

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Name of your organization

ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE INDUSTRIALES DE ACEITES Y MANTECAS COMESTIBLES, A.C. (ANIAME)

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

8-0199-17-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Associations

1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

For just over six decades, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDIBLE OILS & SHORTENING PRODUCERS, ANIAME, has represented and defended the interests of oilseed and oil palm processing companies in Mexico. Our members are crushing companies; crude oil refining companies; and companies consuming refined oils to produce products with higher added value.

ANIAME's members have maintained a value chain approach: we seek to produce sustainable, quality, competitively priced, adequate oils from the functions of our customers in Mexico and, particularly, healthy ones for Mexican consumers.

To achieve the above, ANIAME promotes a higher national production of oilseeds and oil palm. And in recent years, ANIAME has promoted the development of sustainability certification schemes for all stages of the production chain, but with a special focus on small Mexican agricultural producers: the National Interpretation of RSPO Principles & Criteria and a Mexican Standard based on RSPO P&C.

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

No

1.3 Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period.

The productive value chain of palm oil in Mexico is committed to the conservation of biodiversity and to a sustainable agroindustrial development, in accordance with the natural heritage of our country.

For this reason, ANIAME, in coordination with the MEXICAN COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OIL PALM (COMEXPALMA), as the representative organizations of oil palm growers and palm oil extractors and refineries in Mexico, have led the work to have in our country a National Interpretation of the RSPO 2018 Principles and Criteria, as well as a Mexican Standard for a Sustainable Palm Oil Value Chain.

Both processes seek the creation and application of sustainability certification schemes in our country and today we are in the final stages to achieve them.

NATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF RSPO 2018 PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA.- The work to incorporate the new RSPO 2018 Principles and Criteria to the process of National Interpretation in Mexico (started in August 2017) was restarted in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, in August 2018, holding the fourth meeting of the Mexican technical working group.

Between September 2018 and January 2019, four more meetings were held in the city of Campeche and in Mexico City, which resulted in the conclusion of the National Interpretation draft approved by the technical working group, document which was sent for review to the Latin American RSPO technical committee.

It is expected that the draft of the Mexican National Interpretation will be put to public consultation in mid-2019.

MEXICAN STANDARD FOR THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION OF PALM OIL.- ANIAME continued promoting the development of a Mexican Standard to guarantee the sustainability of the oil palm production value chain, a process that ended in October, after eight sessions of the technical working group, with a draft published in November in the Mexican Official Gazette for public consultation which ended on January 23, 2019.

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

50%

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 CSPO?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

ANIAME is a business association. All the actions undertaken by our Association are financed by the fees paid by our members. The work of ANIAME is financed by a budget approved annually by our Board of Directors.

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

2.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.

During 2019, the working document of the Mexican National Interpretation will be in public consultation.

During the 60 calendar days of the public consultation, ANIAME will support the creation of forums for dissemination and knowledge of the document of the National Mexican Interpretation, in order to bring it closer especially to small oil palm producers in each of the main four producing states of Mexico: Chiapas, Tabasco, Campeche and Veracruz.

At the conclusion of the public consultation process, ANIAME will continue to support the meetings of the technical working group that will review the comments received during the public consultation period, in order to arrive at a final version of the document to be approved and agreed upon by the technical working group. With the expectation that Mexico will have a National Interpretation at the end of the current year.

In the case of the Mexican Standard for sustainable production of palm oil, ANIAME will continue to support this issue in the technical working group and in close relationship with the government authorities of the Secretariats of Economy (Normalization), Environment and Agriculture, with the purpose of promoting the publication of the final version of the Mexican Standard in the official gazette this year.

3. Challenges

3.1 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
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Other:

3.2 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
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Other:

3.3 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)

We can share with you the official web site of the National Interpretation process in Mexico.

<https://inrspomexico.org/>
