD</p> <p>Refer to slides 14-20.</p>	<p>The Secretariat invited Agridence to present the PalmGHG V5 development timeline (Feb–Nov 2025) and key functionalities. Core features include integration with Entity Management for mills, the ability to edit default values, data input via <i>prisma</i> or Excel upload, and synchronisation of company-wide default values.</p> <p>Development Timeline: Agridence shared the development progress (Feb-May) and timeline (June-Nov) of PalmGHG V5 Calculator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February: Entity-Relationship Diagram and assessment flow initiated; user access scoped. ● March: Mill integration and assessment default values begun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A GHGTF member asked if supply-base planting data could auto-populate for mills sharing the same supply base. Agridence noted that this could be considered an enhancement post-launch. ● April: Biofuel blend integration and remaining default value categories setup to be completed. ● May: Estate data input and supply base mapping initiated. 	<p>Secretariat to draft the SSC decision paper on the grace period for the transition to PalmGHG V5.</p> <p>Agridence to confirm on the functionality of autopopulating supply base's planting data to respective mills in PalmGHG V5 development.</p> <p>Secretariat to find out the plans for the post-launch</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May–June: Integration with Entity Management and supply base; enable data input via <i>prisma</i>; generate estate/mill summaries. End June: UAT1 to begin, with the GHGTF members invited. The Chair and GHGTF members proposed holding this meeting physically in Malaysia. June–Aug: Continued development of audit integration and uncompleted section badges; planning for UAT2. Oct: Finalisation of Excel upload and calculation sheet generation. Nov 2025: Launch postponed to align with the audit module release. <p>Transition Plan Discussion: The Chair raised the need for a transition plan from PalmGHG V4 to V5. After the discussion, the GHGTF members proposed a 1-year grace period in 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First 6 months: Bug fixes and system refinements. Last 6 months: Trainings, consultations, and socialisation of changes. PalmGHG V5 to be mandatory by 2027. The Secretariat was requested to submit a decision paper to the Standards Steering Committee and check for SOPs or National Interpretation requirements related to this transition. <p>Training Schedule: The Secretariat sought input on whether training should be held before or after the V5 launch. Based on their experiences with past modules, the GHGTF members preferred training to start after the module was released. A GHGTF member noted that the PalmGHG V5 launch depends on audit and entity management module readiness.</p> <p>Upcoming Roadmap by Persona:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members: Summary and calculation sheet, completion status indicators, and default value sync. Auditors: Audit flow integration linking P&C audits to GHG assessments. Secretariat: Tools for default value management and data portal development. <p>It was noted that Agridence's priority was to complete estate and mill summaries for UAT1, which is related to Members. For the auditor, this is to be aligned with the audit module development, while Secretariat would have a webpage outside of <i>prisma</i> for data tracking and monitoring.</p>	<p>maintenance of <i>prisma</i>.</p>	

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		<p>V5 System Improvements:</p> <p>Agridence presented updates on the improved user interface and system flow in PalmGHG V5, focusing on flexibility for users to amend assessments and manage access via Entity Management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair expressed concern that such flexibility could lead to unintended consequences, cautioning against over-customisation that may compromise system governance or data integrity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A GHGTF member clarified that in PalmGHG V4, only 2 PalmGHG managers could submit assessments, whereas PalmGHG V5 introduces a new flow where the organisation can assign submission rights more flexibly. The Chair also raised a broader concern regarding post-launch maintenance and enhancements, asking whether future system support would fall under the RSPO Secretariat or remain the vendor's responsibility after contract completion. The issue was noted for further clarification. 		
3.5	<p>PalmGHG Timeline & Implementation Plan- RSPO</p> <p>Refer to slide 21.</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented an amended PalmGHG Timeline and Implementation Plan, updated to align with the Agridence development timeline. Clarification was sought on the placement of the training component in the timeline—specifically, whether the training would take place after the module was finalised.</p> <p>During the discussion, GHGTF members confirmed that the training would be conducted via a dedicated training platform. The Secretariat and Agridence clarified that this platform would use dummy data for training purposes to simulate calculator functionality without affecting actual data.</p> <p>A GHGTF member proposed conducting training specifically focused on using the PalmGHG V5 Calculator. In response, the Secretariat suggested exploring two possible approaches: one where participants observe demonstrations on how to use the calculator and another where participants actively engage with the training platform through hands-on exercises. The Secretariat proposed to the GHGTF members that they come back to this to propose which may be the best approach.</p>	Secretariat to further deliberate on the approaches for PalmGHG training.	Ongoing.

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4.1	<p>PalmGHG V5 External Guidance</p> <p>Refer to slides 22-24.</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented a summary of amendments incorporated into the Version 2 draft of the PalmGHG V5 guidance, based on decisions made during the 3rd and 4th GHGTF meetings. Key discussion points were highlighted in orange text on slide 23, with the following topics raised for member input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledgements: The Secretariat asked whether acknowledgements in the document should reflect the parent company or the subsidiary. GHGTF members agreed that the parent company should be listed. ● Chapter 2.1 – Scope of Boundary: The Secretariat shared that the exclusion boundary will now be presented in a summary table format, following the GHG Protocol’s categorisation of emissions. Members were requested to review this section when the Version 2 draft is circulated. ● Chapter 3.0 – Using PalmGHG V5: The Secretariat asked whether a separate technical manual should be created specifically for Certification Bodies (CBs). After the discussion, GHGTF members agreed that a separate manual was not necessary, noting that the primary users are RSPO members rather than auditors. However, members acknowledged a key finding from the Audit Checklist Workshop, where some auditors requested clearer guidance on the user-defined and defined default values. As a result, the GHGTF recommended strengthening the main PalmGHG V5 guidance document to address this issue rather than creating a new manual. <p>The Secretariat then presented a summary of the decisions made by GHGTF members in response to the general comments received from the PalmGHG V5 Pilot Testing, and highlighted the progress on updates, marked in orange text on slide 24. Key updates included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scope of PalmGHG: The system boundary has been revised to align with the GHG Protocol’s emission source categories. The exclusion boundary has been updated accordingly. PK Crushing has been removed from the scope to better reflect the intended system boundaries. ● Flowchart of a Product System: The flowchart has been revised to improve clarity and better reflect the updated system boundaries and emission sources. 	<p>Secretariat to update the acknowledgement to follow the parent company.</p> <p>GHGTF members to review the exclusion boundary in Chapter 2.1.</p> <p>Secretariat to enhance the PalmGHG V5 External Guidance document.</p> <p>Secretariat to consider having an external reviewer to validate the PalmGHG V5 External Guidance.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Written Description of Calculations: The method of presenting calculations has been updated from equations and formulas to written paragraphs for better comprehension and accessibility. ● Evaluation of Consistency and Completeness: The Secretariat is conducting a gap analysis to assess alignment with key standards, including ISO 14040, 14044 and ISO 14064. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The GHGTF Chair raised whether an independent review of the guidance would be beneficial, suggesting that an external perspective could provide added value. In response, a GHGTF member recommended that instead of an external review, a recently joined GHGTF member could conduct the review to offer a fresh perspective while maintaining internal understanding of the context. It was further suggested that an external reviewer could instead focus on validating the PalmGHG Calculator, which would remain distinct from the <i>prisma</i> development process. ○ The members deliberated on the feasibility of engaging with the GHG Protocol team for external validation; however, the Chair noted that past communication with them had posed some challenges and delays. The GHGTF members and RSPO Secretariat had acknowledged this concern. ● Uncertainties, Sensitivity Analysis, Limitations, and Areas for Improvement: The development of this section is still ongoing. A dedicated section will be added to address these elements in accordance with standard GHG reporting practices. <p>The Secretariat will continue refining these areas based on the feedback received and the GHGTF members' consensus. There were no further comments from the GHGTF members.</p>		

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4.2	<p>PalmGHG V5 Internal Guidance</p> <p>Refer to slides 25-28.</p>	<p>The Secretariat presented a chapter-by-chapter summary of updates made to the Internal Guidance Document, reflecting decisions previously agreed upon by the GHGTF members. It was noted that the updated document had been circulated to members in advance, with magenta-coloured text highlighting the latest revisions for review.</p> <p>The Secretariat also presented the revised system boundary diagram. The GHGTF members expressed their appreciation for the improvements. One member proposed a minor visual enhancement—adding an additional arrow in the legend—to improve clarity in the guidance associated with the diagram. Aside from this, further consolidation of aligning <i>prisma</i> disclosure to PalmGHG of the supply base definition was postponed to the next meeting due to time constraints.</p>	Secretariat to improve the legend for the PalmGHG V5 system diagram.	Done.
5.0	<p>GHG Assessment Procedure for New Development</p> <p>Refer to slides 29-33.</p>	<p>Due to time limitations, the Secretariat provided a brief overview of the identified gaps and pending decisions related to the GHG assessment procedures for new development under the P&C standards. These issues were highlighted in orange text on the presentation slides, indicating areas where GHGTF member input is required to finalise updates to the relevant tools and guidance documents.</p> <p>The Secretariat encouraged GHGTF members to review the tool and guidance documents alongside the presentation and provide additional feedback or comments, particularly on sections where further updates may be necessary.</p> <p>Additionally, the Secretariat presented the current GHG assessment process for new development under the Independent Smallholder (ISH) standards, noting that no significant updates were needed at this stage. It was clarified that, unlike the P&C version, the ISH GHG assessment tool remains a PDF-based template rather than an Excel calculator.</p>	Secretariat to arrange for a discussion on this topic with GHGTF members in the next meeting.	Pending.

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6.1	<p>AoB: The Consultant's sharing session</p> <p>Refer to slide 38.</p>	<p>The Secretariat and GHGTF Chair welcomed the invited observers, the representative of Procter & Gamble (P&G) and the consultant from 2.0 LCA Consultants. A brief round of introductions was conducted among all participants.</p> <p>The P&G representative shared his views on the development of the PalmGHG V5 Calculator and its integration into RSPO's digital platform, <i>prisma</i>. He highlighted this as the first instance of embedding the calculator into RSPO's digital ecosystem and viewed it as an opportunity to enhance the tool's capabilities by collaborating with scientific experts. He proposed leveraging the consultant's LCA expertise to support the digitalisation of year-on-year GHG emissions tracking, which would be valuable for downstream RSPO members aiming to meet GHG reduction targets. He also suggested the consultant's research could contribute to PalmGHG's development in areas such as comparative analyses of RSPO-certified versus non-certified supply chains, and emission patterns across different regions, sectors, and grower types, including medium plantations and smallholders.</p> <p>Following this, the consultant presented with the following agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on LCA of palm oil since 2004: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An overview of his LCA research experience from 2004 to 2025, which includes studies such as RSPO-commissioned studies, projects with palm oil producers, and collaborations with downstream users. He highlighted that his ongoing work is about assessing smallholder and estate performance in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Colombia, and Nigeria. • Improvement options of PalmGHG – in the light of LCA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He continued to introduce his LCA model structure, explaining that it is fully parameterised with a user-friendly interface. The system collects raw input data, which is fed into an LCA engine that outputs detailed emissions calculations. ○ Aside from this, he provided technical suggestions for improving PalmGHG V5 and suggested a transition toward supporting product-level comparison would better serve downstream players to provide more value to the PalmGHG Calculator. • Opportunities for PalmGHG in <i>prisma</i>: 	<p>Secretariat to obtain the presentation slides from the consultant's presentation and clarification on the context given on the calculation gaps in PalmGHG V5.</p> <p>GHGTF members to reflect on the insights shared and discuss the future of PalmGHG Calculator in the next meeting.</p>	<p>Done.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He then introduced a sanity check module developed to automatically validate input data from mills and estates. This tool, which has already undergone peer review, can flag inconsistencies and assess broader environmental impacts, such as biodiversity loss and particulate emissions. <p>The GHGTF members and Secretariat appreciated the insights shared and acknowledged the relevance of the proposed enhancements. The GHGTF member and Secretariat requested the consultant to share the presentation slide and provide more context on the calculation gaps in PalmGHG V5 Pilot Testing phase. The Chair thanked both observers and noted the importance of considering these recommendations in the continued development of PalmGHG V5.</p>		
6.2	AoB: Potential Collaboration Refer to the deck from slides 34-35.	<p>The Secretariat recaps the current status of the World Resources Institute (WRI); no further comments were made by the GHGTF. The Secretariat updates WRI Indonesia, whereby the NDA has been sent, responded to by the WRI Indonesia team, and is now pending from the RSPO legal team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Secretariat informed that, as of now, no technical note has been released from WRI Indonesia. 	Secretariat to ensure the NDA is signed with WRI Indonesia.	Ongoing.
6.3	AoB: Other Engagement Refer to the deck from slides 36 - 37.	<p>The Secretariat provided an overview of recent external engagements relevant to GHG emissions and sustainability initiatives:</p> <p>GHGSAT Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Secretariat shared that GHGSAT, a satellite-based methane detection company, approached them proposing collaboration opportunities. These include conducting research on methane detection at palm oil mills or potentially working with RSPO members for media storytelling or research. ● GHGTF members discussed the relevance and potential implications of allowing a third-party satellite company to monitor methane emissions from members' mills. Some members raised concerns regarding data disclosure, privacy, and the value GHGSAT might offer RSPO growers. The GHGTF Chair 	<p>GHGSAT: Secretariat to get more information from GHGSAT for GHGTF to make further decision.</p> <p>SBTi: The Secretariat to consider compiling feedback from GHGTF members to coordinate with SBTi's public consultation on</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

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		<p>suggested that the GHGTF members research GHGSAT and inform the Secretariat if further coordination is required.</p> <p>SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard (Version 2 Draft)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat informed the task force that the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) has launched a public consultation on its Version 2 draft of the Corporate Net-Zero Standard, with feedback open until 1 June 2025. The GHGTF Chair noted that their company intends to submit feedback and encouraged other RSPO members to do the same. The Chair also suggested that the Secretariat coordinate a collective RSPO response to the consultation. <p>Verdethos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat shared the ongoing engagement with Verdethos, a technology vendor involved in the ISEAL Innovation Fund (a joint initiative between RSPO and the Forest Stewardship Council – FSC) whereby the Secretariat has provided information on PalmGHG V5 in assisting their project. They had expressed interest in exploring whether the PalmGHG Calculator could be integrated into the project to support the development of a GHG accounting tool. The GHGTF discussed and noted that FSC primarily focuses on timber products, which may limit the relevance or applicability of PalmGHG in this context. <p>National Climate Governance Summit (NCGS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat shared that the RSPO Secretariat was invited by Wild Asia to co-host a Master Class on “Opportunities for Long-Term Carbon Sinks in Sustainable Oil Palm Production” during the National Climate Governance Summit. During the session, the Secretariat presented RSPO’s climate-related Principles and Criteria (P&C), which serve as the foundation for sustainable palm oil 	<p>the version 2 draft of the corporate net-zero standard.</p> <p>Verthedos: For your reference.</p> <p>NCGS: For your reference.</p>	

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		<p>production. The PalmGHG Calculator was introduced as a tool enabling certified members to quantify and assess their GHG emissions. Additionally, the GHG Task Force (GHGTF) was highlighted as the governance body overseeing the development and updates of the PalmGHG Calculator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The session was attended by a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from financial institutions, students, state government agencies, and corporate entities. <p>Lastly, the Secretariat noted that a discussion on recent research into crop sequestration accounting beyond 25 years would be postponed to the next GHGTF meeting due to time constraints.</p>		
7.0	<p>Closing and Next Step</p> <p>Refer to the deck on slide 38.</p>	<p>The Secretariat adjourned the meeting proposed agenda for the next meeting would be on the guidance documents of PalmGHG, guidance documents and tools to GHG assessments to NPP as major revision requires a 30-day public consultation, update of PalmGHG calculator development into <i>prisma</i> and to discuss on the insights from the consultant's presentation.</p> <p>The GHGTF Chair highlighted to secure a full participation in the meeting as obtaining consensus via email may leave out discussion points that have been deliberated.</p> <p>The GHGTF Chair proposed that the next GHGTF meeting physical meeting and the Secretariat chimed in that this would be possible if the meeting is held in June and proposed to be a 2-day meeting whereby the first day would be on the UAT 1 and the second day would be to deliberate on the pending agenda in this meeting. A member mentioned having a 2-day physical meeting would be impacted if the GHGTF members agree to revamp PalmGHG based on the insights from the consultant as this would affect the PalmGHG V5 timeline development into <i>prisma</i>, but agree this would require to sit and discuss it.</p>	Secretariat to keep GHGTF updated on the next meeting.	Ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm MYT.