

Minutes of Meeting #5 Medium Grower Task Force (MGTF) Meeting

Date: 22 June 2021 (Tuesday)

Time: 08.00 PM to 8.35 PM GMT +8 (KL time)

Venue: Zoom Meeting

No	Name	Initial	Constituency	Organisation
1	Yunita Widiastuti	YW	Supply Chain	Cargill Tropical Palm
2	Franklin Jackson	FJ	Grower (Africa) Expert	Local Farm Incorporated – Non RSPO Member
3	Dr. Marcus Colchester	MC	Social NGO	FPP
4	Michael Guindon (Co-Chair)	MG	Environmental NGO	WWF Singapore
5	Ian Orrel	IO	SH Standing Committee	NBPOL
6	Hiew Koh Thien	HKT	Grower (Malaysia)	N.Y. Hiew (Holdings) Sdn Bhd
7	Dede Herland	DH	Secretariat	RSPO
8	Elikplim Dziwornu Agbitor	EL	Secretariat	RSPO
9	Alejandra Rueda	AR	Grower (Latam)	FEDE Palma
10	Julia Majail	JM	Secretariat	RSPO
11	Francisco Naranjo	FN	Secretariat	RSPO

AGENDA

No	Item
1	Opening 1.1 RSPO Antitrust Guidelines 1.2 RSPO consensus-based decision making 1.3 Acceptance of Agenda
2	Acceptance of minutes of #4 MGTF meetings
3	Discussion: Certification path for Medium Grower
4	Next Steps 4.1 SSC endorsement 4.2 Revise Group Certification Document
5	AOB

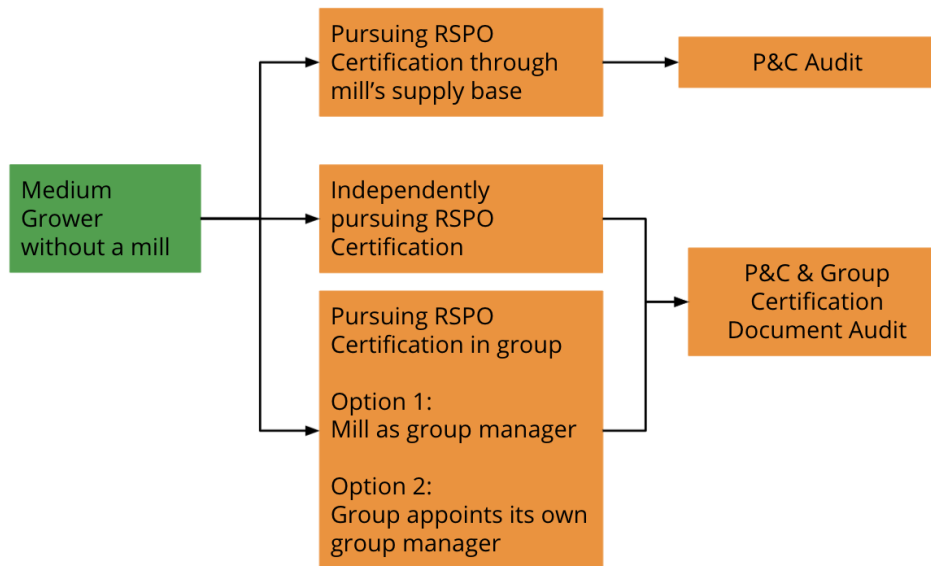
No	Description	Action Items
1.0	<p>Opening and Acceptance of previous minutes of meetings</p> <p>MG (The Chairperson) welcomed everyone and noted that the meeting achieved full quorum to proceed with decision making. Members of MGTF are reminded of the RSPO Antitrust Guideline and the practices of consensus-based decision making.</p> <p>The #4 meeting minutes is accepted with a minor comment from MG to ensure the 'MG' acronym is not interchangeably used for the purpose of naming the co chair (Michael Guindon) and medium grower.</p> <p>MG recap the agreed definition of medium grower and grower as below:</p>	<p>The Secretariat to upload accepted #4 meeting minutes onto the RSPO website.</p>

Medium growers	Medium growers are land-owners or small businesses with more than 50 ha and less than 500 ha (accumulative), who cultivate and harvest oil palms using hired labour rather than family labour. They may have diverse sources of income including multiple crops, may not reside near their oil palm plantings and may employ administrative staff. Note. National Interpretation is encouraged. The definition of medium growers is subject for review alongside P&C and RISS review	MGTF 2021
Growers	Growers are land-owners or small businesses with more than 500 ha (accumulative), who cultivate and harvest oil palms.	MGTF 2021

The key discussion for this MGTF meeting will be to discuss the potential certification path.

2.0 Discussion: Certification path for Medium Grower

JT presented a brief introduction on the existing certification paths for medium grower (refer to the chart below):



In view that the RSPO is entering into its third year of implementation of P&C (2018); and in another two more years the P&C (2018) and RISS is to be reviewed, the Secretariat is recommending to remain with current certification paths applicable for medium growers. Secretariat's recommendation also takes into consideration that any development process of a proposed (new) certification path will take at least more than a year, including the needs for public consultation.

MC inquired the rationale on requesting a medium grower pursuing P&C independently to use the group certification document, which JT and JM explained that the group certification can be used as the minimum user per group will be one member. MC then confirmed that the group certification serves as one option; and the medium grower can also proceed directly with P&C without needing to use the group certification document.

MC further inquired that for medium growers going through group certification, either through the option 1 or option 2, the final certified product is still FFB, and hence the need for a provision for people to get an OER conversion rate agreed for getting credit, which was then confirmed true by JM. MC highlights that this is to be clearly captured.

