

Particulars**About Your Organisation****1.1 Name of your organization**

Solidaridad

1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- Oil Palm Growers
 - Palm Oil Processors and/or Traders
 - Consumer Goods Manufacturers
 - Retailers
 - Banks and Investors
 - Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Environmental or Nature Conservation Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)
 - Affiliate Members
 - Supply Chain Associate
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1.3 Membership number

7-0007-08-000-00

1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

1.5 Membership sector

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Social and Developmental NGOs**Operational Profile****1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?**

Solidaridad is a global network organization with nine regional offices on five continents that promotes sustainable development by transforming supply and value chains, focusing on 13 internationally traded commodities, among which palm oil. Main activities undertaken are:

- 1) Producer Development: design, fund and monitor producer support activities, implemented by Solidaridad or other local, often private sector, partners;
- 2) Policy Influencing: Lobby and advocate with governments to encourage public policies that support sustainable production, trade, sourcing and consumption of key commodities. Develop and support sustainability initiatives by private sector organizations, NGO's, multi-stakeholder platforms and roundtables such as RSPO, participate in their governance and push for smallholder, worker and community benefits in standards systems;
- 3) Corporate Engagement: Encourage companies in established and emerging markets to produce and/or source sustainably;
- 4) Communication: Raise awareness with sector and policy stakeholders, as well as media and the general public, on sustainability issues and solutions in commodity production systems and value chains.

1.2 Does your organization use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

1.3 Activities undertaken to publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members during the year.

1) Website: We regularly on the progress of our palm oil programme on our website. Such communication often includes progress made with RSPO certification and the importance of the uptake of certified material. For example:

<https://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/news/solidaridad-and-rspo-launch-largest-certification-programme-in-cote-d%E2%80%99ivoire>

<https://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/news/norpalm-third-company-earns-rspo-certification-in-ghana>

2. Speaking opportunities

We regularly speak at conferences in congresses in favour of RSPO or about our participation in RSPO. This includes RSPO events such as RSPO RT 15 in Bali, but also other events such as EPOA conferences or lectures we give in universities in The Netherlands.

3) Communication Materials: We annually develop communication materials on our palm oil programme. The log of RSPO is included in this.

1.4 What percentage of your organizations overall activities focus on palm oil?

10%

1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products?

Yes

1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Brands that supported our work and/or were actively engaged in field- or value chain transformation projects include Henkel, BASF, Chanel and Aldi. This private support is often matched by governments grants. For example our Practice for Change Programme.

We received support for individual projects through RSPO Smallholder Support Fund in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Honduras. In Ghana efforts are complemented through the Sustainable West Africa Palm Programme in West Africa that is funded through a food security grant provided by the Netherlands Embassy.

Solidaridad's core staff and communications activities are funded by contributions from individuals and the Dutch Post Code Lottery.

Time-Bound Plan**2.1 Date started or expected to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces**

2009

2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO members.

2018

Actions for Next Reporting Period**3.1 Outline actions that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain**

- We will continue to promote sustainable palm oil and RSPO as an instrument during speaking opportunities
- We will continue to develop website articles and communication materials. This includes Pact for sustainable Palm Oil: <https://pactforsustainablepalmoil.com/>
- We continue to contribute to implementation of the Amsterdam Declaration Commitments to source only sustainable palm oil in Europe in 2020.
- We continue to implement various field projects, implementing RSPO or supporting RSPO in Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico and Indonesia

GHG Footprint**4.1 Are you currently reporting any GHG footprint?**

No

Please explain why

Within Solidaridad we are analysing how we can start measuring GHG footprint & compensating in a sensible way.

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**5.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:**

- Water, land, energy and carbon footprints
- Land Use Rights
- Ethical Conduct
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- Labour rights
- Stakeholder engagement
- None of the above

5.2 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided in the past year to facilitate production and consumption of RSPO certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products? What languages are these guidelines available in?

Training materials

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Challenges

1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

For us the two main challenges with respect to RSPO are 1. Credibility: It seems that sometimes RSPO member companies are still associated with practices that are not in compliance with RSPO standard. As an NGO who is supportive of RSPO, this can be very challenging as it is hard to defend you support RSPO even though despite RSPO negative practices are still ongoing. For us it is critical that RSPO sanctions those who do not abide by the rules. For this reason we are members of the Complaints Panel. 2. We need RSPO to be inclusive for smallholders. At this moment in time the costs of smallholder certification are not in balance with the rewards. For RSPO to become inclusive this needs to improve. The smallholder strategy is a good base to start action. We contributed actively to the development of that strategy and to the development of the simplified smallholder standard - that is developed under the current RSPO P & C Review Process.

2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP how has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

- Support the work of ESPO & Amsterdam Declaration group - Support set up of China Sustainable Palm Oil WG - Promote Credibility of RSPO - Promote Smallholder Inclusiveness of RSPO

3 File -Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your policies and actions on palm oil (EG: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

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