

Minutes of Meeting #5 Medium Grower Task Force (MGTF) Meeting

Date: 22 June 2021 (Tuesday)

Time: 08.00 PM to 8.35 PM GMT +8 (KL time)

Venue: Zoom Meeting

No	Name	Initial	Constituency	Organisation
1	Yunita Widiastuti	YW	Supply Chain	Cargill Tropical Palm
2	Franklin Jackson	FJ	Grower (Africa) Expert	Local Farm Incorporated – Non RSPO Member
3	Dr. Marcus Colchester	MC	Social NGO	FPP
4	Michael Guindon (Co-Chair)	MG	Environmental NGO	WWF Singapore
5	Ian Orrel	10	SH Standing Committee	NBPOL
6	Hiew Koh Thien	НКТ	Grower (Malaysia)	N.Y. Hiew (Holdings) Sdn Bhd
7	Dede Herland	DH	Secretariat	RSPO
8	Elikplim Dziwornu Agbitor	EL	Secretariat	RSPO
9	Alejandra Rueda	AR	Grower (Latam)	FEDE Palma
10	Julia Majail	JM	Secretariat	RSPO
11	Francisco Naranjo	FN	Secretariat	RSPO

AGENDA

No	Item					
1	Opening					
	1.1 RSPO Antitrust Guidelines					
	1.2 RSPO consensus-based decision making					
	1.3 Acceptance of Agenda					
2	Acceptance of minutes of #4 MGTF meetings					
3	Discussion: Certification path for Medium Grower					
4	Next Steps					
	4.1 SSC endorsement					
	4.2 Revise Group Certification Document					
5	AOB					

No	Description	Action Items
1.0	Opening and Acceptance of previous minutes of meetings	
	MG (The Chairperson) welcomed everyone and noted that the meeting achieved full quorum to proceed with decision making. Members of MGTF are reminded of the RSPO Antitrust Guideline and the practices of consensus-based decision making.	The Secretariat to upload accepted #4 meeting minutes onto the RSPO website.
	The #4 meeting minutes is accepted with a minor comment from MG to ensure the 'MG' acronym is not interchangeably used for the purpose of naming the co chair (Michael Guindon) and medium grower. MG recap the agreed definition of medium grower and grower as below:	











	IO inquired why there are a lot of mentions of RISS, which does not apply to medium growers. Is this just to do with the interface or the boundary between what is smallholder and what is medium growers. JT mentioned that the mentioning of RISS is more of pointing out the review process of both P&C and RISS, and how would the process align with the potential process of incorporating medium growers discussion. MGTF collectively agreed on the recommendation to continue with current certification paths for medium growers; and ensure that the scope of the next P&C review task force included a discussion on the way forward for medium growers. JT noted the need to ensure the medium grower is included in the next P&C review TF's scope.	
3.0	Next Steps MG highlighted that the MGTF has reached its mandates in developing the definition of medium growers and providing recommendations that would allow medium growers to continue with existing certification paths while the next P&C review should then include discussion around the implementation by medium growers. In concluding the MGTF (at least for the first phase), the MGTF is required (with assistance from the Secretariat) to	RSPO Secretariat to share the independent study final report and comments received to MGTF.
	In preparing for the concluding report to SSC, the Secretariat will need a final collective agreement from the MGTF on publishing the completed Independent Study commissioned at the early stage of MGTF's work plan. JM provided a background on concerns received over the findings of the report, of which did not fully reflect the ground situation of certain regions, which may lead to mis-interpretation of the ground reality.	
	MC is in favour of transparency and sharing, hence proposing for the publication of the full report. However, noting that comments received to be accommodated as much as possible prior to publishing the full report. MC expressed that the study is informative and did represent the in-depth thinking and discussion on the matter of concern. MC also seeking the view of the Secretariat could reach out to the consultant for a final edit of the full report, ensuring comments are accommodated as much as possible. JM responded that all comments were shared to the consultant, however, the consultant is in view that the comments didn't reflect well the findings of the study. AR noted on JM response and further added that there are also interpretation concerns from the LaTAM region. There are some case studies noted within the report, which is not applicable to the region.	
	AR further proposed that the MGTF come up with a short summary based on the report. MC suggested that the Secretariat share comments received, as well as the full report to MGTF for final review. MC added that the intention is to find out what are the outstanding matters and the wordings, and if some suggested new wordings can provide better clarity on the statement of different arrangement and condition on the ground. The matter will be further discussed via email.	RSPO Secretariat to circulate two documents to MGTF for final review: 1) Revised group certification document
	JM provided a summary brief on the revision process of the group certification document. MC inquired and JM confirmed that the MGTF is able to get a copy of the group certification document before the finalisation of the document. JT added that a document concluding the MGTF will be shared to the group before it is tabled for SSC endorsement.	accument 2) MGTF concluding document for SSC endorsement
4.0	Meeting Adjourned 08:40pm	

