



Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil

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RSPO

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Vision

**RSPO ensures palm oil
contributes to a better world**

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Mission (draft)

- “RSPO advances the production, procurement and use of sustainable oil palm products, through
- the development, implementation and verification of credible, global standards,
 - and the engagement of stakeholders along the supply chain.”

Membership development

	<i>GA 2004</i>	<i>GA 2005</i>	<i>May 2006</i>
OM	45	68	103
AM	11	25	39
Total	56	93	142

Principles & Criteria

- Completed in one year, many thanks to CWG members and to ProForest
- Generic Guidance completed in CWG meeting Feb 21-22, 2006

Implementation programme

- National Implementation Groups
 - 17 Growers volunteered
 - Self assessment against P&Cs
 - Informs national interpretation
- National Interpretation Groups
- Task Force Smallholders
- Verification Working Group
- Supply Chain Project

8 Principles

- Commitment to Transparency
- Compliance with laws & regulations
- Commitment to long term economic viability
- Use of appropriate best practice
- Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources
- Responsible consideration of employees and communities
- Responsible development of new plantings
- Commitment to continuous improvement

48 Criteria

- Demonstrable legal compliance
- Right to use the land can be demonstrated
- Long term management plan
- Best practices at plantation and mill level
- Environmental management plan
- Zero burn practices
- Employee pay meets minimum standards
- Right to freedom of association and collective bargaining
- No child labour
- No conversion of High Conservation Value Forests after Nov 2005
- Land rights issues have been solved (Free, Prior and Informed Consent)
- Regular review of activities and action plans

Supply chain project

- Research requirements for SPO commodity grade (volume, liquidity)
- Develop strategy to get from where we are now, to SPO traded in the commodity market
- Highly dependent on individual players

Governments

- Opportunity now to make plans concrete
- EB members should engage with their governments (exporters, importers)
- Context is National
Implementation/Interpretation programme
- In producing countries, engage in discussions about PO sector development
- Secretariat to prepare briefing paper

Biofuel

- Palm oil has high yield per ha, compared to e.g. rape seed, soy, sugar beet, wheat
- Palm oil has exemplary Principles & Criteria for sustainable production
- Palm oil will expand in response to demand in the market, driven by fossil fuel price and financial support measures for biofuel

Sustainable Markets

- RSPO is a voluntary initiative
- RSPO grower members cover 1/3 of global production of CPO
- RSPO cannot control non-members
- Only part of the market demands sustainability
- In order for total production to become sustainable, either total demand has to be sustainable or governments have to mandate



Thank You

