

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 8th RSPO JWG MEETING (PART 1)

Date: 28th July 2020 Start time: 1600 – 1900 Venue : Virtual

Attendance :

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	Description					
And this guidance could be included in the FAQ instead of the CSD, if space is not available.						
۸s fo	As for the national schemes, the WG acknowledge the importance of recognizing them in the approach and					
	ested the Secretariat to propose some wordings to be included					
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	Action Points	PIC	Status			
1.	To come up with text on	GD	Section 1.1 and			
	1. A clearer case / explanation for why JA is needed;		1.3 done			
	2. the benefits of JA for the industry players within					
	the jurisdictions		Section 1.2			
			pending			
	Suggestion to make this pictorial instead of texts.					
	Benefits of JA for each stakeholder may be included in the					
	FAQ.					
p2.	Acknowledgement of National Schemes in the introduction	RSPO Secretariat	To be included			
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Jeen	on 2: Scope					
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	c) Legality of JE (suitable legal terms to be used to							
		explain the legality requirement of the JE						
		establishment).						
	3.	To pick up indicators on what can be upward delegated to JE	JWL	Done				
		JE						
5.0	Sect	on 3: RSPO Stepwise Approach for Jurisdictional Certification	n					
	Tho	allowing are key issues raised in the second consultation for t	ha (RSRO Stanwisa A	nproach for				
		ollowing are key issues raised in the second consultation for t dictional Certification' section:	The RSPO Stepwise A	pproach for				
	50115	 Monitoring element is missing in the stepwise approach 	for ensuring continu	al compliance				
		2. Guidance for Jurisdictional Work/Development Plan (dis	-	-				
		3. Guidance for maximum time-frame for each of the step						
		4. Guidance on landscape assessment:						
		a. Current limitations of landscape level methodolo	ogy and how to addre	ess those limitations.				
		b. Call for the standardization of jurisdictional level						
		measures that allow any jurisdictional level map	ping efforts - mostly	to avoid creating legacy				
		issues in the long term.						
		c. Consideration for jurisdictional and site-based as	sessments (two-tier	level assessments) for				
		jurisdictions (e.g.: HCV-HCS assessment) using ris						
		d. Consideration for HCV 1,2,3 at landscape level w	hile HCV 4,5,6 at mar	nagement unit level –				
		how will this work?						
		5. Guidance for what the JWG meant by 'disqualifying social	and environmental	elements'				
		7. Consideration for the 'legal gap analysis' to be completed	early on in the step	vise approach with				
		requirements for JE to address the gap						
		3. At what level of the steps can requirements be audited at	the JE level without	having to audit				
		individual management units? This is related to action po	ints for identifying re	quirements that can be				
		upwardly delegated to the JE.						
	Deel	ion nointe.						
		Decision points:1. The stakeholder database requirement to remain as it is.						
		 No time-frame will be introduced to each of the steps, ho 	wever there will be a	an RSPO WG/SC to				
		evaluate the performance of the JE (the Standard Setting						
		 Legal gap analysis initiated in Step 1, completed in Step 2. 						
		Proposed wordings:	, Sapo la chine a l'any					
		a) Landscape (? System) -Performance Indicator: St	en 2 bullet noint (vii) – Legal gans identified				
		on the differences between RSPO P&C and jurisd.						
		necessary regulations or procedure.						
		b) Landscape (? System) -Performance Indicator: St	ep 3. bullet point (v)	– Enforceable				
		regulations or procedures are adopted and appli		-				
		Action Points	PIC	Status				
	1.	On jurisdictional-wide monitoring requirement in the	RP and RSPO	Done				
		stepwise approach: to write a new section on this (Section	Secretariat					
	2	3.3) On disqualifying criteria: to provide guidance for JEs to	SVDE and KC	Done				
	2.	deal with situation where industry players refuse to meet		Done				
	deal with situation where industry players refuse to meet							

No		Description		
		the requirements (e.g.: clear areas after Nov 2005, without		
		an HCV assessment but do not want to compensate)		
	3.	On jurisdictional workplan requirements: A text to be	RSPO Secretariat	Done
		written and included in the main body on who will		
		determine whether the workplan is being followed		
		sufficiently and the body that checks/verify this		
	(suggestion: SSC).			
	4.	A paragraph on guidance for jurisdictional-level	RSPO Secretariat	Done
		assessments (HCV, HCS, FPIC) vs site-based assessment,		
		and what can be accepted as interim measures		
6.0	Secti	on 4: RSPO Membership for Jurisdictional Certification		
		ollowing are the key issues raised in the second consultation f	for the 'RSPO Members	hip for Jurisdictional
		fication' section:		
	-	 Consequences to JE and its complying members if one of t is the mechanism to ensure that the complying JE member 		n-compliance - what
	-	2. SOP involved in the verification and membership application		
		 3. RSPO membership for JE - voting rights, fees, involvement 	•	Fetc
		 Time limit for provisional membership - how long can pro 		
		status? Should there be a threshold related to 'no progres		
		the JE?	'	,
	5	5. Criteria for JE member suspension/termination?		
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		s ion points: L. The RSPO membership for JE is 'JE Group as one RSPO me	mhor'	
				membershin ACOP
	2. Individual RSPO members within the jurisdiction do not need to relinquish their membership. Al requirements stay with the individual RSPO members.		membership. Acor	
	:	 ACOP reporting (for JE) to be submitted by JE – each stakeholder needs to be distinguished in the 		
	report (RSPO to check if this is possible).			
	2	 RSPO requirements for partial certification to be made ap 	plicable in the JA conte	ext.
		5. Consequences of non-complying members to the overall J		
		in the 'Trade and Claims' section		
	4	 RSPO will work with the Membership unit on the SOP for 	the verification and me	mbership application
	,	process (Step 1 and 2), including identifying JE membersh		
			ip category, iees, voting	g rights and
		participation in RSPO WG/TF/SC.		
	7	7. The JE membership within the jurisdiction section (Section	n 4.2) is rewritten, and	the JE provisional
		membership has been removed.		
		Action Points	PIC	Status
	1.	Rewrite Section 4.1 to reflect the JWG decision on RSPO	RSPO Secretariat	Done
	<u> </u>	membership for jurisdictions.		
	2.	On JE membership Table 2:	SVDE and RSPO	Pending
		a) To define what is 'JA compliant'	Secretariat	
		b) To revise table 2 to reflect the text from Section		
	2	4.2		Dana
	3.	JE criteria for suspension and termination of JE members	Missed, to be	Done
			discussed at the	
			next meeting	

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7.0	Closing
	The Co-chairs thanked the WG members for the meeting. The WG aimed to complete the action points by the next meeting on 4 th August 2020.
	The meeting is adjourned.

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.0	Opening Remarks				
	The co	o-chairs welcomed everyone to the second session of the 8 th J	IWG meeting. The JW	G agreed with the co-	
		' suggestion to address the comments in the remaining sectio	_	0	
.0	Sectio	n 5: Jurisdictional System Requirements			
	compl	f the JE roles is to <i>determine membership eligibility and enfor</i> <i>iant members within the jurisdiction</i> . The criteria for suspensi ear in the CSD.	•	-	
	After f	further discussion, the JWG agreed on the following:			
	1.				
		JE certificate suspension or termination. In other words, al			
	2.	•	•	• •	
		delegated) will not affect the whole group certification. Or		nber will be affected,	
	2	in which their trading rights will be suspended/terminated			
	3.	•			
		compliance within the jurisdiction before the CB can issue	a non-compliance to	the whole group.	
	way of writing of the two elements is confusing and a rearranging of the requirements is needed. The requirements should be rearranged according to <i>Management</i> (Element 1) and <i>Governance</i> (Element 2). On <i>Element 3: The Internal Grievances, Complaints and Appeals System</i> , the Secretariat highlighted that there is a request to provide guidance on best practice for JEs to develop their own Complaints and Appeals procedure. The basis of the request is to ensure that the procedure developed by the JE will not be too different from RSPO's to avoid complicated resolution process at the RSPO level, should the complaint reach to RSPO Complaints Panel.				
The JWG agreed that the CSD should not be too prescriptive, as each Jurisdiction will be different from another. Therefore, no changes are proposed on the current text regarding the flexibility for JE to dere their own complaints and appeals mechanism. In addition, the JWG further discussed that industry participants (e.g.: growers) under the JE members be available to answer to complaints, should they be required. The JWG agreed to have some text deregarding industry participants giving consent to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals to accept their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals appeals the specific their responsibility to answer to complaints appeals the specific the specific the specific the specific terms appeals the specific terms appeals appeals appeals appeals appeals the specific terms appeals ap				for JE to develop e JE membership mus some text developed	
		Action Points	PIC	Status	
		To provide text on JWG's decision for the disqualifying	SVDE, KC and JW	Done	
		criteria			
		Identification of upwardly delegated (continuation from the previous action point)	WL	Done	
	3.	To rearrange the requirements of Element 1 and Element 2 based on 'Governance' and 'Management'.	GD	Pending	
		To provide text on 'industry participants' consent to	LSC	Pending	
	4.			0	
		participate in JE's activity' and included in both the membership and internal grievance section,			

3.0	Secti	on 6: Making Claims					
		WG agreed that 'Stepwise Approach to Making Claims' is not a itle to 'Making Claims'.	a suitable title for this	section and changed			
		-	dering the decisions m	ade by the JWG. The			
		had agreed on the following to be added into the main text:	0	,			
		1. JE certificate detailing each of the certified JE members (vo	the certified JE members (volumes, certified hectarage etc) should be e RSPO website manism, the JWG agreed that this section will remain in the CSD but will sis of keeping this in the main body of the CSD instead of the FAQ is decided early on was on the basis of that JE will be able to self-sustain anisms included in the CSD. PIC Status revious decisions made by out JE certificate RP Pending esection of the CSD. GD Pending ements equest for the JWG to provide guidance on the audit process for JA. he Jurisdictional System Requirements and Stepwise Approach by the t developed by the CB and provide feedback and suggest text on exkist could be included as an Annex or as part of the existing RSPO's C. PIC Status the JWG. RSPO Secretariat Done JWG Pending				
		made publicly available via the RSPO website					
		by having various financing mechanisms included in the CSD.					
		Action Points	PIC	Status			
	1.	To revisit Section 6.1 to reflect previous decisions made by	RP	Pending			
		the JWG and add information about JE certificate					
		transparency.					
	2.	To relocate Section 6.2 to other section of the CSD.	GD	Pending			
4.0	Secti	on 7: Certification System Requirements					
	RSPC) Secretariat highlighted the CB's request for the JWG to provid	de guidance on the au	dit process for JA.			
	Chec	klist has been developed around the Jurisdictional System Req	uirements and Stepwi	se Approach by the			
	CB di	uring the consultation period.					
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		fication System Document for P&C.	i Annex of as part of ti	le existilig RSPU S			
	certi	neation system bocument for ride.					
		Action Points	PIC	Status			
	1.	To circulate the CBs' checklist to the JWG.	RSPO Secretariat	Done			
	2.	JWG to:	JWG	Pending			
		1. provide feedback suggest text on the guidance for					
		JA audit process					
		2. decide where to include the CB checklist					
5.0	Class	• 2					
5.0	Closi	ng					
	The (The Co-chairs thanked the WG members for the meeting. The co-chairs request each JWG to work on the					
		n points for further discussion at the final 8 th JWG session.					
1	l	neeting is adjourned to Thursday, 6 th August 2020.					

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RSPO 8th RSPO JWG MEETING (PART 3)

Date: 06th August 2020 Start time: 1600 – 1730 Venue : Virtual

Attendance :

Membe	rs and Alternates	RSPO S	ecretariat
1.	Audrey Lee Mei Fong (OLAM, ALMF)	1.	Dillon Sarim (DS)
2.	Chin Kai Xiang (Bunge, CKX)	2.	Javin Tan (JT)
3.	Glyn Davies (WWFMY, GD – Co-chair)		
4.	John Watts (INOBU, JW)		
5.	Lim Sian Choo (BAL, LSC)		
6.	Lee Kuan Chun (P&C, LKC)		
7.	Rob Nicholls (RN, MM)		
8.	Sander van den Ende (NBPOL, SE – Co-		
	chair)		
Absent	with Apologies		
9.	Alagendran Maniam (SDP, AM)		
10.	Balu Perumal (MNS, BP)		
11.	Jon Hixson (YUM's Brand, JH)		
12.	Marcus Colchester (FPP, MC)		
13.	Maria Amparo Alban (ACDC, MAA)		
14.	Michael Rice (BothEnds, MR)		
15.	Putra Agung (RA, PA)		
16.	Rauf Prasodjo (UNILEVER, RP)		
	Tom Lomax (FPP, TL)		
18.	Wahyu Wigati (GAR, WW)		

No		Description					
1.0		emarks welcome the JWG members to the 3 rd session of the 8 th JWG meeting. The objective o to review the proposed wordings and identify further gaps that need to be addressed					
2.0	Review and additional comments The group went through the document by section and identified further gaps that need to be addressed:						
	Section JWG decision						
	3.5	On sticky issue 3: At what level of the steps can requirements be audited at the JE level without having to audit individual management unit?	JT and SVDE				
		To avoid losing this important issue, a remark will be added at the 'Upward Delegated' section on JWG's acknowledgement of the issue, and the issue will be dealt by the JWG once there are more information and experience to learn from.					
	4.1	On RSPO membership for Jurisdiction:	JT				
		 A slight revision is required in this section to reflect the latest membership rule document. 					
		 The text on the requirement of partial certification will be transferred to the certification system rules for P&C 					
	4.2	On JE memberships within the Jurisdiction, new text was proposed:	N/A				
		All industry participants within the jurisdiction will be informed that they must comply with the upwardly delegated Principle and Criteria, however membership of the JE is voluntary. There may be circumstances which result in actors not complying to RSPO Standards, who may be subjected to disqualification (refer to Section 7).					
	5.3	Continuation from the earlier pending action point:	LSC				
		To provide text on 'industry participants' consent to participate in JE's activity' and included in both the membership and internal grievance section,					
	7	On disqualifying element, point 4:	RSPO Secretariat				
		 Check membership requirements for membership restoration process. JE should also apply the same concept for their members 					
	7.1	 On SOP audit process: 1. The checklist will go as separate guidance document and together with the SOP for audit, it will be developed at a later stage. 	N/A				
	The co-chairs requested the JWG members to review the CSD, especially the text highlighted in yellow and provide proposed wordings or comments by 24th June 2020. All pending action points from the first and second session should also be submitted by the same deadline to allow the co-chairs and RSPO Secretariat time to digest the comments for the next meeting.						
3.0	Date of ne	ext meeting					
	The RSPO	Secretariat will send a doodle poll for 7, 8, 9, 10 of September for the 9 th JWG meetin date JWG members from different time zones, the meeting is currently planned at 070	-				
	The meeting is adjourned.						