

18 to 20 November 2014





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This multimedia report is designed to capture the dynamism of the RT12, and summarise the day's key discussions and messages. To access videos of the sessions and hear what delegates had to say about the issues raised, follow the links throughout the report to the RSPO's dedicated Vimeo conference site.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It was the time of the year again when the entire RSPO community got together for the 3-day Roundtable (RT12) with the theme, "Sustainability: What's Next", held in Kuala Lumpur from Nov 18 to 20 to renew ties, exchange ideas and decide on a plan of action for the future.

For the 800 members from 40 countries who converged at the venue at Shangri-la Hotel, it was also a time for self-examination and self-critique on past practices with the view of making improvements and searching for what works best.

One thing was clear – issues such as greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, climate change and increasing deforestation permeated the mood at the event.

RSPO chairperson Biswaranjan Sen set a sober tone in his opening address by urging members to work together to address the three "Cs" of climate change, compliance and collaboration.

He asked members who have failed to comply with the organisation's standards to buck up, stressing the need to collaborate to prevent deforestation and peatland degradation, rather than compete with each other and lose velocity.

The tone was reinforced by keynote speaker David Suzuki, a scientist, author and environmentalist, who said that humanity is now at a critical moment where "what is done or not done in the next few years will reverberate through the lives of young people today and determine whether the human species can survive the century".

A recurring debate throughout the conference was whether traceability can be equated with sustainability, a topic members said has of late created some confusion.

The consensus from a plenary session on this topic was that although traceability provides useful information for companies to identify with whom to engage in implementing sustainability practices, it is only – in the words of Cherie Tan, Sustainable Sourcing Director of Unilever – the "first necessary step towards accepting change and moving towards sustainability".

While delegates acknowledged the contributions of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through toolkits and score cards that help keep companies on their toes, some have asked that companies also be given a pat on the back for doing the right thing.

As Daniel Hazman from Sustainable Trade Initiatives, who summed up the plenary he hosted aptly put it,

"....activists have a role in helping the industry move forward to keep them (companies) to task and disseminate success stories."

Another overriding concern during the conference was how to ensure that RSPO's current practices remain relevant in the face of new challenges and the emergence of competing certification schemes.



This drew wide-ranging discourses highlighting the need to relook and refine the organisation's current Principles & Criteria (P&C), actively engage with governments, and collaborate more closely in engaging the communities beyond RSPO.

RSPO Secretary General Datuk Darrel Webber said the organisation has not used its convening power to hold dialogues with governments and has yet to engage with campaigning NGOs that have not sat down with producers to find solutions.

Han de Groot, Executive Director of UTZ Certified, advocated that RSPO invites producers of the 80 percent of uncertified palm oil (PO) to join the programme, adding that members should set the standards and proper assurances to ensure that they "speak in the same language" in creating a market for sustainable PO.

Panellists at one discussion concurred that RSPO needs to step up in reaching out to communities within and beyond the organisation and communicate more effectively to its target audience, bearing in mind that the other proportion of global palm oil trade not under the RSPO can still make a huge impact on land use.

Beyond the self-examination, there was also a strong push among members to move forward and think beyond current models of development.

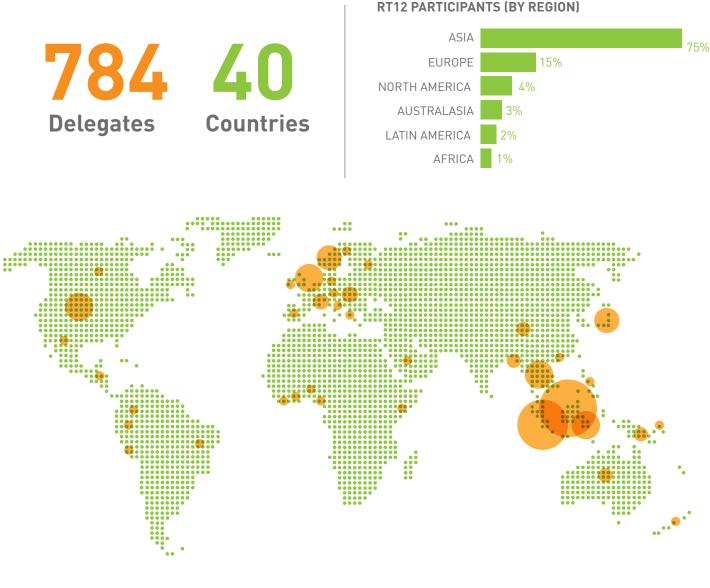
Faizal Parish, Director of Global Environment Centre, suggested that RSPO reached beyond oil palm and looked at alternate products that can be developed without involving the wholesale removal of natural ecosystems.

He said that it is hoped that 10 years from now the RSPO would be "talking about new models of development."

Mr Webber asked members to not look at what the RSPO lacks, but what it already has.

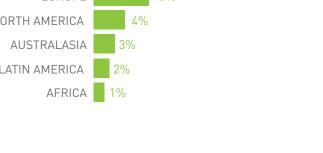
"Let's keep working together to transform this into a space where the ability to imagine and generate new ideas with speed and implement them through global collaboration can become our most important transformative advantage," he added.

DELEGATES OVERVIEW



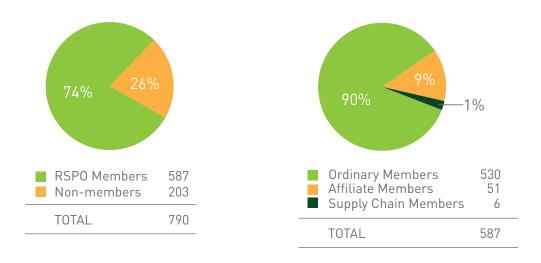
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RT12 PARTICIPANTS (BY REGION)

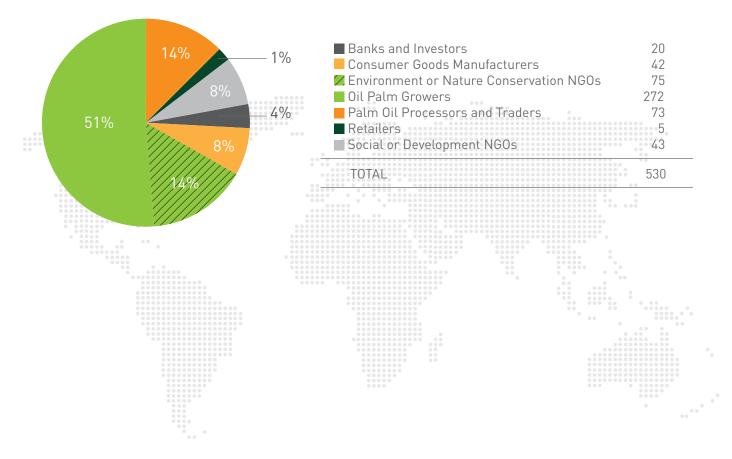


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REGISTRATION (BY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY)



REGISTRATION (BY STAKEHOLDER/SECTOR)



MEDIA COVERAGE

Wide coverage by the print and digital as well as online media helped create a lot of buzz around RT12. In all, the event received wide coverage from 20 international and 23 Malaysian media organisations. Some 20 special interviews were also conducted over the 4 days of the conference. Below is a snapshot of the media articles generated.



MEDIA COVERAGE PRINT & DIGITAL NEWS



DATE	TITLE	MEDIA
15 November 2014	UNEP and RSPO ink pact to raise global awareness of sustainable palm oil	Borneo Post Online
17 November 2014	Borneo's industry-environment balancing act	Al Jazeera Online
18 November 2014	Campaign for sustainable palm oil becomes more vigorous	The Jakarta Post Online
18 November 2014	Campaign for sustainable palm oil becomes more vigorous	The Eco-Business Online
18 November 2014	New ZSL toolkit boosts transparency for palm oil	The Eco-Business Online
18 November 2014	UNEP & RSPO Have Signed a New Contract to Continue the Round Table Meeting Organization Development	China Green News Online
19 November 2014	RSPO keen to collaborate on certification	New Straits Times Online
19 November 2014	RSPO aims to double certified palm oil production by 2020	The Edge Markets Online
19 November 2014	Indonesian CPO industry Ready to Comply with New Rules	Jurnal Asia Online
19 November 2014	Sustainable palm oil enters the UN environmental agenda	The Jakarta Post Online
20 November 2014	UNEP-RSPO supports sustainable palm oil industry	Berita Satu Online
20 November 2014	Great apes facing 'direct threat' from palm oil farming	The Star Online
20 November 2014	<u>Great apes facing 'direct threat' from</u> palm oil farming	Bangkok Post Online
20 November 2014	<u>Great apes facing 'direct threat' from</u> palm oil farming	Mail Online
20 November 2014	Great apes facing 'direct threat' from palm oil farming	AFP Online
20 November 2014	<u>Great apes facing 'direct threat' from</u> palm oil farming	News 724.com
20 November 2014	RSPO targets multiple palm oil output	Utusan Malaysia Online
21 November 2014	Palm oil firms need to clean up their act	The Jakarta Globe Online
21 November 2014	Sustainable palm oil on UN agenda	The Jakarta Post Online
21 November 2014	RSPO promises defeat palm oil linked deforestation	The Eco-Business Online
21 November 2014	Great apes in Southeast asia threat from palm oil farming	The Japan Times Online
22 November 2014	Oil palm estates threat to orangutan survival	Daily Express Online
24 November 2014	Prioritize action over perfection RSP0 chief	The Eco-Business Online
25 November 2014	Finding the best path toward sustainable palm oil	The Jakarta Post Online
25 November 2014	To Spott the truly sustainable oil palm growers	The Edge Markets Online

MEDIA COVERAGE FREE ONLINE MEDIA & BLOGS



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ATE	TITLE	MEDIA
13 November 2014	Progress update from the RSPO	BFM Online
16 November 2014	UN to promote RSPO-certified palm oil	The Epoch Times Online
17 November 2014	UNEP, RSPO seal MOU to increase global awareness on sustainable palm oil	Felda Voice Online
18 November 2014	RSPO 12th Conference: Indonesian CPO industry Ready to Comply with New Rules	Bisnis.com
18 November 2014	UN helps RSPO strengthen palm complaints platform	F00DNavigator.com
18 November 2014	Harmonization Research of RSPO and ISPO complete in December	Kontan.com
19 November 2014	RSP0 12th Conference: UN & RSP0 Signed Agreement on Sustainable Palm	Bisnis.com
19 November 2014	RSPO Is Not a Club	Info Sawit Online
19 November 2014	Pioner RSPO Sustainable Practices	Info Sawit Online
19 November 2014	RSP0 RT12: David Suzuki – on human overconsumption, the need for diversity, local knowledge of sustainability, risks of monoculture, over fixation on the market economy	Khor Reports Blog
19 November 2014	RSPO RT12: On social and labour issues	Khor Reports Blog
20 November 2014	Consumer Broken Promises, Manufacturer CSPO Disappointed	Sawit Indonesia Online
20 November 2014	RSPO keen to collaborate on certification	Yahoo! News Online
20 November 2014	Great apes facing 'direct threat' from palm oil farming	Rappler.com
21 November 2014	Palm oil sustainability body to expel non-compliant companies	WWF Global Online
21 November 2014	RSP0 & UNEP relationship of sustainable palm oil	Info Sawit Online
21 November 2014	<u>Campaign for sustainable palm oil becomes</u> more vigorous	Eco Daily Online
22 November 2014	Palm oil conference delegates call for swifter sustainability action from government buyers and producers	Time2transcend.com
22 November 2014	IKEA commits to zero deforestation palm oil	The Epoch Times Online
23 November 2014	UNEP-RSPO Supports Sustainable Palm Oil Industry)	Surat Rakyat Online
23 November 2014	NEW ZSL toolkit boosts transparency for palm oil	Eco Daily Online
24 November 2014	This is the ranking of palm oil companies the best and worst	Mongabay Indonesia
24 November 2014	Sustainable Palm Industry (II): Time to Care for Forest Carbon Stock	Bisnis.com
24 November 2014	RSPO Provides Fund For Farmers	Sawit Indonesia Online
25 November 2014	WWF Supports RSPO To Banish RSPO Members Don't Commit Sustainable	Info Sawit Online
25 November 2014	Palm oil sustainability body to expel non-compliant companies	Phys.org
25 November 2014	Sustainable palm oil: the new norm?	Huffingtonpost.com

OPENING CEREMONY

Biswaranjan Sen, Chairperson, RSPO



Mr Biswaranjan set the tone for the conference by citing what he calls the "3 Cs" confronting the RSPO community today – climate change, compliance and collaboration.

He said while the fact that the production of CSPO breached a record 18 million tonnes this year was a significant leap forward, it has become necessary to "declare war" on illegal deforestation to curb its devastating impact on world climate. He asked members to raise the bar in the implementation and monitoring of RSPO rules.

While cautioning that RSPO will take disciplinary action on members who fail to comply with RSPO rules, he said the complexity of today's challenges require that all stakeholders "combine forces to accelerate the RSPO's journey, and not compete with each other and lose velocity".

OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Douglas Cress Programme Coordinator for Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Douglas Cress said the RSPO has evolved into an organisation that could choose to be elitist, but instead is not afraid to address its own failures and shortcomings.

He said UNEP sees RSPO as an "ally" and a "role model" that is leading the charge for sustainable palm oil development, a cause that is in sync with one of the UNEP's priorities of promoting green economies.



In a MOU signed recently, the UNEP and RSPO agreed to work together and leverage on their collective networks to foster and promote global demand for SPO and take it a notch higher.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS: SETTING THE BOTTOM LINE IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

Dr David Suzuki Co-Founder, David Suzuki Foundation

In an epoch where humanity is striving to support surging populations and growing consumption, human activity itself is undermining the planet's physical, biological and chemical properties on a geological scale.

Mr Suzuki, who is also an author, said humanity is now at a critical moment where what is done or not done in the next few years will reverberate through the lives of young people today and determine whether the human species can survive the century.

He said although mankind cannot change the laws of nature, it can "change the way we look at the world. It is only when we have a balance in the way we see can we see a world in balance."



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 1 BIODIVERSITY & COMPENSATION

RSPO is constantly raising the bar in promoting sustainability through new schemes and refinements to existing ones. In this session, participants were briefed on the new HCV Assessor Licensing Scheme and staged implementation of RSPO's Remediation and Compensation procedures, including High Conservation Value (HCV) Compensation mechanisms and guidelines on the management and rehabilitation of riparian reserves.

MODERATOR:

Olivier Tichit Director, Marketing & Conservation, SIPEF

SPEAKERS:

Richard Smith Associate Director for International Programmes, HCVRN, Proforest

Anne Rosenbarger

Southeast Asia Commodities Manager for the Food, Forests, and Water Programme, World Resources Institute

Dr. Holly Barclay Research Fellow, Monash University

Dr. Gary Paoli Co-Founder & Director of Business & Research Development, Daemeter Consulting



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 2 NEW FRONTIERS

The seeds of sustainability have sprung to life in the new frontiers of India, Brazil and Liberia. In India, where standards-compliant production has risen sharply in the last 2 years, there is vast potential for certification despite low awareness and weak uptake for sustainable palm oil (SPO). In Brazil, Agropalma's experience shows how a balance can be struck between profits and sustainability in a high-cost environment while GVL from Liberia thinks that the push for SPO may be achievable given the right assistance.

MODERATOR:

Edi Suhardi Director of Sustainability, PT Agro Harapan Lestari

SPEAKERS:

Norma Tregurtha Senior Policy Manager, ISEAL

Marcello Brito Commercial & Sustainability Director, Agropalma Group

Joshua Lim Project Manager, Wilmar International Ltd

Matt Karinen Director, Golden Veroleum (Liberia) Inc



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 3 FFB LEGALITY

Unilever's target to achieve 100% traceable and sustainable palm oil by 2020 and similar commitment from other major multinationals are adding impetus to the push to transform the market. At the same time, the ongoing expansion of plantations is driving the need to better define fresh fruit bunches (FFB) traceability and legality. RSPO outlined the role of the new FFB Legality and Traceability Taskforce responsible for addressing these concerns.

MODERATOR:

Johan Verburg Private Sector Engagement & Programme Development, Oxfam

SPEAKERS:

Perpetua George Sustainable Sourcing Manager, Unilever

Margaretha Nurrunisa Smallholder Engagement Officer, WWF Indonesia

Rizkiasari Yudawinata Market Transformation Officer for Private Sector Policy, WWF Indonesia

Simon Siburat General Manager, Group Sustainability, Wilmar International Ltd

Salahuddin Yaacob Technical Director, RSPO



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 4 GREENHOUSE GASES

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission over the past 100 years has led to global climate changes and extreme weather conditions. This has given rise to a sense of urgency within the RSPO community to manage emissions from the oil palm industry. RSPO mapped out new criteria that require companies to predict their sources of emissions and formulate plans to reduce pollution while 2 companies showed how their pilot schemes have curbed emissions.

MODERATOR:

Faizal Parish Director, Global Environment Centre

SPEAKERS:

Melissa Chin GHG Manager, RSPO

Lim Sian Choo Group Head, Corporate Secretarial Services & CSR, Bumitama Agri Ltd.

Dr. Gan Lian Tiong Head of Sustainability, PT Musim Mas

Niels Wielaard Executive Director, SarVision



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 5 HUMAN RIGHTS/SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL-CHALLENGES/APPROACHES

Conflict over land issues is on the rise as global agriculture land supply becomes scarce. In light of this, Rabobank said, companies that avoid human rights risk can potentially make profits. An NGO shared the findings of a study on human rights and suggested how to plug the existing loopholes while participants got an update on revisions to RSPO's FPIC guidelines to enhance its relevance to the growing complexity of conditions under which free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) is made.

MODERATOR:

Paul Wolvekamp Deputy Director, Both ENDS

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Marcus Colchester Senior Policy Adviser, Forest Peoples Programme

Daryll Delgado Research Programme Manager, Verite SEA

Melizel Asuncion Stakeholder Engagement Programme Manager, Verite SEA

Thomas Ursem Sustainable Supply Chain, Rabobank



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 6 SMALLHOLDERS

What's in it for smallholders who choose to go for certification? Solidaridad and 3 companies described the value of involving smallholders in their respective experimental projects while the Better Cotton Initiative – an umbrella body where 99.5 percent of the farmers are smallholders – showed how it reached a milestone where about half of the Better Cotton supply in 2014 was to have come from smallholders.

MODERATOR:

Dr. Petra Meekers Group Sustainability Manager, New Britain Palm Oil

SPEAKERS:

Marieke Leegwater Senior Programme Manager, Solidaridad

Chandramohan Nair Director of Corporate Affairs, Cargill

Phannee Sinsuphan Sustainability Project Manager, Patum Vegetable Oil Co., Ltd.

Damien Sanfilippo Director of Standards & Assurance, Better Cotton Initiative



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 7 REACHING THE MARKET

Consumers are now asking if companies are sourcing from suppliers that are deforesting and demanding the same product from a global brand, irrespective of where they buy it from. This is pushing major companies towards higher levels of sustainability. Participants debated the question of which comes first – the push or pull for sustainable products, how costs should be shared and the possible solutions.

MODERATOR:

Cynthia Ong Executive director, LEAP

SPEAKERS:

Chris Sayner Vice President, Global Accounts, Croda International PLC

Adrian Suharto

Sustainability Manager, Neste Oil Corporation

Sandeep Singh

Vice President, Global Trading & Marketing, Sime Darby Bhd



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 8 COMPLAINTS SYSTEM REVAMP

This session puts the spotlight on the current revamp of the RSPO complaints system a year after a resolution was passed at RT11 to strengthen the scheme and enhance transparency and impartiality. Participants were briefed on the relevance of the new planting procedures (NPP) to the new framework, whose implementation has been put into motion.

MODERATOR:

Ravin Krishnan Complaints Coordinator, RSPO

SPEAKERS:

Alwi Hafiz Sustainability Adviser, Golden Veroleum Limited

Eric Wakker Senior Adviser, Aidenvironment Asia

Holly Jonas Natural Justice

Dr. Lanash Thanda Policy Analyst, BC Initiative (BCI)



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 9 ACOP

The submission of Annual Communication of Progress (ACOP) has been given new life. Now more transparent and user-friendly, the system's new IT platform now facilitates 100 percent online submission and has a fully integrated database that will better serve RSPO and its members' future needs. Participants discussed other areas of refinement.

MODERATOR:

Adam Harrison Senior Policy Officer, Food & Agriculture, WWF

SPEAKERS:

Ravin Trapshah Member Relations Manager, RSPO

RM Nazri Web Executive, RSPO



PREPARATORY CLUSTER 10 WINNING CONSUMER SUPPORT FOR SPO

In the face of growing consumer awareness and outrage, the Europe chapter of RSPO has taken its brand ahead of the curve by actively engaging with the public. This session's speakers showed how a messaging campaign based on a new communication approach created positive response among not just the European social media, but also across the globe.

MODERATOR:

Katherine Teh-White Managing Director, Futureye

SPEAKERS:

Danielle Morley European Outreach & Engagement Director, RSPO

WORLD CAFE 1 HUMAN RIGHTS Facilitators: Marcus Colchester, Melizel Asuncion, Daryll Delgado

The rights of smallholders and labourers, gender issues, and the rights and obligations of grower communities as well as companies were deliberated on during the sessions on RSPO's revised Free, Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC) Guidelines, Social Standards and Labour Rights, and Social Auditing.

Participants said for the new Revised FPIC Guidelines to work effectively, implementation should be via a bottom-up instead of top-down approach, as is often the case in Indonesia. Communities' rights should be given due recognition by oil palm companies (especially growers) and governments.

Suggestions include facilitating communication across all levels of the community and engaging those with good knowledge of the local context to create conditions that are more conducive for growers to meaningfully comply with FPIC principles.

NGOs spoke of the difficulties in reaching out to and communicating with workers in some plantations, pointing out that there is an alarming lack of legal protection for workers outsourced by companies.

Facilitator Melizel Asuncion said even in Indonesia where oil palm has existed for 100 years, workers are still marginalised and paid low wages, and have no freedom of association. RSPO was asked to pressure its members to fulfill its Principles & Criteria (P&C) and press for better working conditions. "We should not wait for the NGOs."

Some delegates brought up the need for better protection of women workers who for example help their husbands after their work day ends, and yet are not paid for the extra work while others highlighted the vulnerability of women who are hired on a daily basis as well as pregnant women who are exposed to hazardous work such as carrying heavy loads and spraying pesticides.

One suggestion was for RSPO's Labour Taskforce to build up a database comprising examples of best labour practices that can be shared among grower members worldwide. Delegates across the discussions pointed to the weak spots in social auditing, which included limited budgets, the lack of clarity in auditors' work scope, and unclear guidance in the P&C.

Among the suggestions for improvement included enhancing auditors' capacity in applying the right methodology and increasing their understanding of the basic human rights of workers, community, women and children, as well as aspects such as legal compliance on labour issues.

It was strongly suggested that RSPO draws up clear standardised guidelines on social auditing, and strengthens its certification processes.

WORLD CAFE 2 HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE COMPENSATION

Moderator: Michal Zrust

Facilitators: Peter Heng, Darmawan Liswanto, Olivier Tichit, Anne Rosenbarger

Participants in this World Café brainstormed on what an appropriate compensation liability mechanism should encompass, with focus on in-situ vs ex-situ projects, hectare for hectare compensation versus monetary compensation, and identify projects that are suitable for this purpose.

On top of this, any programme that makes the cut must be robust, beneficial and outcome driven, and fulfill the four criteria of being additional, equitable, long lasting, and knowledge-based.

Participants were almost split down the middle during the discussion, with those supporting on-site conservation saying that conservation within the same landscape is the most desirable, followed by within the same island and country, since the area lost should not have been converted in the first place and there might be forested zones left in a development area that may have high conservation value.

Some participants felt that off-site conservation is more beneficial if the quality of a forest that is protected is more valuable than an on-site one that is already severely degraded.

However, for such programmes to be long lasting, there are some constraints: if a

project is off-site, it will require a company to discuss with governments of various producing countries in relation to creating opportunities to protect such areas.

One discussion group came up with 3 possible scenarios how to ensure the 4 requirements for conservation projects can be met: i.e by having a separate certification scheme, third party verification, or by working with governments.

Participants, however, raised concerns over these suggestions, saying that companies are worried about the competence of third party auditors, cautioning that members checked with the RSPO or Biodiversity and High Conservation Value Working Group before implementing these. A suggestion that HCV assessors are engaged for this task was also met with reservations over whether such assessors are qualified to assess the viability of projects.

In a session conducted in Bahasa Indonesia and where about 90 percent of the participants are smallholders, the discussion strayed from the topic and centered mostly on the quantum of compensation and matters relating to this segment. However, this brought to light the fact that this group of growers found the existing compensation mechanism lacking in clarity.

VOX POPS

As communication lies in the heart of RSPO's mission to promote sustainability, we asked participants what they think the organisation has achieved and how we can take it forward. Those interviewed shared valuable ideas and thoughts on areas of improvement.



IRVAN PANDJAITAN PT SAWIT SUMBERMAS SARANA TBK

"We need to decide on the different high carbon stock thresholds for different countries."



DICKSON LOMAS DAIMA

"The way forward is for members to do more collaboration with stakeholders and business partners so that each of us understands our role in sustainable practices."



JOHN CLENDON UNIVANICH PALM OIL

"The way forward must be to...increase the uptake of CSPO in all markets. We must have more marketing efforts to a much wider range of markets."



ELISE MUIJZERT SOLIDARIDAD

"We need more systematic research into how we can address the high cost of certification, particularly for smallholders, and how to ensure that they see the real, tangible benefits of certification."



TODD REDWOOD BSI GROUP

"Improving comes from listening to the relevant stakeholders and their interests, and keeping it relevant to all those involved."



PAUL WOLVEKAMP BOTH ENDS

"We have to reach out to governments, because we are talking about a land-based commodity... it's governments who set the rules."



LENA THAM WWF SWEDEN

"An important issue is how do we engage all the emerging markets of India, China and Malaysia to have them actually come to the table and start asking for more sustainably produced palm oil."



M.R. CHANDRAN RSPO ADVISOR

"The key topic we should be addressing is climate change and global warming, ie the agriculture sector must also be responsible for its greenhouse gas emissions."



THOMAS URSEM RABOBANK

"RSPO is the best game in town. It's key that stakeholders come together to discuss issues to provide credible standards and a proper governance structure to keep up those standards."



PLENARY 1: IMPACTS OF RSPO CERTIFICATION

Backed by a wealth of research conducted within the community, participants gained insight into studies showing how RSPO certification scores in terms of impact on the ground and where it can do more.

One study on independent smallholders in Sumatera showed that certification has led to improvements in the environmental as well as social and economic health of farmers, while another identifies the community and industry associations at the sub-national level as powerful influencers of attitudes in Indonesia.

Offering insight into current thinking in the boardrooms of companies, Dr. Richard Mattison said today's investors and large pension funds are striking a balance between reducing their ecological footprint and increasing revenue, putting a value on the long-term impact of natural assets impairment on their portfolios.

MODERATOR:

Han de Groot Executive Director, UTZ Certified

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ir Rosyani Head of Environmental Research Centre, University Jambi

Sophia Gnych Consultant, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) **Dr. Richard Mattison** Chief Executive, Trucost PLC

Dr. Jennifer Lucey Assistant Director, Science & Knowledge Exchange, SEARRP/University of York

YBhg Datuk Dr Glen Reynolds Director, Royal Society SEARRP

Michal Zrust Biodiversity & Palm Oil Technical Adviser, Zoological Society of London



PLENARY 2: MOVING MARKETS – PUSH OR PULL?

Volume is key to making 100 percent certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO) the norm. Palm Oil Consumers Action founder Peter Hii likened growers to the cart that is waiting for the horse, ie manufacturers and brands, to pull it.

Speakers believe that market growth determines sustainability and CSPO production, highlighting the need to galvanise the support of all players to create critical mass, particularly for very complex oleochemical products, for which the uptake can sometimes be small. Impetus appears to be coming from consumer-oriented organisations like the US Association of Zoos and Aquarium comprising 215 zoos with 180 million guests a year, which are advocating that consumers make choices that help push the market towards 100 percent CSP0.

The 37-member German Forum on Sustainable Palm Oil, which had committed to 100 percent CSPO in 2014, is now challenging members' supply chain partners to help build the momentum for uptake.

MODERATOR:

Robert Hii Founder, Palm Oil Consumers Action

SPEAKERS:

Edi Suhardi Director of Sustainability, PT Agro Harapan Lestari

Dr. Fabrice Turon Head of Research, Fat & Associes

Dr. Surina Ismail

Global Director, IP & Knowledge Management, Emery Oleochemicals

Tracey Gazibara Vice President, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

Daniel May Secretary General, German Forum on Sustainable Palm Oil



PLENARY 3: TRACEABILITY

This plenary dealt with a recurring theme that has spawned many discussions among the RSPO community – traceability.

The speakers agreed that traceability is not a substitute for certification nor does it equate to sustainability but see potential in traceability to mills providing useful information for companies to identify with whom to engage in implementing sustainability practices. the "first necessary step towards accepting change and moving towards sustainability', said engaging smallholders is the next critical step towards achieving full traceability back to plantations.

While concurring that it is important to scale up certification, the plenary called for better collaboration among all players, urging RSPO to expand on its Principles & Criteria (P&C) to better address the issues of traceability and transparency in the supply chain.

Cherie Tan, in describing traceability as

MODERATOR:

Daniel Hazman Asia Regional Director, IDH (Sustainable Trade Initiative)

SPEAKERS:

Marcello Brito Commercial & Sustainability Director, Agro-palma Group

Ben Vreeburg

Sustainability Director, IOI Loders Croklaan

Cherie Tan Sustainability Sourcing Director, Unilever

Robert Madge Founder & International Director, FoodReg

Elizabeth Baer Global Commodities Manager for Global Forest Watch, World Resources Institute



PANEL DISCUSSION 1: SUPPORTING RSPO ON IDENTIFYING HIGH CARBON STOCK AND REDUCING DEFORESTATION

Memories of the haze created by the large scale burning of peat land that blanketed Southeast Asia in 1997-98 and led to an economic loss of US\$50 billion still haunt the palm oil community today.

Reiterating that RSPO has adopted the 2013 version of the P&C directed at reducing deforestation, the conversion of peat land and GHG emissions, Faizal Parish said the sector is responding to these challenges with initiatives now in different stages of progress.

These are Greenpeace's work in developing a high carbon stock (HCS) approach that addresses deforestation in a practical way and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's (CSIRO) 1-year study to define HCS forests based on potential emission of greenhouse gases.

The panel agreed that RSPO needs to put more resources into reaching communities within and beyond the organisation as well as communicate more effectively to its target audience, bearing in mind that the other proportion of global palm oil trade not under the RSPO can still make a huge impact on land use.

MODERATOR:

Dr. David Suzuki Co-Founder, David Suzuki Foundation

PANELLISTS:

Grant Rosoman Global Forests Solutions Coordinator, Greenpeace International

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PANEL DISCUSSSION 2: SUSTAINABILITY: WHAT'S NEXT?

In this discussion, members debated how the RSPO can maintain its relevance while taking the sustainability agenda a notch higher.

Han de Groot named the 3 "I"s by which RSPO's stakeholders will be judged on – "impact", ie whether the organisation can demonstrate visible results; "innovation", as in constantly striving for improvement, and "invitation" to engage all the relevant parties to work together.

He said the RSPO needs to invite producers of the 80 percent of uncertified palm oil (PO) to join the programme, adding that members should collectively set the standards and proper assurances so that they "speak in the same language" in their efforts to create a market for sustainable PO.

There is consensus that since the RSPO is a

platform that cuts across boundaries and has at hand a range of tools and approaches to better forest management, it should strive harder to engage governments in solving issues that require wider solutions.

On the challenges facing RSPO, Darrell Webber said the organisation should confront issues that include the emergence of multiple certification schemes head-on by sharpening its focus on its core values to enhance its relevance in today's marketplace.

Natural capital accounting also got some airtime, with Kim Carstensen highlighting the need to find ways to value ecosystem services, which currently do not really count in the economy, and provide real benefits to the people who protect them as well as give them a place in the market or value chain.

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RSPO members have been urged to step up and emulate the move by the United States and China in coming to an agreement to scale back emissions of greenhouse gases by inspiring others and taking the organisation's initiatives to greater heights.

He asked members to not look at what the RSPO lacks, but what it already has, adding that the organisation still has the most "creative, diverse and innovative open network" discussing sustainability of the palm oil sector today that is unlike any other.

"Let's keep working together to transform this into a space where the ability to imagine and generate new ideas with speed and implement them through global collaboration can become our most important transformative advantage," he said.



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