

MINUTES OF MEETING
Road to COP26 Taskforce

Time : 2000 - 2100 (MYT)
Date : Thursday, 19th August 2021
Venue : Zoom Conference Call

Attendees:

Name	Initial	Organisation	Representative Category
Anita Neville	AN	Golden Agri-Resources	Chair, Grower
Fred Stolle	FS	World Resources Institute	NGO
Sian Morris	SM	Procter & Gamble	CGM
Adam Harrison	AH	RSPO Secretariat	
Cameron Plese	CS	RSPO Secretariat	
Caroline Yeo	CY	RSPO Secretariat	
Fay Richards	FR	RSPO Secretariat	
Kamal Prakash Seth	KPS	RSPO Secretariat	
Monisha Mohandas	MM	RSPO Secretariat	
Nicholas Hurt	NH	RSPO Secretariat	

Absent with apologies:

Name	Initial	Organisation	Representative Category
Colin D’Silva	CS	Cargill Incorporated	P&T
Gaëtan Etancelin	GE	Savonnerie Tropicale S.A	Grower
Steven Fairbairn	SF	Olam International Limited	Grower
Ylenia Maitino	YM	Ferrero Trading Lux S.A.	CGM

Agenda:

Time / Item	Topic
1.	Antitrust Statement Reading
2.	Introduce Adam Harrison and Nicholas Hurt
3.	Update on the decision by Interim Committee - BoG
4.	Update on the TFA FACT Dialogue Engagement

5.	Update on RT Planning
6.	Review and Approval of the revised ToR
7.	AOB - Next Meeting Dates

DISCUSSION:

No.	Description	Action Points
1.0 Antitrust Statement Reading		
	<p>The Chair welcomed members of the Road to COP26 Taskforce to the meeting and reminded members of the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All TF members will have to abide by the RSPO Antitrust law - TF follows a consensus-based decision making as outlined in the ToR. - Members have to declare Conflict of Interest (Col) under any items and excuse themselves to remain objective to the discussion. 	
2.0 Introduce Adam Harrison and Nicholas Hurt		
	<p>Adam Harrison has joined the RSPO Secretariat as an Independent Interim Coordinator, temporarily filling in the role of the CEO/COO looking at the Market Transformation and Outreach and Engagement departments while Dr Gan will be looking into RSPO’s internal operations.</p> <p>Nicholas Hurt has joined the RSPO Secretariat as the Head of Stakeholder Engagement unit.</p>	
3.0 Update on the decision by Interim Committee - BoG		
	<p>The BoG has decided that the COP26 Campaign cannot continue despite scaling down due to the current staffing and resource limitations. Allocation of resources should focus on addressing the shortcomings in the assurance system and improving impacts reporting to demonstrate the value of RSPO certification. In the absence of a CEO, COO and Director of Stakeholder Engagement:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is no capacity within the Secretariat to “front” the campaign and ensure its impact with key stakeholders. • There is a challenge in asking members for unrestricted funding contributions intended to support campaign delivery. <p>The BoG recognises the value of the TF members expertise and inputs on the Road to COP26 campaign and appreciates all the effort put into it and thus, would like to make a request that the TF continue with a specific focus on developing the annual RT event programme.</p> <p>The BoG has also expressed an interest for the Taskforce to continue to look into public policy and advocacy for the RSPO Secretariat sometime in the future.</p>	<p>AH and AN to discuss separately how to continue the TF’s role in public policy and advocacy and look into engaging international associations and governments.</p>
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4.0 Update on the TFA FACT Dialogue Engagement

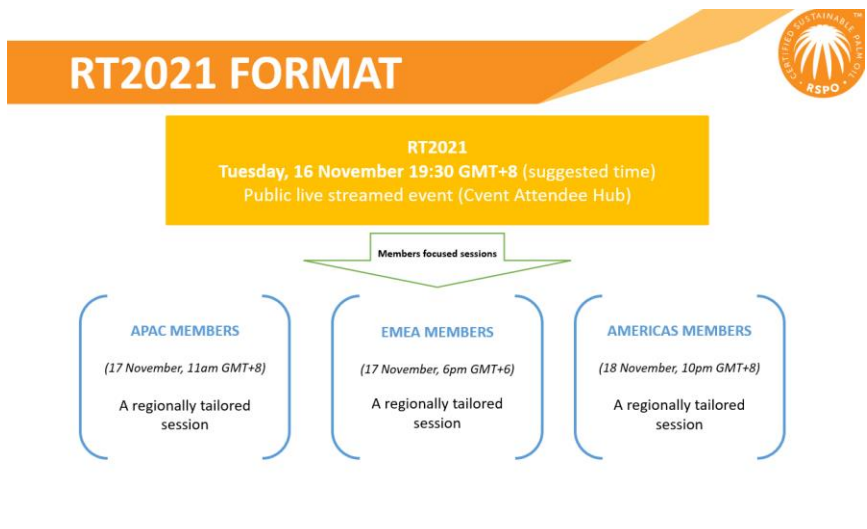
	<p>RSPO submitted a ‘Big Idea’ to COP26’s G2G WG for improving SH inclusivity and market access. RSPO has not received any response from this, but it was presented in the WG in July 2021.</p> <p>RSPO has been participating in FACT Dialogue’s global MSH taskforce meetings/discussions and the deep dive thematic discussions for G2G proposals – Trade & Markets, Traceability & Transparency and Smallholders.</p> <p>RSPO is a ‘Supporting Partner’ and expert panel member for the World Economic Forum’s ‘Uplink Challenge’ for ‘Tropical Forest Commodities’. Leonardo DiCaprio had promoted the launch video last month on Instagram featuring RSPO. Recently, WEF asked RSPO to submit a proposal for consumer awareness for CSPO. The secretariat is discussing the feasibility for the same.</p> <p>RSPO launched ‘Youth Impact Projects’ global competition to receive submissions for sustainable consumption/palm oil - the virtual event is on 25th August. The third edition of our ‘Youth for Sustainable Palm Oil Summit’ will be organized in Oct-Nov, along with a separate session specifically for youth from North and South America in September 2021.</p> <p>RSPO spoke at ‘Towards Kunming: Symposium on Non-State Actor Actions for Post2020 Global Biodiversity Conservation (pre-CBD COP15 event). Theme - Fostering community of life for mankind and nature. We also spoke at China’s Nanjing Forest Zoo’s summer youth summer camp to highlight the launch and our overall work</p>	
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Discussion Points from TF:

- The CBD COP15 will be divided into two parts. The first part will be held virtually in October 2021 and the second part will be a physical event in Kunming, China in April 2021.

5.0 Update on RT Planning

The primary target audience is going to be RSPO members but with an attempt to widen the net to include individuals and organisations working in sustainable agriculture/sustainable commodity supply chains and/or their regulation (focusing on key consuming markets where regulation is actively under discussion e.g. EU/UK/US due diligence regulation). The format of the event is as shown below:



The event will be in the form of a live stream panel debate which will be moderated by a known and independent moderator. Attendees will be able to submit questions 24 – 72 hours before the debate.

6.0 Review and Approval of the revised ToR

Due to no quorum, the TF members were not asked whether they approve the revised ToR.

AN and MM to email all TF members to seek approval and endorsement for the revised ToR.

7.0 AOB

Two optional dates were given for the next meeting:

- 14 September 2021 (2000/2030 hours GMT+8)
- 23 September 2021 (2000/2030 hours GMT+8)

MM to share a Doodle Poll for taskforce members to decide on next meeting date.

Meeting Ended at 2100.

ANNEX:

In alphabetical order:

AOB – Any Other Business

BoG – Board of Governors

CBD – Convention on Biological Diversity

CGM – Consumer Goods Manufacturer

COP – Conference of Parties

FACT – Forest, Agriculture and Commodity Trade

G2G – Government to Government

SH - Smallholder

TF – Taskforce

TFA – Tropical Forest Alliance

ToR – Terms of Reference

WG – Working Group