

## Minutes for BOARD OF GOVERNORS Meeting 03-19

**Date:** 23<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Start Time:** 8.30pm-5.00pm MYT

**Venue:** Conference Call

### Attendance

#### BoG Members and Alternates

##### Substantive Members

WRI – Anne Rosenbarger  
(AR) – Co Chair  
AAK – Tim Stephenson (TS)  
AGROCARIBE – José  
Roberto Montenegro (JRM)  
P&G – Lee Kuan-Chun  
(LKC)  
RABOBANK – Geraldine Lim  
(GL)  
UNILEVER – Petronella  
Meekers (PM)  
WILMAR – Daphne  
Hameeteman (DH)

##### Alternate Members

MPOA – Lee Kuan Yee  
(LKY) \*\* representing  
Dato’ Carl Bek-Nielsen  
SIPEF – Olivier Tichit  
(OT)  
P&G – Girish  
Deshpande (GD)  
UNIVANICH – John  
Clendon (JC)  
ZSL – Michael Guindon  
(MG)  
VERITE ASIA – Daryll  
Delgado (DD) \*\*  
representing Paul  
Wolverkamp (PW)

#### Advisors

##### Absent with Apologies

MR Chandran (MRC)  
Prof. Bungaran Saragih (BS)

#### Absent with Apologies:

##### Substantive Members

MPOA Dato’ Carl Bek-  
Nielsen (CBN) – Co  
Chair  
GOLDEN AGRI  
RESOURCES – Agus  
Purnomo (AP)  
FELDA – Dato’ Dr  
Othman Bin Hj Omar  
(OO)  
BOTHENDS - Paul  
Wolvekamp (PW)  
RPOG – Belinda  
Howell (BH)  
HSBC – Ian Hay (IH)  
WWF – Elizabeth  
Clarke (EC)

##### Alternate Members

AAK – Caroline  
Westerik-Sikking  
(CWS)  
AHOLD DELHAIZE  
– Hugo Byrnes (HB)  
ASIAN AGRI – Dr.  
Mohamad Fadhil Has  
an (FH)  
FELDA – Izham  
Mustaffa (IM)  
HUTAN – Harjinder  
Kler (HK)  
HSBC – John  
Laidlow (JL)  
OLAM – Audrey Lee  
(AL)  
WILMAR – Ginny  
Ng (GN)

#### Secretariat Staff

##### In Attendance:

Bakhtiar Talhah (BT)  
Salahudin Yaacob  
(SY)

Tiur Rumondang  
(TR)  
Patrick Chia (PC)  
Dan Stretchay (DS)  
Julia Majail (JM)

##### Absent with Apologies

Datuk Darrel Webber (DW)  
Javin Tan (JT)  
Francisco Naranjo (FN)  
Cheri Woo (CW)  
Oi Soo Chin  
(OSC)

Item	Description	Focal Point			
1.0	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>1.1 RSPO Antitrust Laws There will be no discussion on any commercial aspect of the trade in palm oil on premiums, volumes, individual suppliers, individual customers, etc.</p> <p>1.2 RSPO BoG consensus based decision making The BoG was reminded that they try to reach/make decision by consensus, which is the absence of sustained objection.</p> <p>1.3 <b>New Board Member</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="245 741 1179 857"> <tr> <td data-bbox="245 741 312 857">1)</td> <td data-bbox="312 741 606 857">Girish Deshpande – Unilever</td> <td data-bbox="606 741 1179 857">Alternate member – Consumer Goods Manufacturers</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Approval of designation of alternate member of the RSPO Board of Governors</b></p> <p>Girish Deshpande has been designated as the Alternate member by Procter &amp; Gamble representing the Consumer Goods Manufacturers sector seat.</p>	1)	Girish Deshpande – Unilever	Alternate member – Consumer Goods Manufacturers	
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2.0	<p><b><u>Updates Action items</u></b></p> <p>2.1 The Secretariat will organize a workshop which relates to the new audit for both growers and CBs workshop in July 2019. It would be held in Malaysia, Indonesia and Latam America.</p> <p>2.2 LKY further suggested that the NI working group to look into the audit checklist and align it with the NI. Following that, the check list should followed &amp; used by the auditors. The same check list should also be applicable and align across other geographical location and NIs.</p>				
3.0	<p><b><u>Special endorsement of National Interpretation (NI) for Côte d'Ivoire</u></b></p> <p>3.1 The National Interpretation (NI) for Côte d'Ivoire was endorsed as acknowledgment of the work done by the Cote d'Ivoire NI working group.</p>				
3.2	<p><b><u>Terms of Reference (ToR) – Implementation of Resolution GA15 6d</u></b></p> <p>The Terms of Reference (ToR) was endorsed, with a caveat to the formation of a ‘Task Force’ aligned to the recent RSPO Governance Review restructuring, and reporting to the Assurance Standard Committee.</p>				
4.0	<p><b><u>Independent Smallholder Standards public consultation</u></b></p>				

	<p>The Independent Smallholder Standards Public consultation commenced on 4th April 2019.</p> <p>All input to be collated online &amp; workshops organised in South East Asia and Latin America.</p>	
5.0	<p><b><u>Shared Responsibility Task Force</u></b></p> <p>5.1 DH suggest that dial-in facilities be provided for the physical meeting to be held in South East Asia, to ensure full participation of SRTF members (downstream members) who are unable to attend the physical meeting.</p> <p>5.2 BT to confirm the balanced representation of the SRTF and to confirm the dial-in facility for the physical meeting in May 2019.</p>	
6.0	<p><b><u>No Deforestation - NDJSG and NDTF</u></b></p> <p>6.1 BT provided an update on both NDJSG and NDTF to the Board.</p> <p>6.2 <b>NDTF</b> There is delay in the NDTF recommendations to the Board as there are still on-going discussions. Therefore, the recommendations would be circulated to the BoG via email for endorsement.</p>	
7.0	<p><b><u>Terms of References (ToR) for Standing Committees (SCs) – Assurance, Standards, and Market Development</u></b></p> <p>7.1 The draft ToRs are expected to be finalised within 2 weeks and BoG endorsement for the ToRs will be via email circulation.</p> <p>7.2 The BoG requested that the SCs also review the functions and relevance of Working Groups, Task Forces, etc. as part of this exercise.</p>	
8.0	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>8.1 <b><u>ACOP</u></b> The BoG raised the following issues to be looked into by the Secretariat:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The new ACOP online system is found to be not user friendly.</li> <li>ii. Some important suggestions brought up by the TNT was not taken into account. Hence, making the ACOP submission complicated for refiners and traders.</li> <li>iii. The ACOP should be updated without delay after the current submission.</li> <li>iv. There is currently a 14 days validity of data keyed into the ACOP system. This issue needs to be resolved.</li> </ol>	
	Meeting adjourned at 9.00pm.	