

ROAD TO COP26 TASKFORCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Road to COP26?

In February, the RSPO Board of Governors (BoG) endorsed a revised business plan for 2021/22 which included a proposal for RSPO to prioritise one of its seven key strategies, 'Engagement of the Supporting Sector'.

RSPO plans to launch a one-off awareness-building campaign and to position itself as a global solution-provider to governments and policy makers ahead of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) while leveraging the fact that World Economic Forum's 'Davos' event will be held in Singapore this year.

2. How long is this taskforce valid for?

This taskforce will operate for 12 months.

3. What is the taskforce objective?

The objective of the **Road to COP26 Taskforce** is to provide:

- strategic guidance and advice to the RSPO Secretariat in the development and execution of a twelve-month outreach campaign
- access to high level spokespeople and C-Suite leaders in the context of COP26, World Economic Forum/ Davos and other key events between January and December 2021.

4. How frequently will members have to meet?

The Taskforce will endeavour to meet monthly, via teleconference with frequent exchange of electronic communications.

5. What is the composition of the taskforce and its members?

The Road to COP26 Taskforce is a time bound subgroup of the Market Development Standing Committee (MDSC).

The Taskforce shall comprise of RSPO members' representatives and non-member experts with specialist knowledge and expertise in government relations, trade policy & advocacy, campaign management, and C-Suite communications.

6. How many members of the taskforce are there?

To ensure effective discussions and decision-making, the number of member representatives will be limited to nine.

7. Are non-member experts allowed to be a part of the taskforce?

The Taskforce may invite non-member experts to participate in discussions requiring specific expertise in COP26, World Economic Forum, Government Relations, 'Green' Trade Policy, and Regulatory Affairs. These invited experts may be appointed at the discretion of the Taskforce.

8. How are outcomes and decisions made in the Road to COP26 Taskforce?

All outcomes and decisions are made on a consensus basis. If consensus is not possible for any specific issue, at least 75% of the Taskforce members are required to vote in favour for the adoption of a decision.

Consensus is defined by ISO as "general agreement, characterised by the absence of sustained opposition to substantial issues by any important part of the concerned interests and by a process that involves seeking to take into account the views of all parties concerned and to reconcile any conflicting arguments".

9. How will RSPO avoid any Conflict of Interest during the Taskforce meetings?

Each member must declare any conflict of interest on any matters on the agenda and/or matters arising at the beginning or during Taskforce meetings. Should a conflict of interest exist, the member concerned must recuse themselves from the decision-making process or sensitive discussions.

Members and invited experts who have been privy to the discussions shall not use their position on the Taskforce and/or information obtained to obtain monetary gain or bid for any projects commissioned by the Taskforce directly or indirectly through organisation with whom they are associated.