

RSPO | Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil

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INCLUSIVITY: FROM PRODUCTION TO CONSUMPTION

RSPO Sixth European Roundtable 2018



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SUMMARY



On June 26 2018, RSPO held its sixth annual European Roundtable event in Paris. The focus was on the need for greater inclusivity across the palm oil supply chain, from production to consumption.

Bringing together over 400 representatives from the global palm oil industry, the debate focused on strengthening inclusive collaboration to increase the growth of and demand for certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO).

RSPO CEO, Datuk Darrel Webber set the tone in his welcome address by highlighting the 'law of unintended consequences'. He asked delegates to move away from making short-term, impulsive decisions, which may lead to negative unintended consequences. Instead, he called for greater collaboration amongst stakeholders to help uncover potential 'blind spots' and to work together to find inclusive solutions to challenges, which could stimulate a change in production methods and drive the demand for Certified Sustainable Palm Oil.

Former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Convener of Mission 2020, Christiana Figueres, echoed Webber's sentiment in a video address to the industry, emphasising the need for long-term collaboration across the palm oil sector to achieve greater levels of sustainability. Figueres highlighted the fact that everyone in the industry has a "role to play and the solution will not be found unless each of you brings your particular background, your particular skill set, and your collective determination to actually solving this issue in a timely fashion." With stakeholders' 2020 targets fast approaching, the urgent need to

“ Only with a concerted and focused effort on achieving demand for Certified Sustainable Palm Oil can we stimulate a change in production methods. ”

Darrel Webber, RSPO CEO

increase uptake in Europe and emerging markets was a recurrent issue. This topic also aligned with RSPO members' wider commitments to supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals. You can read more about the outcomes of that discussion [here](#).

Another significant topic during the two day event was the progress and potential impacts of the ongoing review of RSPO's Principles & Criteria (P&C). The first P&C public consultation reached over 10,000 people, with stakeholders reaching consensus on a number of items, including a new RSPO Smallholder Standard.

Other highlights included an announcement that Soapworks Ltd has become the first company to purchase RSPO NEXT credits from Colombia-based RSPO member, Daabon Group. RSPO NEXT is a voluntary add-on module engaging RSPO member companies to exceed RSPO's internationally recognised standards.

The event also served as a launchpad for RSPO's new Sustainability College. Created by RSPO Secretariat, through collaboration with key stakeholders, the interactive platform offers engaging educational content about sustainable palm oil. RSPO Global Outreach and Engagement Director, Stefano Savi said: "We've seen great support so far from a variety of global stakeholders and the number of active users on the platform has already exceeded our expectations. We are excited to see this knowledge-sharing platform continue to grow, to build a community of sustainable heroes."

OPENING ADDRESS



In her address, Christiana Figueres made recommendations on what is needed to ensure the palm oil sector generates shared value for people and the planet; collaboration in the long-term, strengthening accountability and transparency, and creating incentive for countries to produce sustainably.

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The fact that all stakeholders involved in sustainable palm oil efforts are here today is the first ingredient of success.

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. INCLUSIVITY

The conference brought into focus the need to adopt an inclusive approach at each stage of the palm oil supply chain. This is fundamental to support the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

2. PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA REVIEW

The first Public Consultation reached over 10,000 stakeholders. The new draft aims to be more inclusive and outcome-based to align with the RSPO Theory of Change.



3. SMALLHOLDER STANDARD

This new standard will apply exclusively to independent smallholders and aims to facilitate their access to the RSPO system while ensuring that core sustainability requirements are upheld.

4. RSPO NEXT

Soapworks Ltd. is the first company to use the world's most sustainable palm oil by covering its total production with RSPO NEXT Credits from Colombian-based plantation Daabon Organics.

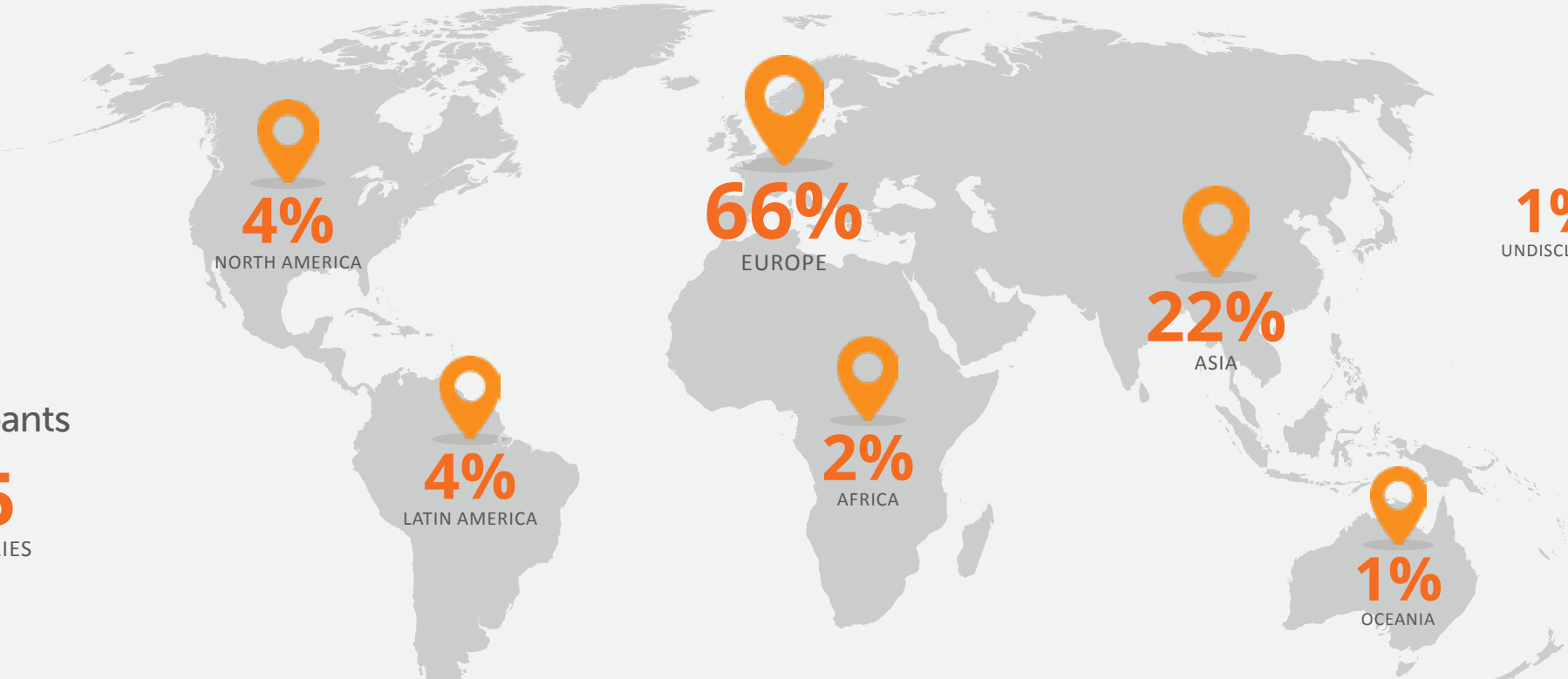
5. IUCN REPORT

The new IUCN report shows the impacts of palm extend beyond biodiversity loss, but notes that at a global scale palm oil is not a driver of deforestation. It also highlights that a boycott would only displace, and not halt, biodiversity loss.

DELEGATE OVERVIEW

Participants

35
COUNTRIES



Australia	3	Ecuador	1	Ireland	1	Philippines	1
Belgium	8	Estonia	1	Italy	4	Singapore	17
Brazil	3	Finland	3	Japan	3	South Africa	2
Canada	3	France	35	Liberia	2	Spain	5
Chile	1	Germany	34	Malaysia	31	Sweden	5
China	2	Ghana	2	Netherlands	51	Switzerland	12
Colombia	4	Guatemala	3	New Zealand	1	United Kingdom	57
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Hong Kong	1	Norway	1	United States	11
Denmark	7	Indonesia	18	Papua New Guinea	1	Undisclosed	3

DELEGATE OVERVIEW

Participants



393
DELEGATES

ATTENDEES



34
NON-MEMBERS



213
MEMBERS



24
PRESS



34
SPEAKERS



36
RSPO STAFF &
CONSULTANCY



27
NGO NON-MEMBERS



25
SPONSORS

INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED

● Associations/organisations	10%
● Banks/investors	4%
● Consumer goods manufacturers	13%
● Environmental NGOs	15%
● Oil palm growers	18%
● Palm oil processors/traders	20%
● Retailers	4%
● Social NGOs	6%
● Other	10%



DELEGATE ENGAGEMENT

All vox-pops from the conference can be found here:



EMMA KELLER
WWF UK

“

The goal is not just the sustainability of palm oil but that of a model.

XAVIER STICKER
FRENCH AMBASSADOR
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

”



ANTOINE HEUTY
ULULA



PROFOREST
@PROFOREST

Lovely to hear complimentary words about how well the @RSPOtweets P&C public consultation has been conducted at #EURT2018.



MICHELLE DESILETS
@ORANGUTANS

1st first finding of new IUCN report: palm oil is here to stay. #EURT2018



WAZA
@WAZA

Panel discussion at #EURT2018 on how zoos are leveraging communications and technological tools to build awareness of #sustainablepalmoil at scale and why boycotts aren't the answer.



JELMIEN HAAZE
BELGIAN ALLIANCE FOR
SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL



KATIE MAJOR
@THEKATIEMAJOR

Great start about unintended consequences of our actions and how the RSPO wants to bring the greatest amount of positive change #EURT2018 @RSPOtweets



CLARA MELOT
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OF LONDON (ZSL)

“

We have to do a much better job at communicating about palm oil.

DOUG CRESS
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF
ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS

”



KATHERINE TEH-WHITE
FUTUREYE

“

We are too polite, more debate is needed between growers and the downstream market to make the RSPO standard successful.

OLIVIER TICHIT
SIPEF INDONESIA

”



STEFANO SAVI
RSPO



SUZANNE HALL
@MUIRON

Sitting in on a discussion of the new #RSPO principles & criteria at #EURT2018. Very encouraging to hear how much consensus exists within the various sectors for implementing no deforestation goals.



MARGOT LOGMAN
EUROPEAN PALM OIL
ALLIANCE

SESSIONS & PLENARIES

The following pages give an overview on each session & plenary and provide further insights from the panellists. Clicking on these interactive icons will take you to external content.



Watch the
vox-pop





Read the
interview



Download the
presentation

Click below to be taken to a session or plenary;

-  LANDSCAPE APPROACHES: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION TO MITIGATE RISK AND ENSURE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY
-  PRODUCTION TO CONSUMPTION: MAPPING THE LANDSCAPE OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN



REACHING THE SDGS AND GENERATING SHARED VALUE FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE



RSPO PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA REVIEW 2018



EVERYTHING YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT OIL PALM AND BIODIVERSITY



UP-SCALING OUR SHARED COMMITMENT: RESOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN



THE POWER OF ZOOS AS CONSERVATIONISTS AND COMMUNICATORS



COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO DRIVE UP MARKET DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL



REFLECTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL THE NORM IN EUROPE AND EMERGING MARKETS AS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY




JULIA BEIER
@JULIEBEIER

Tackling legality issues, supporting smallholder farmers and involving the government is key to implement successful landscape approach projects #EURT2018



WORKSHOP

LANDSCAPE APPROACHES: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION TO MITIGATE RISK AND ENSURE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

During this session, speakers shared their experiences of implementing a Jurisdictional Approach to certification, exploring how collaborative efforts can be used to solve sustainability problems at a grass-roots level. It was argued that global strategies should be translated at scale for regional contexts and realities on the grounds to address the challenges most relevant to local stakeholders.

Fitrian Ardiansyah, Inisiatif Dagang Hijau (IDH) presented learnings from on the ground interventions with industry partners in Indonesia. The role of innovative financing was brought into discussion, highlighting the need for risk-layering to attract and scale up long-term investment from private capital.

MODERATOR

JOOST GORTER
 NewForesight

PANELLISTS

GUS TER HAAR
 NewForesight

MARÍA AMPARO ALBÁN
 ACD Consulting

FITRIAN ARDIANSYAH
 IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative

KEY LEARNINGS

- For Europe to achieve a goal of 100% sustainable palm oil, focus will need to move beyond supply chains and towards addressing the shared issues of other commodities - such as rubber and pulp - at the downstream
- Governments, businesses and community actors will be required to address key challenges and maintain a balance of interests that benefits all stakeholders
- To scale up investment through innovative finance, governments and companies must de-risk third party financing.

“ Due diligence is an important aspect of RSPO’s Theory of Change - it provides opportunity for the whole sector to support each other. ”



“ Due diligence goes beyond palm oil - it applies to all commodities. ”



WORKSHOP

PRODUCTION TO CONSUMPTION: MAPPING THE LANDSCAPE OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Sparking lively debate, this interactive session led by Bakhtiar Talhah, RSPO COO, asked participants to map human rights and environmental risks along the palm oil supply chain. RSPO Complaints Panel member, Melizel Asuncion ascertained that whilst the RSPO has a good understanding of issues at the production end of palm oil, less is known about

problems further downstream. She called for the conference to be an opportunity to begin to share knowledge and collaborate to find solutions.

In the latter half of the workshop, frank discussions were held with the RSPO Complaints Panel on human rights violations and deforestation issues.

MODERATOR

BAKHTIAR TALHAH
RSPO

PANELLISTS

MELIZEL ASUNCION
Verite

LIM SIAN CHOO
Bumitama Agri Ltd.

GINNY NG
Wilmar International

MADELEINE BRASSER
Oxfam

DATO HENRY BARLOW
RSPO Member

ALEXANDRA EPERTON
Cargill

KEY LEARNINGS

- Weak links between the upstream and downstream players must be identified and strengthened to ensure the sustainability of a product.
- Due diligence provides opportunity for the whole sector to support and work together to address human rights within the supply chain.
- Involving governments in land use change and planning at a local level reduces the risk of human rights and environmental violations.



ELIZA ANYANGWE
@ELIZATALKS

I do really enjoy moderating so glad to be in Paris to chair the @RSPOtweets European Roundtable #EURT2018

“The SDGs are a language for nations to talk with each other about an agenda for the future.”



PLENARY SESSION

REACHING THE SDGs AND GENERATING SHARED VALUE FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE WITH SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

Discussion in this plenary introduced how RSPO members contribute to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through their membership. One such example came from Lim Sian Choo who talked about how Bumitama Agri Ltd has delivered shared value through a collaborative multi stakeholder landscape approach to biodiversity and improving community

livelihoods. Ahmadou Cisse agreed that when produced in a sustainable way, palm oil can contribute to up to 7 or 8 of the SDGs.

Panellists reflected on challenges within the RSPO system, each gave recommendations on how to improve sustainable palm oil's contribution to the SDGs from their differing upstream and downstream perspectives.

MODERATOR

ELIZA ANYANGWE
Journalist

PANELLISTS

LIM SIAN CHOO
Bumitama Agri Ltd.

JAN KEES VIS
Unilever

ALAIN RIVAL
CIRAD

LUDOVIC MIARO III
WWF Africa

AHMADOU CISSE
Solidaridad



KEY LEARNINGS

- Platforms such as RSPO are important tools to help nations, industries and companies achieve the UN SDGs
- In African nations, change comes from governments, unlike in Europe where the private sector is also strong. For RSPO to create the greatest change in this new frontier region, a focus on strengthening relations with governments will be required
- Businesses should look to governments' SDG plans; mapping sustainability challenges within their respective sectors to distinguish overlaps and opportunities to support each other's activity and enable greater contribution to the SDGs.

“ We wanted this to be the most collaborative P&C Review possible. ”

“ My hope is that we will not need RSPO NEXT after this revision of the Principles & Criteria. ”



WORKSHOP

RSPO PRINCIPLES & CRITERIA REVIEW

This plenary aimed to explore what shape the new standard will take and how it will be more outcome-based to align with the RSPO Theory of Change. Datuk Darrel Webber shared his vision to make it “the most consultative review process of any standard” by ensuring the experiences of African and Latin American producing countries were also incorporated into the revision.

Panellists from the P&C Review Taskforce represented each sector in the supply chain. They were unanimous in their agreement that the new P&C should be more inclusive. Looking toward the future, Anne Rosenbarger from World Resources Institute (WR), noted increasing demand from Europe for a gold standard certification which aligned with no deforestation, no peat and no exploitation (NDPE) commitments.

MODERATOR

ELIZA ANYANGWE
Journalist

PANELLISTS

DATUK DARREL WEBBER
RSPO

AUDREY LEE
Olam

ANNE ROSENBERGER
World Resources Institute

LAURE D'ASTORG
French Alliance for Sustainable Palm Oil

MARIEKE LEEGWATER
Solidaridad

ALEXANDRA EXPERTON
Cargill

KEY LEARNINGS

- The P&C Review is an opportunity to reinforce the credibility of the RSPO standard, particularly in Europe where palm oil suffers from a negative image.
- Measuring impact is crucial to build confidence in markets and demonstrate impact on the ground.
- There is a common ground expectation that a shared responsibility with downstream players will be required to make sustainable palm oil the norm.
- Focus must move from debating standards to implementation; ensuring time bound plans are met and smallholders brought to market.



BREAKOUT SESSION

EVERYTHING YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT OIL PALM AND BIODIVERSITY

“Everyone has very strong opinions about palm oil, it is a very polarised discussion” was the opening remark from Prof. Dr. Erik Meijaard before he presented his scientific data and research on palm oil and biodiversity as part of a situation analysis prepared for International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The report showed the impacts of palm extend beyond biodiversity loss, but noted that at a global scale palm oil is not a driver

of deforestation. He reiterated the keynote message that everyone has a role to play in making palm oil environmentally sustainable.

Marc Ancrenaz explored the potential for oil palm and orangutans to co-exist, with landscape and jurisdictional approaches once again offered as potential solutions. Ancrenaz drew attention to the need for large scale management as a means to enhance forest regeneration and improve species protection.

MODERATOR

LAURE D'ASTORG
French Alliance for
Sustainable Palm Oil

PANELLISTS

ERIK MEIJAARD
Borneo Futures

MARC ANCRENAZ
HUTAN



KEY LEARNINGS

- Banning palm oil would most likely increase the production of other oil crops to meet demand for oil, displacing rather than halting the significant global biodiversity losses caused by palm oil.
- Improved consumer awareness in the top consuming countries could greatly increase demand for certified sustainable palm oil.
- Government policies should protect forests in palm oil producing countries.



“ Although supply chains may not be perfect, it is the responsibility of all players to strive for better. ”



“ While compliance with labour law is expected, recent reports suggest this area requires special attention. ”



BREAKOUT SESSION

UPSCALING OUR SHARED COMMITMENT: RESOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Initial debate centered around the expectation for supply chains to be fully virtuous, bringing the topic of shared responsibility to the forefront of discussion. El'vis Beytullayev, International Labour Organisation (ILO), noted that although supply chains may not be perfect, it is the responsibility of all players to strive for better.

Whilst standards such as the RSPO can help to address human rights in the supply chain, to strengthen impact it was collectively agreed that members of trade unions and indigenous groups should be involved early in the process.

Anita Ramasastry, University of Washington, flagged that while compliance with labour law is expected, recent reports suggest this area requires special attention - particularly as it presents an opportunity to enforce shared responsibility.

MODERATOR

OLIVIER TICHIT
SIPEF Indonesia

PANELLISTS

EL'VIS BEYTULLYEV
International Labour Organization

GIRISH DESHPANDE
Procter & Gamble

MATTHIAS DIEMER
WWF Switzerland

PAUL OPANGA
Forest Stewardship Council

ANITA RAMASASTRY
University of Washington

KEY LEARNINGS

- More focus is required to establish compliance with local laws and regulations in palm oil producing countries.
- Audit indicators could be streamlined and aligned with ILO Core Conventions to improve labour rights on palm oil plantations.



BREAKOUT SESSION

THE POWER OF ZOOS AS CONSERVATIONISTS AND COMMUNICATORS

Conservation experts from zoos across the globe shared details on how their organisations are building awareness of sustainable palm oil at scale and leveraging their ability to influence visitors to affect change.

A great example came from Chester Zoo, where engagement activities are being undertaken with consumers and businesses using tools such as a Sustainable Palm Oil

toolkit as part of the Sustainable Palm Oil City initiative.

Tracey Gazibara, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, noted that RSPO is recognised by Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) as a critical part of the solution in the palm oil conservation crisis, whilst Doug Cress, CEO of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA), emphasised that the industry still

needs to do a much better job at communicating about sustainable palm oil.

Delegates learnt how RSPO's Memorandum of Understanding with WAZA is an opportunity to ignite behaviour change and consumer advocacy in leading palm oil markets.

MODERATOR

ELIZA ANYANGWE
Journalist

PANELLISTS

CATHERINE BARTON
Chester Zoo

DOUG CRESS
WAZA

BOB CHASTAIN
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

TRACEY GAZIBARA
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo



KEY LEARNINGS

- Conversations about palm oil are currently too defensive – the industry should focus on presenting a progressive and unified front.
- A step-wise approach is best when working to educate and convert public opinion.



“ To improve sustainable palm oil uptake, show impact on the ground and create a movement to act too. ”

BREAKOUT SESSION

COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES TO DRIVE UP MARKET DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

With less than two years remaining to reach 2020 targets on CSPO and NDPE in Europe and beyond, this session served as a timely platform to promote open dialogue on the critical action required by supply chain actors to move the industry along in an inclusive manner.

Daniel Salter, Tesco detailed the work of retailers in Europe

to achieve greater levels of transparency in supply chains through the formation of RPOTC, a non-competitive coalition focused on identifying gaps and measuring collective progress against sustainability commitments.

Turning attention toward South-East Asia, Daniel Denis, South East Asia Alliance on Sustainable

Palm Oil (SASPO) shared updates on work being undertaken by the organisation to increase usage of certified sustainable palm oil in the region through education and awareness building amongst businesses and consumers.

MODERATOR

INKE VAN DER SLUIJS
RSPO

PANELLISTS

ELISABETH HIPEAU
BNP Paribas

DANIEL SALTER
Tesco

MARK WONG
Sime Darby Plantation Berhad

DANIEL DENIS
Denis Group



KEY LEARNINGS

- Collaboration enables stakeholders to be more efficient, identify gaps and dig deeper into supply chains.
- To achieve market transformation there needs to be strong enough incentive for those on the outside
- Banks can play a supporting role in the process, using their influencers to guide clients to implement best industry standards.
- to come in, in a way that is inclusive.



“ We need to create awareness of sustainable palm oil in consuming countries to facilitate a shared responsibility. ”

“ Being united around common criteria is what could transform markets. ”

BREAKOUT SESSION

UPSCALING OUR SHARED COMMITMENT: RESOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN

In this final plenary, speakers reflected on key conference discussions and the wider issues at hand. Xavier Sticker, French Ambassador for the Environment drew attention to the importance of maintaining an ongoing sustainability dialogue between producer and consumer countries of palm oil. In a similar vein, Mina Beyan Owusu, SESDev, called into question how

we will achieve 100% sustainable palm oil and generate shared value without robust systems to monitor compliance or bring about the involvement of local communities. Olivier Tichit, SIPEF, contemplated that whilst the new RSPO standard was unlikely to be considered perfect by all, its implementation could be made a shared responsibility.

Lastly, Jean-Manuel Bluet, French Alliance for a Sustainable Palm Oil suggested that to address deforestation issues, the industry should become more closely aligned with other sectors facing the same challenges, echoing sentiment from earlier discussions.

MODERATOR

ELIZA ANYANGWE
Journalist

PANELLISTS

XAVIER STICKER
French Ambassador for the Environment

MINA BOAHEMAA OWUSU
SESDev Liberia

OLIVIER TICHIT
SIPEF Indonesia

JEAN-MANUEL BLUET
Nestle

KEY LEARNINGS

- There is a need to raise awareness of sustainable palm oil in consuming countries to create a shared responsibility
- The industry needs to talk more positively about

the impact being made on ground to create a connection with consumers. This approach would create recognition and serve as incentive to reward to sustainable producers.

SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL PRODUCTION REQUIRES A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

Alain Rival, CIRAD



Demand for palm oil will continue to rise in response to an ever increasing population, as well as market growth in emerging countries such as India and China. The challenge that remains will be to strengthen standards and make sustainable standards accessible to all types of growers, rather than banning palm oil from markets.

- Palm oil remains the cheapest edible oil to produce, as it uses the least amount of land and offers exceptional yields.
- When properly supervised, palm oil cultivation is a known driver against poverty and can support the emergence of a farming middle class.
- Technical and financial support is needed for better inclusivity of smallholders, who produce 40% of global palm oil.
- Biodiversity conservation and agricultural development are not incompatible.
- Producing and importing countries share an important responsibility to increase demand for RSPO-certified palm oil.
- Involving local governments to implement jurisdictional approaches to certification will help improve the sustainability of all agricultural practices within the same territory.

SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION ISN'T JUST A TREND - IT CAN ALSO SAVE ORANGUTANS

Marc Ancrenaz, HUTAN



Palm oil is often associated with rainforest destruction and species loss, especially the orangutan. However, it doesn't have to be this way. Together, we can contribute to change this situation. Within the debate opposing palm oil and orangutans, setting the record straight through a scientific approach is becoming urgent.

- In Borneo, over 100,00 animals have disappeared over the last 20 years due to hunting and the development of agricultural commodities including palm oil.
- Orangutans are unable to survive in palm oil monocultures but there is potential to shape mixed landscapes to save this species.
- We need to identify areas of high orangutan concentrations, as well as High Carbon Stock and High Conservation Value, and protect them from land conversion.
- To make a difference a collaborative approach, which promotes an integrated large-scale land strategy integrated alongside more sustainable production practices, is essential.



PRESS CONFERENCE

Datuk Darrel Webber, CEO RSPO, led the sixth European Roundtable press conference which included guests; Felipe Guerrero, Corporate Director of Sustainability DAABON; Prof. Dr. Erik Meijaard, IUCN Oil Palm Task Force and Dr. Marc Ancrenaz, Director HUTAN.

Mr. Webber began with an update on the RSPO Principles and Criteria review process. He emphasised a need for participation from stakeholders across the supply chain, noting that through involvement in the process individuals would gain a broader understanding of the complexities involved in reaching consensus.

Results from an IUCN study on palm oil and biodiversity were presented by Prof. Dr. Erik Meijaard and Dr. Marc Ancrenaz. Findings showed that a ban on palm oil may simply displace the impact on biodiversity from one location to another. He suggested that with better management practices, palm oil plantations and orangutans could co-exist. Read more on the report [here](#).

In a positive step forward for certified sustainable palm oil, Felipe Guerrero, DAABON, announced Soapworks Ltd as the first buyer of the world's most sustainable palm oil through the sale of RSPO NEXT Credits.



MEDIA COVERAGE

COUNTRY	PUBLICATION	HEADLINE	READ
Belgium		Palm oil 'decimates' species but ban would be futile, says IUCN	
Belgium		European summit on sustainable palm oil	
Belgium		Big brands continue to use palm oil	
Europe		RSPO, Ulula develop platform to monitor labour rights in oil plantations	
Europe		Okomu earmarks N80 million for HSE, decries selective attacks on the coy over RSPO	
Europe		Palm oil ban likely to displace, not halt, biodiversity losses: study	
Europe		Palm oil trade wars with EU as RSPO must prove itself	
Europe		Our love of palm oil is destroying forests. Here's how to use less of it	
France		Palm oil decimates species but ban not a solution	
France		Palm oil: the least worst of vegetable oils, according to IUCN	
France		Why is it so difficult to go without palm oil?	
France		Can palm oil become sustainable?	
France		Banning palm oil due to its environmental impact will not save biodiversity (IUCN)	
France		RSPO palm oil hardens its criteria and extends to small producers	
France		Make palm oil sustainable	
France		Can palm oil become sustainable? The way is narrow	

COUNTRY	PUBLICATION	HEADLINE	READ
France		PODCAST - RSPO TO SEND LINK	
France		RIGHT WRONG. What if we took out clichés about palm oil	
France		Boycotting palm oil, a bad idea?	
France		It remains difficult to do without palm oil	
France		Palm oil is an ecological disaster (but banning it would be worse)	
France		Banning palm oil would only move the problem	
France		PODCAST - RSPO TO SEND LINK	
France		Palm oil: what France is preparing for deforestation	
France		Can palm oil be sustainable? A crucial meeting in Paris	
France		Sustainable palm oil production requires a scientific approach	
France		Sustainable consumption isn't just a trend - it can also save orangutans	
Germany		IUCN study on loss of species due to palm oil: no solution in sight	
Germany		IUCN Report: Palm oil boycott will not save the jungle	
Italy		Deforestation and pollution: the true price of palm oil	
Italy		Palm oil is harming biodiversity, but banning it is no point	
Luxembourg		The unknown challenge of sustainable palm oil	

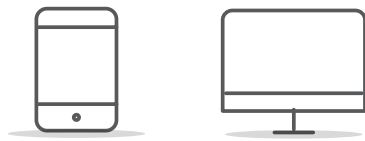
COUNTRY	PUBLICATION	HEADLINE	READ
South Africa		Banning palm oil may cause deforestation and biodiversity losses	
South Africa		Palm oil 'decimating' wildlife, solutions elusive: report	
Spain		A study warns of the danger of banning palm oil	
Spain		Palm oil that deforest the rainforest	
Switzerland		Should we boycott palm oil?	
United Kingdom		Palm oil: Are your beauty products killing orangutans?	
United Kingdom		Palm oil 'disastrous' for wildlife but here to stay, experts warn	
United Kingdom		PepsiCo on track for palm oil goals despite NGO concerns	
United Kingdom		What products contain palm oil?	

75+ media coverage

10+ countries

18 journalists attended the conference

SOCIAL MEDIA



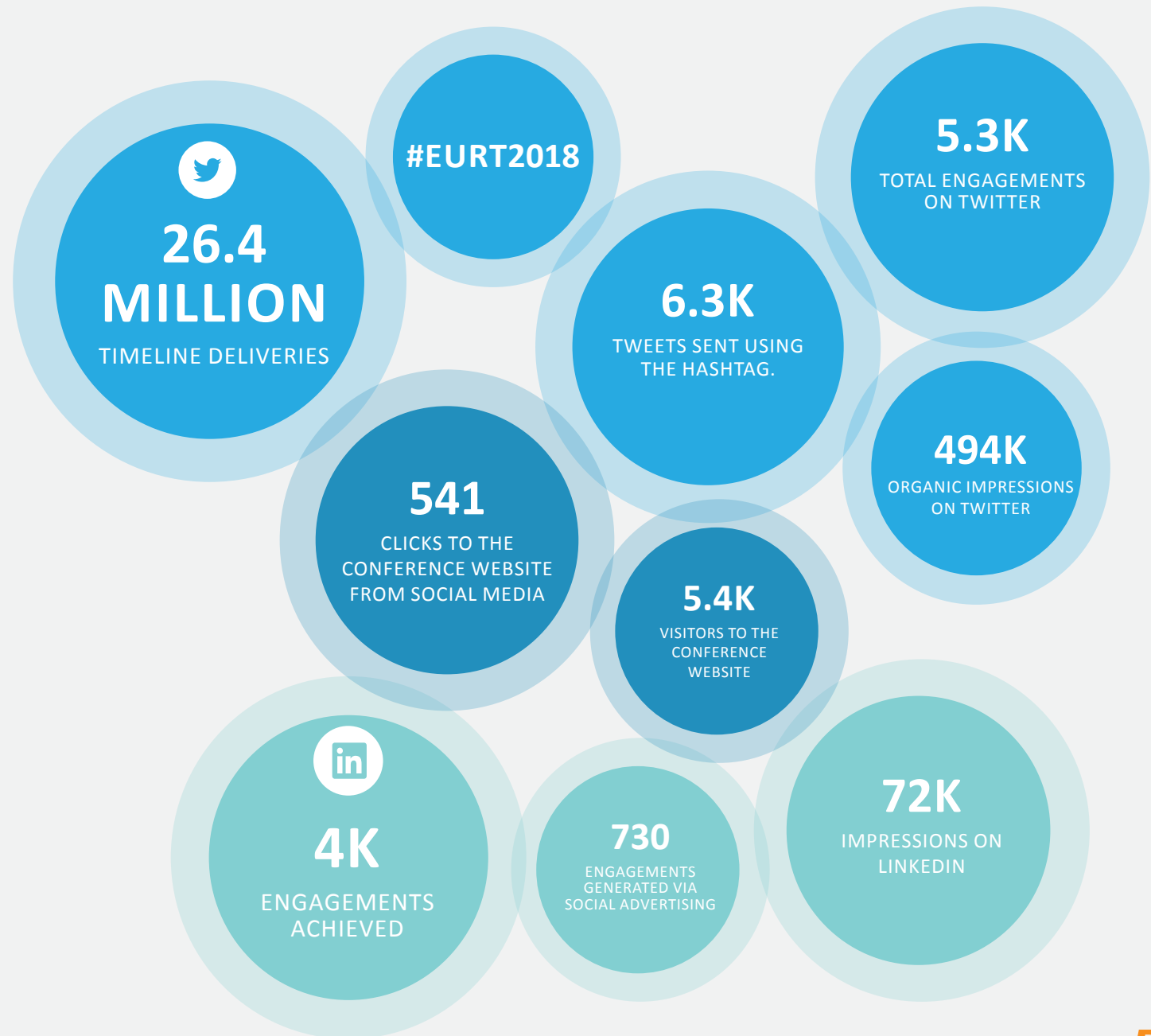
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RSPO ran a social media campaign leading up to the sixth European Roundtable, raising awareness of sustainable palm oil and opening discussions with panellists, attendees and the general public.

During the conference, the #EURT2018 hashtag achieved a total reach of over 6 million.

LINKEDIN

Over the 13-week campaign period, total engagements increased by 66% and almost 1,000 stakeholders followed RSPO on LinkedIn.



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