ROUND TABLE MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

A Shared Responsibility: Converting Commitments into Action
RSPO Smallholder Strategy

**Objective 1**
Smallholder livelihoods are improved

**Objective 2**
The number of smallholders within the RSPO system is increased

**Objective 3**
The business case for smallholder inclusion in the RSPO is made through increased support
Two separate standards for CSPO

- **Certified Sustainable Palm Oil**
- **RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard**: applies to independent smallholders
- **Generic P&C 2018**: applies to growers/mills and their supply base, including smallholder schemes
Timeline SHIG

- **May**: SH Strategy workshop
- **June**: SH group formed w/in TF to define parallel process for SH
- **July**: SH Strategy endorsed by BoG
- **Aug**: 5 SH workshops:
  1. Malaysia
  2. Indonesia
  3. Thailand
  4. Ghana
  5. Honduras
- **Sept**: SH Considerations doc distributed in Public Cons
- **Oct**: SH Rep pre-TF meeting:
  - Define role of SH reps /SHIG
  - Review Public Cons feedback
- **Nov**: P&C Review Taskforce Meeting 1
- **Dec**: P&C Review Taskforce Meeting 2
- **RSPO RT 15**: P&C Review Taskforce Meeting 3
- **P&C Review Taskforce Meeting 1**: RSPO SHIG TOR developed
Timeline SHIG

Jan
- Call to establish SHIG

Feb
- SHIG Mtg 1

May
- SHIG Mtg 2

June
- P&C Review Public Consultation 2

July
- SHIG Mtg 3

August
- RSPO Independent SH Standard Principles and Criteria; Applicability, Assurance and Claims
- Market Webinar – Assurance and Claims

Sept
- SHIG Mtg 4

Oct
- E-NGO Webinar – RSPO ISH Standard

Nov
- RSPO RT 16 SHIG Resolution

5 SH workshops:
1. Côte d’Ivoire
2. Honduras
3. Thailand
4. Indonesia
5. Malaysia
Timeline SHIG

- **March**: SHIG Mtg 5
- **April**: P&C Review Public Consultation 3
- **June**: SHIG Mtg 6
- **August**: SHIG Mtg 5
- **October**: RSPO RT 17
- **November**: RSPO Standards Standing Committee

**RSPO Independent SH Standard Principles, Criteria, Indicators; Applicability; Phased approach and claims**

**BoG to review for endorse**

**GA Decision**

**Field Trials**

6 SH workshops:
1. Ghana
2. Honduras
3. Thailand
4. Indonesia
5. Malaysia
6. Colombia
Summary of consultations

- Six physical meetings of SHIG with balanced representation from all stakeholder groups, with several sub-groups working in between the physical meetings as well.

- Three rounds of public consultations lasting 60 days each during which:
  - Sixteen physical face to face public consultations were organised globally across all regions
  - Comments were received in seven different languages through the online surveys

- Six Focus Group Discussions were conducted between the second and third public consultations, specifically on the applicability of the standard.
Production of Sustainable Palm Oil

Two Guiding Principles

1. Promotion of greater smallholder inclusion into RSPO system

1. Upholding core sustainability requirements (NDPE/P&C of Independent Smallholder Standard), to ensure credibility
What's in the ISH Standard?

Guidance for Group Managers

Guidance for group managers on how to comply with the PCIs of this Independent Smallholder Standard and what their responsibilities are.

System Requirements for Group Formation

Criteria and Indicators for Group formation and Management to be implemented by Group Manager.

Principles, Criteria And Indicators

4 principles, 23 criteria and 58 indicators organised along the RSPO impact areas, Prosperity, People, and Planet.

Assurance and Claims

Each phase has its own assurance requirements for assessing compliance, claims that the smallholder can make as well as benefits for the smallholder.
Who can use the ISH Standard?

I am an independent smallholder if:

- I am NOT a scheme smallholder (see definition Annex 1).
- The total size\(^1\) of my oil palm production areas is
  - \(\leq\) smaller or equal to 50 ha if no threshold is defined in National Interpretation; OR
  - \(\leq\) smaller or equal to the maximum size defined in National Interpretations (e.g., for Indonesia this implies threshold size is 25 ha or below and for Ecuador 75 ha or below.)
- I have the enforceable decision-making power on the operation of the land and production practices; and/or
- I have the freedom to choose how I utilize the land, type of crops to plant, and how I manage them (whether and how they organise, manage and finance the land).
- I meet any further criteria relative to the applicability of this standard as provided in the National Interpretation in my country.
Principles of the ISH Standard

**Principle 1:** Optimise productivity, efficiency, positive impacts and resilience

**Principle 2:**
- Ensure Legality
- Respect for Land Rights and Community Wellbeing

**Principle 3:**
- Respect human rights, including workers’ rights and conditions

**Principle 4:**
- Protect, conserve and enhance ecosystems and the environment

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**PROSPERITY**

**PEOPLE**

**PLANET**
Thank You