

# Palm Oil Collaboration Group

Quarterly Updates

April 2022





## SUMMARY FOR Q1 2022

New section of the POCG website available:

- [IRF AWG Participants' portal](#)
- [PPBC Participants' portal](#)
- [SIWG Participants' portal](#)
- [IVWG Participant's portal](#)

The portals are accessible for the working group participants and collect all relevant documents from past meetings.

- Working groups revising workplans and resetting priorities
- Continuous alignment between working groups and sector initiatives



## IRF AWG

### IRF ACTIVE WORKING GROUP (IRF AWG)

## HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

- Updated version of the NDP template published on the [website \(5.8\)](#). Spanish translation coming up next
- Social IRF explanatory session for stakeholders took place in March
- Updated questions and allocation criteria on the social IRF shared with the AWG
- [New section](#) added to the IRF website – updated version of the IRF intro slides and FAQs

## PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q2

- Social IRF pilot and discussions
- POCG in person workshop – links with SIWG and discussions on mill engagement
- Discussing maintenance and next steps for the Universal Crusher List (UCL) which the PKO subgroup has started developing
- Start organizing training for CBs on the use of IRF data verification protocol

### Links to other WGs:

- Continue engagement on the social IRF with the SIWG
- IVWG discussions

- PPBC actions on the ground – links to action guidance under IRF



PPBC

PRODUCTION AND PROTECTION BEYOND  
CONCESSIONS WORKING GROUP (PPBC)

## HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

- WG consultation on *Minimum Required Actions* on good practice for smallholder inclusion and pathways to support smallholders towards being D-Free
- Collaborative action on the ground:
  - **Indonesia:**
    - *Potential to support government in establishing sustainable landscape (Kutai Timur)*
  - **Malaysia:**
    - *Support the setting up of an insurance scheme for SH livelihoods*
    - *Profiling potential initiatives/projects in 2 key landscapes*

## PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q2

- Finalisation of the *Minimum Required Actions*
- Development of *example roadmap(s)* with some PPBC members companies applying the minimum required actions to support smallholders towards being D-Free

Aligning with the ongoing work with IVWG for **Monitoring/reporting framework** and linking to the IRF WG

## Q1 HIGHLIGHTS

- Shared results of **Zero Recruitment Fees supplier survey** + identified opportunities
- Workshop on **prioritization of suppliers using HRDD maturity and HR risk info**. (Verité and Nestle presented)
- Engaged with CGF/FLA/IOM to share **CGF HRC project** (People Positive Palm) with SIWG companies. Developed initiatives comparison in consultation with EF, Verité, IRF, CGF.
- **Review of SIWG** with company conveners & coordinators – successes, challenges and next steps.

## PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q2

- In person meeting of SIWG with focus on HRDD: *toward alignment tools and KPIs*
- In person meeting of Responsible Recruitment in Malaysia subgroup: *defining the process to agree on Zero Recruitment fee interpretation*
- Making stronger links with Social IRF

### Links to the other WGs:

- **IRF:** the social IRF as an important tool for companies to implement their own HRDD actions
- **IV WG:** HRDD requires monitoring to understand the *impact* of actions.

## HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

### Deforestation subgroup:

- Produced V1.1 of Verification Guidance
- Identified two priority areas for focus and organised learning sessions:
  - 1) Verification of land unit status with respect to deforestation:** Learning session with upstream companies (Musim Mas, Sime Darby and GAR)
  - 2) Verification of deforestation monitoring and monitoring providers:** Learning session on verification audits of monitoring service providers with Nestle and Earthworm/Starling

### Land Rights subgroup:

- Agreed to prioritise guidance for verification of compliance in absence of grievance, while also clarifying how companies manage grievances not accepted by suppliers

### Labour Rights subgroup:

- Started planning for pilot testing of tools for prioritisation of IV in terms of respect for labour rights

## PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q2

### Deforestation subgroup:

- Develop specific guidance for the two priority areas, incorporating outcomes from the learning sessions to produce V1.2 of Verification Guidance

### Land Rights subgroup:

- Develop first draft of common guidance on desk-based verification and on how and when field verification is required (including sampling approaches for fieldwork)
- Plan pilot test of common guidance/tools for prioritisation of IV in terms of respect for land rights

### Labour Rights subgroup:

- Pilot test the tools for prioritisation of IV
- Develop first draft of common guidance

Linkages with IRF AWG to align confidence indicators and verification points with mill allocation criteria in NDP template and updated questions and allocation criteria on the social IRF

## HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

- Planning for two knowledge exchange workshops in Q2, used to define the scope of Smallholders and Human rights working groups
- Agreeing activities for the year with LatAm chapter co-conveners

## PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q2

- Two workshops in early quarter two:
  - Knowledge exchange on Human rights
  - Knowledge exchange on Smallholders
- Two workshops towards the end of quarter two and beginning of quarter three:
  - Define goals and action plan: Human rights
  - Define goals and action plan: Smallholders

### Links to the other WGs:

- [Links to the SIWG – progress under the HRDD sub-working group to be shared in the knowledge exchange session](#)



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### Dates for your diary

21st – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 – POCG in person workshop in Kuala Lumpur (Focus on social issues)

21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – LatAm knowledge exchange session on Human rights

### News from CGF

- The CGF Forest Positive Coalition published the Monitoring and response framework document:  
<https://www.theconsumergoodsforum.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-CGF-FPC-Palm-Oil-MRF.pdf>





POCG governance update:

- POCG Consultation group (8 companies across the supply chain represented) has now met twice and discussed topics of importance, including priorities for the year, planning for physical workshop on the POCG