

## Market Development Standing Committee (MDSC) Meeting Notes

**Date:** 8 October 2019

**Start Time:**

**Venue:** Go-to-meeting Conference Call

Attendance	
<p><b>MDSC Representatives</b>                      Anita Neville, GAR                      Eddy Esselink, MVO                      Jonathan Escolar, Natura/Body Shop                      Jose Roberto Montenegro, AgroCaribe                      Julian Walker-Palin, RPOG                      Laura deGruijter, Bunge                      Lee Kuan Yee, KLK                      Marieke Leegwater, Solidaridad</p>	<p><b>BoG Links</b>                      Daphne Hameeteman, Wilmar</p> <p><b>RSPO Secretariat</b>                      Dan Strechay                      Inke van der Slujis                      Ravi Kumar Krishnan</p>

Item	Description	Focal Point
1	Review of the structure of the Market Development Standing Committee (MDSC)	
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current Structure and ToR; SC Voting                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Secretariat introduced the Composition of the MDSC and noted that the Financial Institution seat has been filled by HSBC. HSBC is stepping down from the BoG in at the GA16 in November 2019:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grower – Malaysia, Lee Kuan Yee, Kuala Lumpur Kepong (KLK)</li> <li>Grower – Indonesia, Anita Neville, GAR</li> <li>Grower – RoW, Jose Roberto Montenegro, Agrocaribe</li> <li>Smallholder – Remains vacant</li> <li>NGO Environmental, Tracey Gazibara, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo</li> <li>NGO Environmental, Harjinder Kler, HUTAN</li> <li>NGO Social, Paula den Hartog, Rainforest Alliance</li> <li>NGO Social, Marieke Leegwater, Solidaridad</li> <li>Processor &amp; Trader, Eddy Esselink, MVO</li> <li>Consumer Goods Manufacturer, Jonathan Escolar, Natura Logistica E Serviços (Body Shop)</li> <li>Retailer, Julian Walker Palin, Retailers Palm Oil Group</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o An overview of the current voting structure in the MDSC ToR was given by the Chair and Secretariat. The ToR has a provision <u>“If consensus is not possible for any specific issue, at least 75% of the Committee</u></li> </ul>	

	<p><u>members are required to vote in favour for the adoption of a decision, and shall include at least one supporting vote from each membership category.”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two proposals put forward by the Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add a Standing Committee seat from the Consumers Goods, Retailer, Processor and Trader, and Financial Institution categories, so that each category has at least two members; or</li> <li>▪ Remove “and shall include at least one supporting vote from each membership category.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No consensus was reached on this issue and there was disagreement on the way forward</b></li> <li>• <b>Current structure of the MDSC would need to approve any change and then it would have to be sent to the BoG.</b></li> <li>• <b>There was a concern from KLK about this ToR change to create precedent for other SCs to change their ToR and</b></li> <li>• <b>Secretariat to come up with a proposal to vote on at November meeting.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>- There was an objection raised regarding Rainforest Alliance (RA) participating in the MDSC, citing a conflict with RA palm oil certification standard and that they could use the position to gain market information. It was also raised that as the service provider for PalmTrace, they could still play a technical role, just not on the MDSC. This received support from the two grower members. <b>The Chair asked the Secretariat to see how this would be dealt with and to hold a call with RA representative after the MDSC call.</b></p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Working Groups (WG) and Task Forces (TF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The results of the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with BoG links and Chairs of SCs were discussed and the proposed work streams and working groups and task forces.</li> <li>- <b>Members of the SC requested that they would like a better description of the different work streams and what would be covered. Some work streams are new and some are existing (such as RSPO RED).</b></li> <li>- Chair would like to discuss positioning of the work streams and working groups and where they sit. We should also reach out to the former members of the T&amp;T and C&amp;C to staff these groups. The Working groups must set their own KPIs and they should also have a say in determining their work stream.</li> </ul>	<p>Secretariat</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposals to consider:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Should Oleo moved under Supply Chain Traceability WG as a TF or Work Stream?                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Members felt that this is important as they will also need to review the SCC standard on Oleo Chemicals and it would be a lot of the same rules. Discussion to continue in Bangkok.</li> <li>▪ Do we need to have a chair for each working group?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group felt that it should be left up to the specific working groups and we should keep it simple.</li> <li>• <b>Chair asked the Secretariat to inform the T&amp;T and C&amp;C on the discussions around the working groups and that we will make a decision at the Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on working groups and to ask for general interest.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Should we ask the Secretariat to do a public call for nominations?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Secretariat</b>
3	<p>Review of the scope of work and priorities of the MDSC and sub-groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working groups can be made up more of than just the MDSC but should include at least one MDSC member be on the Working Group. We must make sure the Working Group must be accountable for the work they are tasked with. Secretariat will be involved with the Working Groups to help keep momentum.</li> </ul>	
4	<p>Agenda for physical meeting in Bangkok at RT17 on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-5 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Items brought up in this call and in last call to be added to a draft agenda and will be circulated in advance for comments.</li> </ul>	