



**RSPO Outreach Working Group (OWG)
Meeting 11: 21st October 2021**

Agenda (Minutes)

- Introductions (including new working group members/regional representatives) (0-5)
- Anti-trust statement, approval of minutes of the last meeting and attendance (5-10)
- Updates related to the ‘Communication, Claims and Trademark’ document revision process (10-15)
- RT 2021 and Shared Responsibility related updates
- Regional updates for BIG4 (India, China, Indonesia, Malaysia) to increase CSPO uptake and RSPO’s impact (15-35)
- Discussion on key topics and upcoming events (35-85)
- AOB and Next Steps (85-90)

Questions/key topics and upcoming events for a common discussion (35-85):

1. Questions raised during [Globoil India 2021](#) (What can RSPO, and its members do to ensure that the expansion of domestic production of palm oil in India is done in a sustainable manner? [Context here](#))
2. Questions raised during RSPO China’s annual forum and ‘China Sustainable Palm Oil Alliance’ (CSPOA) meeting (Is there a need to convene an annual session/event for national/regional platforms/coalitions/alliances like CSPOA, I-SPOC (India), SASPO (Singapore), EPOA ++ (Europe) and others to exchange learning and strengthen the voice for sustainable palm oil – within and beyond RSPO?)
3. Questions that can be discussed during the upcoming RT regional event for APAC on 17th Nov, to highlight the need and ways to increase uptake in BIG4 countries and key messages related to RSPO’s SR rules. BIG4 Workstream ToR [here](#).
4. Questions that can be discussed during the upcoming ‘Global Youth for Sustainable Palm Oil Summit 2021’ on 4th Dec. Theme – Making sustainable food systems a reality. We are also looking for some speakers and sponsors. The draft concept note and agenda [here](#).

OWG Participants

Constituency	Name (Substantive/Alternate)
Grower/Processor	Lesley Marson, Olam
Grower - MY	Mark Wong, Sime Darby Plantations
Grower -Indo	Anita Neville and Ian Suwarganda, GAR
P&T	Jonathan Escolar, AAK Global
CGM	Paula Kasprzyk, Natura & Co
eNGO	Michelle Desilets, Orangutan Land Trust
eNGO	Tracey Gazibara, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

Secretariat Participants:

Region	Name
Global/India	Kamal Prakash Seth
Assurance	Aryo Gustomo, Prabhkirat Kaur, Md. Shazaley bin Abdullah
China	Feifei Teng
Indonesia	Margareth Naulie Panggabean and Erin Dwi Fayola



Malaysia	Ibrahim Khalil
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1. **Updates related to the ‘Communication, Claims and Trademark’ document revision process**
 - The document is being revised based on the feedback from MDSC and OWG members before the public consultation process. More details have been shared with MDSC and OWG members by RSPO’s Assurance division via email.
 - Some members mentioned their concerns about the slowness of the document revision process and suggested that everyone who is a part of this process (OWG members and RSPO secretariat), learns from this experience and make it more efficient next time. The secretariat acknowledged this concern and mentioned that it will strive to do better next time.
 - The secretariat has shared the updated timeline with OWG members.
2. **RT 2021 and Shared Responsibility related updates**
 - The secretariat shared the details for RSPO’s RT series and requested all OWG members to participate in the same and spread awareness about it, using the social media toolkit.
 - The APAC regional event will be focused on: Shared Responsibility and BIG4 uptake, Assurance and SHs. [Registration Link](#).
 - There are two open spots in the SRWG for Banks & Investors and CGM representation.
 - The SR Unit’s timeline from Oct 2021 to Jan 2022 was shared. More details in the meeting slides.
3. **Regional updates for BIG4 (India, China, Indonesia, Malaysia) to increase CSPO uptake and RSPO’s impact**
 - Secretariat shared key updates from BIG4 as highlighted in the presentation used during the meeting (attached)
4. **Discussion on key topics and upcoming events**
 - **What can RSPO, and its members do to ensure that the expansion of domestic production of palm oil in India is done in a sustainable manner?** The secretariat is working on some position papers for Gov of India, and they will be presented to the relevant ministries in the coming 6-12 months, to highlight our position on the sustainable production and import of palm oil in India. Like Chester Zoo’s palm oil Conga video, can we consider some influencers to be a part of the video to create awareness. The secretariat is in touch with ‘Wild Earth’, which has proposed a collaboration for using concerts to create awareness. The first ISH group and mill to be RSPO certified can be promoted as a good case practice. GAR offered its support for technical support and case studies for mills and groups in India.
 - **Is there a need to convene an annual session/event for national/regional platforms/coalitions/alliances like CSPOA, I-SPOC (India), SASPO (Singapore), EPOA ++ (Europe) and others to exchange learning and strengthen the voice for sustainable palm oil – within and beyond RSPO?** Can be done if it adds value and to be sure of the intention and purpose. RSPO can advocate that certification has a role to play to address deforestation and remain consistent with its position on this across markets. The UK Roundtable has expressed interest in being a part of this. NDPE commitments need to be aligned across all regions with better synergy between national coalitions/alliances/platforms.
 - **Questions that can be discussed during the upcoming RT regional event for APAC on 17th Nov, to highlight the need and ways to increase uptake in BIG4 countries and key messages related to RSPO’s SR rules.** Global commitments by companies need to be rolled out across all regions, SR rules need to be implemented. There could be targets to move across RSPO’s supply chain models. Members need more confidence in RSPO and this session can help with that. Given 90 minutes of this session – what’s the secretariat’s intention to convey through this session to RSPO members. Members don’t know about SR much so the main priority can



be to create awareness amongst them using this session and otherwise like videos, toolkits, factsheets etc.

- **Questions that can be discussed during the upcoming 'Global Youth for Sustainable Palm Oil Summit 2021' on 4th Dec. Theme – Making sustainable food systems a reality. We are also looking for some speakers and sponsors.** A speaker from Chester Zoo can be invited for the panel. UK Roundtable has some interesting videos which could be used. Good to think of tools or toolkits to take action, reach out to companies and other stakeholders etc.