

2nd STANDARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 10 Sept 2019

Venue: Room Tactic 5, Aloft Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Attendance

No	Members	Organisation	Constituency
<i>In attendance</i>			
1	Anne Rosenbarger – Interim Co-Chair (AR)	WRI	ENGO
2	Ian Orell (IO)	NBPOL	Smallholder/SHSC
3	Lee Kuan Yee (LKY)	MPOA	Grower (MY)
4	Audrey Lee Mei Fong (AL)	OLAM	Grower (RoW)
5	Lim Sian Choo (LSC)	Bumitama	Grower (INA)
6	Julia Majail (JM)	RSPO Secretariat	
7	Salahuddin Yaakub (SY)	RSPO Secretariat	
8	Wan Muqtadir (WM)	RSPO Secretariat	
9	Kertijah Abdul Kadir (KAK)	RSPO Secretariat	
<i>Joining online</i>			
10	Olivier Tichit – Interim Co-chair (OT)	Musim Mas	Processor
11	Faryda Lindeman (FL)	NNI	Finance Inst.
12	Paula den Hartog (PdH)	Rainforest Alliance	SNGO
13	Jenny Walther (JW)	WWF Germany	ENGO
<i>Absent with apology</i>			
14	Sato Koji (SK)	Kao Corporation	CGM

DISCUSSION

Item	Description	Action Point
1.0	Opening by Chairperson AR welcome and thank everyone who are in attendance of today's meeting.	
2.0	Updates on committee membership Michael Guindon (ZSL) is now with the SHSC. Jenny Walther is replacing Michael to represent ENGO in this SSC. Audrey Lee (OLAM) is joining SSC representing Grower RoW, replacing Ian Orell who is now will fill the SH Grower seat in SSC.	

3.0	<p>Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting, 1st SCC meeting, 19 August 2019</p> <p>Correction to be made in the minutes proposed as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Olivier is representing Processor and Trader, not under Grower category. b) Under item 2.1 – The ToR which was endorsed by BoG mentioned that one of the co-chairs will be from Grower category. Ms Lee Kuan Yee (KLK) volunteered to fill the seat as Co-Chair representing the Grower sector. c) Anne and Olivier will discuss with their stakeholder group to decide who will fill up the co-chair seat. Both Anne and Olivier will continue their role as interim co-chairs till the proper co-chairs endorsed by the BoG. d) Only the position of co-chairs will be endorsed by the BoG, whereas the overall membership composition will be decided by the Committee themselves. e) The new co-chair for SSC will be made known (for endorsement) in the next BoG meeting in Nov 2019. f) The minutes of meeting of SSC will be made available to public in RPSO website. The minutes of the SSC 1st meeting will be endorsed after correction is made on to the comments and inputs discussed today. 	
4.0	<p>Update from the recent SC Co-chairs/ Board Link Meeting</p> <p>The Chair updated the Committee that few members of the SSC has attended the <i>Co-Chairs and Board Link Member Meeting</i> held last week on 6th September 2019, in Jakarta.</p> <p>Updates from the meeting were shared as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No solid conclusion been made yet coming from the meeting. The session was more of a brainstorming to align functions and key role of the SC, in particular to align which WG/TF should be reporting to which SC. • More importantly, it must help lead to the realization of the RPSO ToC. 	
5.0	<p>National Interpretation</p> <p>The development of NI should be in line with P&C generic. The SSC mandate is to ensure that the NI follow the process and within the scope and not contradicting to the generic P&C. SSC will not discuss on content but will provide its comments on strategic context.</p>	
5.1	<p>Malaysia National Interpretation (MYNI)</p> <p>(a) Indicator 6.2.6 on Decent Living Wage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On item 6.2.2. on DLW, the MYNI proposed to refer to the minimum wage figure until a DLW benchmark for Malaysia is available. • The SSC reckoned that the use of minimum wage is not in line with the P&C 2018 spirit. The Committee also recognized that many producing countries may still do not have the DLW benchmark. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In view of this, the Committee proposed that a framework on DLW for NI be prepared as an interim measure in the absence of clear DLW benchmarks that any grower can refer to. • Any study conducted on DLW must include consultation with other agencies so as to ensure good acceptance by other stakeholder such as the government and the industry. • SSC proposed to have a clear timeline for the benchmark study to be completed, including testing period for the benchmark. The benchmark study needs to be broader (not just about Malaysia) but also other countries. • It was suggested that submission of an interim measure progresses be given for review to either HRWG or to a new TF that to be set up on DLW. • Secretariat will update the SSC on the progress of the benchmark study and the progress of discussion with the GLWC. This will help SSC to better understand on the timeline on the applicability of the interim measure used. <p>(b) Audit Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MYNI may come up with its own audit checklist. <p>(c) Metrication Template</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC view this as a separate issue and will not discuss this here. <p>(d) MPOB License</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a perception suggesting that the MPOB license as not sufficient to prove the land legality status (for Malaysia). • SSC agree that this is a country specific issue i.e. about legal document requirement, hence it is not for SSC to decide. <p>(e) Indicator 5.1.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggestion by MYNI to put “once a year” is considered to be adequate. <p>(f) Indicator 7.5.2 on “No replanting on steep slopes (above 25 degrees) unless approved by state governments. In case of replanting is permitted, no replanting in contiguous area of steep terrain (greater than 25 degrees) larger than 25 Ha within the Unit of Certification”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC reckoned that the indicator proposed (for MYNI) is more stringent than that in the generic P&C. However, it was suggested to rearrange the sentence so to make it clearer. SSC recommended MYNI-WG to revert to the term ‘no extensive replanting’ as used in the generic P&C. The existing guidance already provide details. 	
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	<p>(g) Stakeholder participation in the MYNI TF Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MYNI had assured the Secretariat that basic representation has been met. Issue raised was on the non-active participation from the alternate member. • Protocol has been followed to ensure that there is balance representation in the MYNI TF process. <p>(h) Consistencies on the words used in the MYNI draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC requested that the MYNI TF to edit the MYNI final draft document i.e. words “should” change to “shall”; “ISH Standard” to RSPo Independent Smallholder Standard or RISS” • The job to edit and ensure consistencies of the NI draft should be done by the NI TF. <p>(i) Decision by SSC on MYNI Draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC agree to approve the final draft MYNI for BoG endorsement subject to DLW proposed text/wording. <p>Action Point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Secretariat to formulate a text proposal as guidance on DLW in the absence of the GLWC benchmark. The proposal will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to use the existing DLW benchmark by GLWC on other commodities in countries where such benchmark already available, as an interim measure; ○ to state timeline to carry out the benchmark study and timeline to use the interim measure by each NI; and ○ justification on the current guidance. b) To circulate the propose text on the DLW to the members of SSC for comments, prior to inform this back to the MYNI TF. c) Secretariat to submit the MYNI draft for BoG endorsement at the next meeting scheduled on 30th Sept 2019. 	
5.2	<p>Papua New Guinea and Solomon Island National Interpretation (PNG&SI NI)</p> <p>(a) Indicator 6.2.6 on Decent Living Wage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PNG NI draft using the word ‘award system’. No specific interim measures stated like application of minimum wage is mentioned/ calculated. The ‘award system’ is calculated similar or around that of minimum wage. It is quite a complicated calculation as there is minimum wage for urban worker, and another one for rural agricultural concession. Minimum wage can be reduce based on non-cash remuneration. The rate in ‘award system’ that is being used by palm oil company in the country is higher than the minimum wage. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For consistencies purposes, SSC proposed that the explanation (on Award system) need to be captured in the PNG&SI NI document as interim measures until the industry DLW benchmark for the country is available. <p>(b) Decision by SSC on PNG&SI NI Draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSC agree to approve the final draft of the PNG&SI NI for BoG endorsement subject to text edits/revision under the DLW item. <p>Action Point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat to share revised PNGNI text to SSC members. To follow same timing as MYNI. 	
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	<p>Upcoming Document for SSC Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next NI document for review/approval by SSC are Ghana, Mexico and India. RSPO Supply Chain Standard is ready and aimed for BoG approval in November 2019. SSC agreed to have one virtual meeting if there are documents for BoG endorsement in November. 	
6.2	<p>RISS ToR for Independent HCV-HCS Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ToR draft was shared with the SSC and included in the meeting package of the SSC first meeting (dated 19th August), for approval. SSC agreed that this request does not need approval from SSC. This is at Secretariat level to decide and to proceed with it. 	

Meeting end by 7.56pm.