

Palm Oil Collaboration Group

Quarterly Updates

July 2022





SUMMARY FOR Q2 2022



Palm Oil Collaboration Group Meeting
22nd – 23rd June 2022

SESSION	TIMING	LOCATION
Day 1 (22nd June 2022)		
Arrival	9.00 - 9.15	
Introduction	9.15 - 10.00	Connexion conference and event centre (Zenith junior Ballroom)
Social IRF session 1: Introduction and next steps	10.00 - 13.00	
Lunch	13.00-14.00	
Social IRF session 2: Third party supply focus	14.00 - 17.30	The Farm Foodcraft (Unit G-01 & G-02, Level Ground, The Sphere)
Dinner	19.00 - 22.00	
Day 2 (23rd June 2022)		
Discussion session 1: Actions for supporting progress (Deforestation and Peat IRF)	10.00 - 13.00	Connexion conference and event centre (Grand)
Lunch	13.00 - 14.00	
Satellite monitoring discussion: D and P IRF templates pre-population	14.00 - 14.45	
Discussion session 2: Roadmap for social issues, a collective road forward	15.00 - 17.30	

Next in-person meeting for POCG: 1st – 2nd December 2022 (tbc)

You can find full summary of outcomes from the meetings [here](#).



IRF AWG

IRF ACTIVE
WORKING GROUP (IRF AWG)

HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

- Pilot of the social IRF – land and labour rights
- IRF AWG call in June – focusing on cross-sharing of profiles and next steps based on the conversations in the POCG meetings
- Release of the IRF promotional video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piusN5Nn7A>



PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q3

- Develop concept for 3rd party suppliers as part of next steps for the social IRF
- Capacity building for CBs on the use of the IRF data verification protocol for D and P
- Refinery list to track the produced IRF profiles
- Hold conversations with satellite monitoring service providers on possibilities for pre-populating IRF template

Links to the other WGs: Social Issues Working Group (SIWG) – alignment with approach in HRDD subgroup for Social IRF



PPBC

PRODUCTION AND PROTECTION BEYOND
CONCESSIONS WORKING GROUP (PPBC)

HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

- First draft of **Example roadmap for smallholder inclusion & D-Free production** presented to *WG for consultation*

Collaborative action on the ground:

- **Indonesia:**
 - Concept Note development between GIZ, PF and (potentially LTKL) for SECO upcoming proposal request on sustainable jurisdictions in Kutai Timur
- **Malaysia:**
 - In Sabah, Seratu Aatai (supported by Proforest) organised a national level workshop on **Creating an Insurance Scheme to Support Best Management Practices for the Environment and Livelihoods in the Oil Palm Landscape** in KL on 31 March 2022

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q3

- **WG consultation** on good practice for Risk-based approaches
- WG to agree on:
 - *Appropriate risk-based traceability & engagement for ISH, including traceability definitions*
 - *Clarifying company roles and support needed across SC for actions to support smallholders towards being D-Free*

Links to the other WGs:

- **Aligning** with the ongoing work with IVWG for **Monitoring/reporting framework** and linking the PPBC min req actions to the IRF WG for 3rd party supply social issues' concept

Q2 HIGHLIGHTS

- **First in-person meetings** for the Responsible Recruitment & HRDD in Management Systems sub-groups on the side of POCG meeting in Kuala Lumpur
- **HRDD in Management Systems sub-group:**
 - Agreed to focus on refinery-level tools to assess refinery's HRDD systems
 - Purpose: Align asks to avoid duplication

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q3

- **HRDD in Management Systems sub-group:**
 1. Survey about tools used to assess refineries HRDD systems (August)
 2. Compare the existing tools used by companies to assess the HRDD systems of refineries (September-November)
 3. Report on results of comparison and discuss how to use the results (November)

Links to the other WGs:

- Engagement with the IRF AWG on the use of tools for HRDD in management systems

C: SIWG - Responsible Recruitment in Malaysia

Key takeaway: Need for broader engagement & advocacy with govt & industry entities

Opportunities: Leverage on MY Voice and CGF Human Rights Coalition (with FLA & IOM) projects on forced labour in Malaysia

Suggestions for moving forward (listed in order of no. of votes received)

1. Engage with Malaysian Palm Oil Assoc. (MPOA) on MPOA's charter on responsible recruitment

Wants to be involved: AAK, Cargill, Earthworm Foundation (EF), Fuji Oil, IOI, ISF, KLK, Mars, Mewah, Verité, Wilmar

2. Develop a standardised checklist for reporting on zero fee implementation

Wants to be involved: Cargill, Control Union, EF, Fuji Oil, IOI, Mars, Verité, Wilmar

3. Improve transparency – database of aggregated data on fees at recruitment corridor level

Wants to be involved: Cargill, Control Union, EF, Fuji Oil, Mars, Verité, Wilmar

4. [future] Expand use of S-IRF to report on mgmt. systems for responsible recruitment

Wants to be involved: Cargill, Control Union, Fuji Oil, IOI, KLK, Mars, Verité, Wilmar

5. Explore opportunity to pilot tools for providing information to migrant workers e.g. 'safe steps', 'Just Good Work' apps

Wants to be involved: Cargill, Control Union, EF, IOI, Verité, Wilmar

D: SIWG workstream on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC)

2022 focus: Webinar series on addressing IPLC/land rights grievances or issues

Objective:

- Share resources & tools
- Identify areas for collaboration (e.g. in landscape initiatives)
- Discuss how companies can report on progress and compliance (through grievance tracking and the land rights IRF)

Webinar topics

1. Addressing Indigenous Peoples & local community + land rights grievances at mill/grower level
2. Land/community rights grievance resolution in Indonesia – Unilever study
3. Community Based Monitoring to track and verify progress

11 companies expressed interest in learning more on the topic and joining webinars companies want to be kept up to date

HIGHLIGHT ACTION ITEMS FOR THE QUARTER

Deforestation subgroup:

- Held two learning sessions on priority sections of guidance:
 - 1) Verification of land unit status with respect to deforestation:** Learning session with upstream companies (Musim Mas, Sime Darby and GAR) to learn about existing processes and systems used by upstream companies to establish and report on the status of concessions and plantations from which FFB enters their supply chain
 - 2) Verification of deforestation monitoring and monitoring providers:** Learning session with Nestle and Earthworm/Starling on verification audits of monitoring service providers

Land Rights subgroup:

- Convening a smaller subgroup to look at the type of claims that could be made around respect for lands rights to inform the approach to assurance.
- This will feed into guidance for field verification, building on an initial draft prepared.

Labour Rights subgroup:

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

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR Q3

Deforestation subgroup:

- Develop specific guidance for the two priority areas, incorporating outcomes from the learning sessions

Land Rights subgroup:

- Develop first draft of common guidance on desk-based verification and continue to develop guidance on how and when field verification is required
- 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

Links to the other WGs: 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



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Dates for your diary

- IRF AWG call – 9th August
- POCG workshop – 1st – 2nd December, SEA (tbc)
- Upcoming sessions for POCG LatAm chapter

News from CGF

- Second round of reporting on the Palm Oil Roadmap KPIs (Annual Report will come out in September)



Co-convened by:

