

Dear Colleagues,

🌍 Building on the Side Event on Jurisdictional Approach (JA) held at the annual Roundtable Conference on Sustainable Palm Oil (RT2024) and the enthusiastic peer sharing it inspired, we're excited to invite you to the first of a 3-part virtual dialogue series on Jurisdictional Approach (JA) implementation—a joint initiative by RSPO, UNDP, and JASPO.

📅 **Thursday May 22nd, 2025**

🕒 **KL 8:30 PM | JK 7:30 PM | Quito 7:30 AM | CET 1:30 PM**

📍 Zoom link here: <https://undp.zoom.us/j/86538432994>

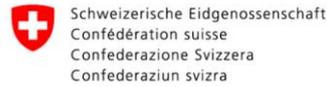
This interactive 90-minute session will focus on mobilizing finance and enhancing technical resource capacity to support JA pilots. Expect dynamic conversations, peer learning, and opportunities to build stronger connections between pilots, industry players, and changemakers shaping the sustainable palm oil future.

🎯 Whether you're part of a JA pilot team, an industry player, government rep, financier, or simply passionate about sustainability—your voice matters.

🔗 To register please click or copy and paste on the link here:

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Let's co-create the path forward for JA. We look forward to seeing you there!



Virtual dialogues on RSPO Jurisdictional Approach implementation

Background

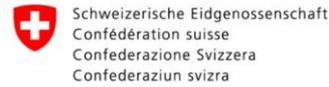
The RSPO's Roundtable Conference for the year 2024 (RT2024) was held on 11-13 November at Amari Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. In conjunction with RT2024, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Malaysian State of Sabah's Jurisdictional Approach for Sustainable Palm Oil (JASPO) Secretariat collaborated with RSPO in organising a side event on jurisdictional approach (JA) to foster knowledge and experience sharing among the three JA pilots, with anticipation that the JA pilots will continue the peer sharing and unfolding common challenges that they could then drive up their actions of reaching JA certification for sustainability.

The side event titled "The Big Leap: Jurisdictional Approach – Are We There Yet?" was held on Sunday, 10 November 2024 from 2 to 5 pm at Amari Hotel Bangkok. It was participated by 43 people from JA pilot teams from Malaysia, Indonesia and Ecuador, RSPO, country government representatives, industry players, financiers, and multilateral organisations such as UNDP. The event was supported by the UNDP Green Commodities Programme, Phase III funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). This event aimed to provide an interactive, peer-sharing space for JA pilots and RSPO governance bodies to build reciprocal relationships to advance and strengthen the RSPO JA including the future direction of the JA scheme and build partnerships and strengthen the network with JA pilots, industry players, potential new key changemakers, and jurisdictions interested in pursuing the JA.

JA Virtual dialogues

The RT Side event in 2024 evidenced the importance of:

- Strengthening the connection and knowledge exchange between JA pilots
- Supporting existing and prospective JA pilots in further exploring some of the most pressing challenges in implementing JA
- Connecting JA pilots with external key industry players and other relevant entities / institutions



Given the above, and under the scope of the Green Commodities Programme III funded by SECO, UNDP, JASPO and RSPO are collaborating to initiate a global virtual platform for JA consisting of:

- A series of virtual and/or face to face dialogues (3 in 2025)
- A global digital space for knowledge exchange and learning under the Food Systems digital community

The first virtual dialogue will be held on 22nd May and will focus on **building a global narrative to mobilize finance and enhance technical resource capacity towards JA implementation.**

Date: 22 May 2025 (Thursday)

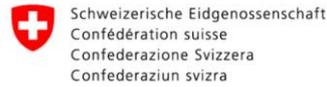
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Location: *Virtual (zoom)*

Objectives

The virtual dialogue aims to:

- Deepen the knowledge exchange, learning, reflections and connection around a critical challenge faced by JA pilots on resource mobilization for a successful implementation of JA
- Support the JA pilots in articulating actions and solutions to address this challenge
- Build partnerships and strengthen the network with industry players, potential new key changemakers, and countries interested to take up JA
- Provide interactive space for JA pilots and RSPO governance bodies to build reciprocal relationship to advance and strengthen JA including to discuss the way forward and next steps relevant to JA scheme
- Raise awareness about sustainable palm oil practices and JA as an alternative scheme for sustainability in the palm oil industry
- Establish a peer sharing and learning platform for the JA pilots to share experience, lessons learned, common challenges and adaptive solutions



Agenda

Time	Content
20:20 KL / 7:20 QT / 13:20 CET	Participants signing in
20:30 KL / 7:30 QT / 13:30 CET	Welcome and introduction
20:40 KL / 7:40 QT / 13:40 CET	Purpose and business case of Jurisdictional Approach. RSPO's support to JA pilots in mobilizing resources
20:50 KL / 7:50 QT / 13:50 CET	The challenge of resource mobilization for JA implementation: RT Side Event proceedings
20:55 KL / 7:55 QT / 13:55 CET	JA pilots and industry players' panel: JA contributions to the global market. Short term needs and long-term viability of JA certification.
21:25 KL / 8:25 QT / 14:25 CET	Converging: what does this mean in terms of mobilizing the support that is needed? Participatory brainstorming
21:50 KL / 8:50 QT / 14:50 CET	Closing the session and next steps
21:55 KL / 8:55 QT / 14:55 CET	Session finalized

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