

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organisation

African Agriculture Fund LLC

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organisation?

- ☐ Palm Oil Grower
- ☐ Processor and/or Trader
- ☐ Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- ☐ Retailer
- ☒ Bank and/or Investor
- ☐ Social and/or Development NGO
- ☐ Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- ☐ Affiliate

1.3 Membership number

5-0020-15-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Banks and Investors

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Bank & Investors

1. Operational Profile

1.1 Please state your company's main activity(ies) within palm oil-related financing. Please select all applicable option(s).

- ☐ Corporate / Commercial Banking
- ☐ Trade Finance
- ☐ Private Banking
- ☒ Investment / Equity
- ☐ Debt / Capital Market
- ☐ Other

Other

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2. Operations in Palm Oil

2.1 What types of financial services does your company provide to the palm oil industry?

- ☐ Trade Solutions
- ☐ Lending/Loans
- ☐ Leasing
- ☐ Treasury Products
- ☐ Cash Management Products
- ☒ Investments
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Other

Other

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2.2 For your company's palm oil-related activities, which geographic region(s) do you operate in?

- ☐ Worldwide
- ☒ Africa
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ North America
- ☐ South America
- ☐ Middle East
- ☐ China
- ☐ India
- ☐ Indonesia
- ☐ Malaysia
- ☐ Oceania
- ☐ Rest of Asia

3. Palm Oil Policy and Progress

3.1 Does your company have a lending or investment policy on palm oil?

Yes

3.2 Which supply chain sectors does your palm oil policy cover?

- ☒ Growers
- ☐ Traders
- ☒ Processors
- ☐ Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- ☒ Retailers
- ☐ Others

Others

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3.3 Does your policy on palm oil make a specific reference to RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, and/or RSPO certification?

No

3.4 Does your company have a policy that requires all your palm oil clients to be RSPO members?

No

3.9 What measures do you take if a client is not meeting the requirements of your policy on palm oil?

Portfolio companies are legally bound and committed to implementing the required sustainability principles. Where non-compliance is identified, corrective actions are implemented with associated timelines, and if necessary relevant sanctions will be implemented.

3.10 Do you proactively engage with your clients to support and join the RSPO?

Yes

3.11 Did members of your company participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?

Yes

3.12 Does your company have any collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?

Yes

3.13 What other activities have your company undertaken to promote RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products during the reporting period?

Supported our invested company to progress towards RSPO certification

4. Actions for Next Reporting Period**4.1 Please outline activities that your company will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)**

Continuation of broadly promoting the value of RSPO as a sustainability driven organisation/management system.

5. Shared Responsibility

The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at acop@rspo.org

Labour & Labour Rights

5.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?

No

Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

5.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?

No

Land Use

5.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Land Use?

No

Occupational Health & Safety

5.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

5.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?

No

Complaints & Grievances

5.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?

No

Smallholders

5.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?

No

5.7.3 Do you have any future plans to support oil palm Independent Smallholders?

No

5.7.4 Please explain why you are not planning to support oil palm independent smallholders

As an investor, we are not directly involved in any elements beyond growers, however we endorse and encourage all palm oil growers we are involved with to adopt the RSPO Ps and Cs regardless of whether pursuing certification or not.

6. Challenges

6.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?

- ☒ Awareness of RSPO in the market
- ☐ Difficulties in the certification process
- ☐ Certification of smallholders
- ☐ Competition with non-RSPO members
- ☐ High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- ☐ Human rights issues
- ☐ Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- ☐ Low usage of palm oil
- ☐ Reputation of palm oil in the market
- ☐ Reputation of RSPO in the market
- ☐ Supply issues
- ☐ Traceability issues
- ☐ No challenges faced
- ☒ Others

Others

As an investment company, invested in the Oil Palm sector, we support our investments to comply with RSPO P&C's and generally promote RSPO.

6.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?

- ☒ Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- ☒ Engagement with government agencies
- ☐ Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- ☐ Promotion of physical CSPO
- ☐ Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- ☐ Research & Development support
- ☒ Stakeholder engagement
- ☐ No actions taken
- ☐ Others

Others

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6.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here

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