

Nomination for Board of Governors Election

16th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

6th November 2019

MEMBERSHIP SECTOR: SOCIAL NGOs

PRINCIPAL BOARD MEMBER

Name of organisation: Solidaridad
Membership number: 7-0007-08-000-00
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SUMMARY

Nominee Profile

Marieke Leegwater coordinates the global Solidaridad Palm Oil Program, that works on sustainable and inclusive palm oil value chains. Within the programme, Solidaridad supports farmers across all major palm oil producing regions to raise yields & incomes and cooperates with governments, companies and other stakeholders to create enabling environments for sustainable and inclusive palm oil production and consumption.

Marieke has been a member of the RSPO P & C Task Force in 2007, 2013 and 2018. She is currently member of the Complaints Panel and elected to be member of the Standing Committee on Smallholders and Market Development and Communications.

Before Marieke joined Solidaridad, she worked for the Dutch Product Board for Margarine, Fats and Oils (MVO), the industry association of the Dutch Oils and Fats Industry. In that role she facilitated the set up of the Dutch Task Force Sustainable Palm Oil and contributed to the various RSPO and RTRS Working Groups. Marieke holds a master degree in Public Law.

When elected Marieke plans to contribute to make RSPO more smallholder inclusive and contribute to the robustness of RSPO.

Organisation Profile

Solidaridad is an international civil society organization focussed on building sustainable agricultural value chains. Solidaridad was founded in 1976. The Solidaridad methodological framework consists of integral intervention throughout the chain of custody: producer support, local civil society consultations, business community endorsements, government lobby, market development, consumer awareness raising.

The Solidaridad network places a focus on decentralized responsibility and implementation by regional teams. This means local knowledge, experience and vision are guiding principles for defining strategies and interventions. The network's connectedness is fostered by a global vision, strategy, programming, communication and internal quality-control systems. The network secretariat in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

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ALTERNATE (to be designated by the principal nominee)

Name of Alternate: Rukaiyah Rafik (Uki)
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SUMMARY

Alternate Profile

Uki has worked for smallholders since 2001 until now. She very closely works with independent smallholder. Now, she also advises all Group Manager of ISH certified RSPO, ISPO and ISCC in FORTASBI. She works together with 33 of Manager of Group from across Indonesia, to scaling up sustainability and transform sustainability as a norm in Indonesia. Uki has good experience for support and advice ISH to implement sustainability through RSPO standard. Until now, she was supported 6 ISH group in Jambi and South Sumatera.

She also was involved in RSPO since 2007 until now. She is member of several working group in RSPO; SHWG, SHIG, SRTF, JAWG. And now she also part of Smallholders Standing Committee member.

Organisation Profile (if different from Principal)

Yayasan Setara Jambi base in Jambi province is member of RSPO since 2010. Developed at 2007, Yayasan Setara Jambi very actively promote sustainable palm oil among ISH in Jambi province. Now, Yayasan Setara Jambi have target to bring 20% ISH in Jambi to implement sustainability next 10 years. Yayasan Setara Jambi is not only focus on certification but also actively promoting sustainable livelihood among ISH and small farmer.