

Minutes of Meeting

#1 Medium Grower Task Force (MGTF) Meeting

Date: 13rd July 2020

Time: 08.00 PM to 09.45 PM GMT +8 (KL time)

Venue: Zoom Meeting

No	Name	Initial	Constituency	Organisation
1	Hiew Koh Thien	HKT	Growers (MY)	N.Y. Hiew (Holdings) Sdn Bhd
2	Melanie Tantri	MT	Grower (INA)	Eagle High Plantatio
3	Alejandra Rueda	AR	Grower (Latam)	FEDE Palma
4	Franklin Jackson	FJ	Grower (Africa) Expert	Local Farm Incorporated – Non RSPO Member
5	Ian Orell	IO	Smallholders SH Standing Committee	NBPOL
6	Dr. Marcus Colchester	MC	Social NGO	FPP
7	Michael Guindon	MG	Environmenta l NGO	WWF Singapore
8	Elikplim Dziwornu	EL	Africa	
9	Francisco Narajo	FN	Secretariat	RSPO
10	Salahudin Yaacob	SY	Secretariat	RSPO
11	Julia Majail	JM	Secretariat	RSPO
12	Dede Herland	DH	Secretariat	RSPO RRO

Absent with Apology

No	Name	Initial	Constituency	Organisation
1	Yunita Widiastuti	YW	Supply Chain	Cargill Tropical Palm

AGENDA

No	Item	Notes
1	Opening and welcome	
2	Taskforce Membership Updates	
3	Finalizing the interim pathway for medium grower/scheme SH for certification	<i>the aim is to include this in the next SSC meeting for approval</i>
4	Finalizing the Group Certification document	<i>the aim is to include this in the next SSC meeting for approval</i>
5	Updates on the progress for the independent study	<i>Overview of the proposal and way forward</i>

6	What next?	
7	AOB 7.1 Next meeting 28 September 2020	

DISCUSSION

No	Description	Action Items
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>MG welcomed all and opened the meeting. Prior to the meeting, MG allowed each participant to introduce his/herself as well as check if the participants met the quorum. JM also informed that FJ is joining as a member of the TF under the category of “expert”.</p>	
1.1.	<p>Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>MG informed the agenda that share screen over JM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Task Force Membership Updates B. Interim Pathways for Medium Grower to get RSPO Certified C. RSPO Management System Requirements for Group Certification of FFB Production. D. Updates on the progress of independent study 	
A	<p>Task Force Membership Updates</p> <p>MC suggested to include representation from Grower of Thailand as 77% grower in Thailand is smallholders as well as Thailand ranked 3rd producer of oil palm. MC also proposed to include local social NGO from Indonesia, such as Hukatan and another social NGO based in the Netherlands, called CNV.</p>	JM to contact potential member to represent Thailand and to contact Hukatan and CNV
B	<p>Interim Pathways for Medium Grower to get RSPO Certified</p> <p>JM shared the document then MG led the discussion:</p>	JM to revise the draft accordingly then be disseminated to the members on Tue 14 th July to obtain final input prior to be submitted to SSC on Wed 15 th July.

a. All agreed that the ceiling cumulative management area is 500 ha.

b. The medium grower is allowed to get RSPO certified through 3 (three) pathways:

Option 1, AR raised an issue if growers could sell partly to the certified mills and the rest to another mill. Responding to this query, JM and SY stressed that as part of the supply base of a single mill, which is the owner of the certificate, the grower can not sell and claim its certification to another mill. MC supported SY with regard to avoid double counting, if the grower is allowed to sell to more than one certified mill. SY also said that the grower can sell both physical and credit, CSPO and CSPK, to the mill which then carry out trading through PalmTrace.

Option 2 in which the medium grower forms a group then gets certified under group certification by compliance to the full P&C 2018 (minus Criteria 3.8 on Mill). EL argued why the group can only sell the physical but not credit. Claims for CSPO and CSPK can only be made by the certified mill that purchased the certified FFBs. EL also proposed to mix the medium and smallholders in a group. JM responded that mixing types of producers such as medium growers and smallholders is not allowed under the group certification.

MG concluded that the MGTF shall explore If the Group Manager has an option to sell via credit for CSPO, CSPKE, CSPKO. This would require acceptance of OER for CPO and CPKO for this category of producer.

This logic is also applied to the independent smallholders that would be required to create MGCSPPO, MGCSPK, MGCSPKO category in Palm Trace.

c. HKT viewed that the hardest option was Option 3 as the hardest one due the individual medium grower can not sell credit nor sell CSPO or CSPK. MC echoed this issue by saying there should be no discrimination applied, in terms of where the mill, logistic to go to the mill. MC viewed that the 3 (three) options could be simplified as Option 1 Certification is part of the mill; Option 2. Certification under the group; and Option 3 Individual Certification. FN also with HKT who argued that the grower in Option 3 can sell credit.

SY responded by saying that the mill that purchased certified FFBs can claim CSPO and CSPK.

	<p>d. JM will present the interim to the Standard Standing Committee (SSC) on this Friday, 17 July 2020. JM will also submit the revised document to the members on Tue 14th July to get their final input scheduled until Wed 15th July.</p>	
C	<p>RSPO Management System Requirements for Group Certification of FFB Production JM informed that AR has provided comments and remarks to the document, but other members have not. MG took a decision not to read through the documents but rather to allow members to provide their written comments and critics. The schedule is open until Friday 24th July 2020. Following that, the MGTF will arrange the next MGTF meeting in late July 2020.</p>	<p>JM will send kind reminder to the members</p>
D	<p>Updates on the progress of independent study MG informed that there are 2 (two) potential candidates, the study to be completed in the mid of September 2020 or added 2 weeks. Hence, presentation of the consultant is scheduled in mid of September 2020.</p>	