

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

Solidaridad

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

- Grower
 - Processor and/or Trader
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturer
 - Retailer and/or Wholesaler
 - Bank and/or Investor
 - Social and/or Development NGO
 - Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
 - Supply Chain Associate
 - Affiliate
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1.3 Membership number

7-0007-08-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

1.5 Membership sector

Ordinary

Environmental and/or Conservation NGO

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Solidaridad is a global network organization with nine regional offices on five continents that promotes sustainable development by transforming supply and value chains, focusing on 13 internationally traded commodities, among which palm oil. Main activities undertaken are:

- 1) Producer Development: design, fund and monitor producer support activities, implemented by Solidaridad or other local, often private sector, partners;
- 2) Policy Influencing: Lobby and advocate with governments to encourage public policies that support sustainable production, trade, sourcing and consumption of key commodities. Develop and support sustainability initiatives by private sector organizations, NGO, multi-stakeholder platforms and roundtables such as RSPO, participate in their governance and push for smallholder, worker and community benefits in standards systems;
- 3) Corporate Engagement: Encourage companies in established and emerging markets to produce and/or source sustainably;
- 4) Communication: Raise awareness with sector and policy stakeholders, as well as media and the general public, on sustainability issues and solutions in commodity production systems and value chains.

1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members during the year?

- 1) Website: We regularly on the progress of our palm oil programme on our website. Such communication often includes progress made with RSPO certification and the importance of the uptake of certified material. For example: <https://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/news/the-netherlands-signs-first-bilateral-agreement-on-sustainable-palm-oil-from-colombia>
2. Speaking opportunities
We regularly speak at conferences in congresses in favour of RSPO or about our participation in RSPO. This includes the FONAP General Assemble and RSPO events such as RSPO RT 16 in Kota Kina Balu, but also other events such as EPOA conferences or lectures we give in universities in The Netherlands.
- 3) Communication Materials: We annually develop communication materials on our palm oil programme. The logo of RSPO is included in this

1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil*?

10%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?

Yes

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Brands that supported our work and/or were actively engaged in field- or value chain transformation projects include Henkel, BASF, Chanel and Aldi. This private support is often matched by governments grants. For example our Practice for Change Programme. We received support for individual projects through RSPO Smallholder Support Fund in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Honduras. In Ghana efforts are complemented through the Sustainable West Africa Palm Programme in West Africa that is funded through a food security grant provided by the Netherlands Embassy. Solidaridad's core staff and communications activities are funded by contributions from individuals and the Dutch Post Code Lottery.

2. Time-Bound Plan

2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups.2009

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members.2018

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period**3.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.**

- '- We will continue to promote sustainable palm oil and RSPO as an instrument during speaking opportunities
 - We will continue to develop website articles and communication materials. This includes Pact for sustainable Palm Oil: <https://pactforsustainablepalmoil.com/>
 - We continue to contribute to implementation of the Amsterdam Declaration Commitments to source only sustainable palm oil in Europe in 2020.
 - We continue to implement various field projects, implementing RSPO or supporting RSPO in Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico and Indonesia
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4. Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**4.1 Regarding your organisation's operations and activities, do you have position statements and/or policies related to dealings in the palm oil industry that are in line with RSPO P&C? Select all relevant options.**

4.1.A Water, land, energy and carbon footprintsFile: --
Link: --

4.1.B Land use rightsFile: --
Link: --

4.1.C Ethical conduct and human rightsFile: [SN-Policies-to-PNC-ethicalconduct \(2\).pdf](#)
Link: [SN-Policies-to-PNC-ethicalconduct \(2\).pdf](#)

4.1.D Labour rightsFile: --
Link: --

4.1.E Stakeholder engagementFile: --
Link: --

4.1.F None of the aboveFile: --

4.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organisation provided in the past year to facilitate production and consumption of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?File: --

5. Challenges

5.1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

- 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
- Others

Other:

5.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP, how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform the market for sustainable palm oil in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues eg trade workshops industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Others

Other:

5.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your palm oil policies and activities (e.g.: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

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