

Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue

MANIFESTO



As a result of the 4th Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue, held on 20 October 2022, the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO), the European Palm Oil Alliance (EPOA) and IDH as convening parties, launch this Manifesto and hereby declare the following:

To ensure a healthy planet and provide sustainable global socio-economic development for future generations, action to strengthen the responsible production and consumption of palm oil is urgently needed. This requires collaboration between all stakeholders, including Governments, private sector as well as NGOs, at national, regional and international level. All actors must take their responsibility.

Though European companies have led the way in making Europe a leading region for sustainable palm oil sourcing, gaps remain in the uptake of certified oil palm products and consumers are unaware of its positive impacts. This hinders full market acceptance of sustainable palm oil.

This Manifesto therefore asks Consumers Good Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Retailers to undertake or strengthen the following actions:

1. TO SOURCE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (CSPO) FOR ALL FOOD, FEED AND OLEOCHEMICAL PRODUCTS CONTAINING PALM OIL OR PALM OIL DERIVATIVE INGREDIENTS. TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFORTS OF MOVING FROM A VIRTUAL SUPPLY CHAIN (E.G. WHEN THEY ARE BUYING RSPO CREDITS) TO PHYSICAL SOURCING OF CSPO.
2. TO STRENGTHEN THE ENGAGEMENT IN LANDSCAPE/ JURISDICTIONAL APPROACH TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNANCE OF CSPO AND SCALE UP THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF LOCAL INITIATIVES.
3. TO INTEGRATE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION FROM SMALLHOLDERS AT ANY STAGE OF THE PALM OIL SUPPLY CHAIN.
4. TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL, IN ORDER TO INCREASE AWARENESS AMONGST CONSUMERS AND STIMULATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL BY EXPLAINING THE NEED FOR AND BENEFITS OF CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION.

All other parties of the supply chain that support the actions mentioned above and that recognise the opportunity given by strengthening the collaboration are welcome to commit to endorse this Manifesto and work closely with RSPO, EPOA and IDH to achieve them.