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# Welcome to the Sustainable Palm Oil Dialogue 2026

*Resilience in Palm Oil  
Thriving in a Turbulent World*

Chester Zoo, United Kingdom  
9 June 2026

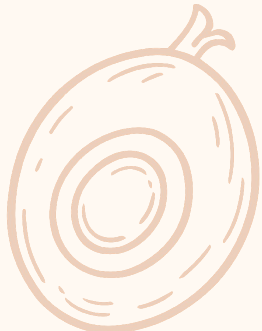


Opening Remarks

# Ruben Brunsveld

Facilitator SPOD 2026  
Plenary Sessions





Time	Climate	Nature	People
08:30	☰ Delegate Arrival, Registration & Welcome Refreshments — Reception Area & Joinery		
09:00	Opening: Welcome Welcome & Opening 📍 Atrium, The Square		
09:05	Keynote Speaker		
09:35	Plenary Session I : Defining Resilience 📍 Atrium, The Square		
10:15 –11:15*	<b>Breakout I — Climate</b> Low Carbon Palm Oil: How to Decarbonise at Mills and in Smallholder Farms 📍 Garden Room, The Oakfield	<b>Breakout I — Nature</b> Measuring Impact & Nature Engagement as Downstream Responsibility 📍 Atrium, The Square	<b>Breakout I — People</b> Driving Systemic Change on Human Rights in Palm Oil Supply Chains Through Scale and Collaboration 📍 Smithy & Tack, The Square
11:15	☰ Mid-Morning Refreshments — Reception Area & Joinery		
11:40–12:40*	<b>Breakout II — Climate</b> Linking Landscape Initiatives to GHG Reporting Frameworks 📍 Smithy & Tack, The Square	<b>Breakout II — Nature</b> Landscape Action on Nature for Resilience: Progress and Gaps in Palm Oil 📍 Garden Room, The Oakfield	<b>Breakout II — People</b> From Boycotts to Buy-In: How to Transform Consumer Perceptions on Palm Oil 📍 Atrium, The Square
12:40	🍽️ Lunch — Finger Buffet, Reception Area & Joinery		
13:40	Plenary Session 2: Beyond EUDR: From Legal Compliance to Real-World Change 📍 Atrium, The Square		
14:20–15:20*	<b>Breakout III — Climate</b> Closing the Loop on Climate Responsibility 📍 Smithy & Tack, The Square	<b>Breakout III — Nature</b> Beyond 2025 DCF Commitments: Transitioning to Resilient Palm Oil Supply Chains (please note 80 min ending at 15.40 with coffee in the room) 📍 Atrium, The Square	<b>Breakout III — People</b> The Emerging Business Case for Smallholder Inclusion in Deforestation-Free Markets 📍 Garden Room, The Oakfield
15:20	☰ Afternoon Refreshments — Reception Area & Joinery		
15:40	Plenary Session 3: The Road to 2030: Scaling Impact in Sustainable Palm Oil 📍 Atrium, The Square		
16:20	Closing Remarks & Event Close   Delegates depart via Private Events Entrance		





Keynote Speaker

# Mark Stevenson

Director of Strategy and Special  
Projects for Oath,  
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**Link to**  
**presentation**



# Plenary Session 1

## Defining Resilience



**Matt Nowak,**  
Director of Sustainability  
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**Gary Lewis**  
President, National Edible Oils  
Distributors Association



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Global Procurement Director,  
Sustainability & Surfactants,  
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# Please make your way to the 1st Break out Session of your choice (10.15 - 11.15)


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 *Smithy & Tack, The Square*

**Breakout I - Zoo Discovery Walk**



## Breakout Session 1: Nature

### Measuring the Unmeasurable



Moderator

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Sustainable Sourcing  
Manager, Coop UK



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Supply, Haleon



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Sustainability Manager  
Faith in Nature



# FAITH<sup>®</sup> —IN— NATURE

Laura Ford  
Sustainability Director

**IT  
ALL  
STARTED  
WITH AN  
AVOCADO  
SEED**

Our founder, Rivka, grew up in NYC. Not best known for its wide, open, green spaces! But from an early age, she had a fascination with growing avocado seeds from her local grocery store.

One thing led to another. Rivka moved to Scotland. The harsh climate inspired her to create her own skincare, pawning her jewellery to buy her first ingredients and gathering seaweed from the beach to make shampoo. That's how, in 1974, she started Faith In Nature.

And here we are today. Just goes to show what even the smallest connection to nature can inspire.

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DOG

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# SUSTAINABILITY FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR LEAVES

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Scope 1 and 2  
emissions through  
World Land Trust's  
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programme.

Pioneer sponsors  
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Fund.

Unavoidable  
emissions in  
Scope 1 and 2 have  
fallen 80% since  
baseline year  
2021.

47% year on year  
reduction in energy  
required for our  
manufacturing +  
plans to take this  
further.

100% renewable  
energy used in  
offices and  
manufacturing  
facilities.

Business focus on  
plastic reducing,  
zero waste and  
recyclable options  
are driving product  
innovation (exciting  
news on this soon!)

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# NATURE IS THE BOSS

Rivka might have started the company,  
but nature's always been in charge.  
She put her Faith In Nature so that you can  
put your faith in the products she created.



Rivka Rose  
Founder



Nature  
The Boss

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**COMPANIES  
HAVE A HUGE  
IMPACT ON THE  
NATURAL WORLD,  
BUT RARELY DOES  
NATURE GET A SAY  
ON HOW THEY'RE RUN.  
THIS KIND OF THINKING  
HAS LED US TO THE BRINK  
OF ECOLOGICAL COLLAPSE,  
AND IT NEEDS TO CHANGE.**

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WHAT IF NATURE  
REALLY WAS  
THE BOSS?

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**WE'RE THE FIRST**  
COMPANY IN THE WORLD  
**TO GIVE NATURE**  
**A VOICE & A VOTE**

But we don't want to be the last.

**MAKING NATURE A DIRECTOR IS A  
NEW WAY OF DOING BUSINESS.  
IT'S ABOUT CHANGING THE WAY  
WE THINK ABOUT NATURE - NO  
LONGER TREATING IT AS JUST A  
RESOURCE, BUT AS CENTRAL TO  
OUR DECISION  
MAKING PROCESS.**



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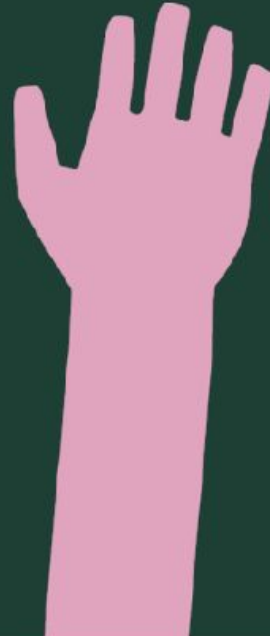
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MODEL**



**INDEPENDENCE &  
ACCOUNTABILITY**



**PURPOSE  
CLAUSE**



**NATURE HAS AN  
EQUAL VOTE**





BRONTIE ANSELL  
FOUNDER & MANAGING  
DIRECTOR  
LAWYERS FOR NATURE



DR. JULIET ROSE  
HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT  
EDEN PROJECT

# SOURCING IMPLICATIONS

Policy to source locally where possible – and use as much recycled material as possible.

Where virgin resources are required, we try to source carefully from suppliers making progress in regenerative sourcing practices.

- All palm derivatives are purchased from RSPO certified suppliers
- As much plastic as possible is made from 100% recycled material
- All aluminium made from 100% recycled material
- All card is made from 100% recycled material
- Shea butter sourced from a women's co-operative in Ghana
- Orange oil from waste orange peel
- Tea tree oil from a supplier who is repairing Koala corridors where they source.

# PRODUCT INNOVATION

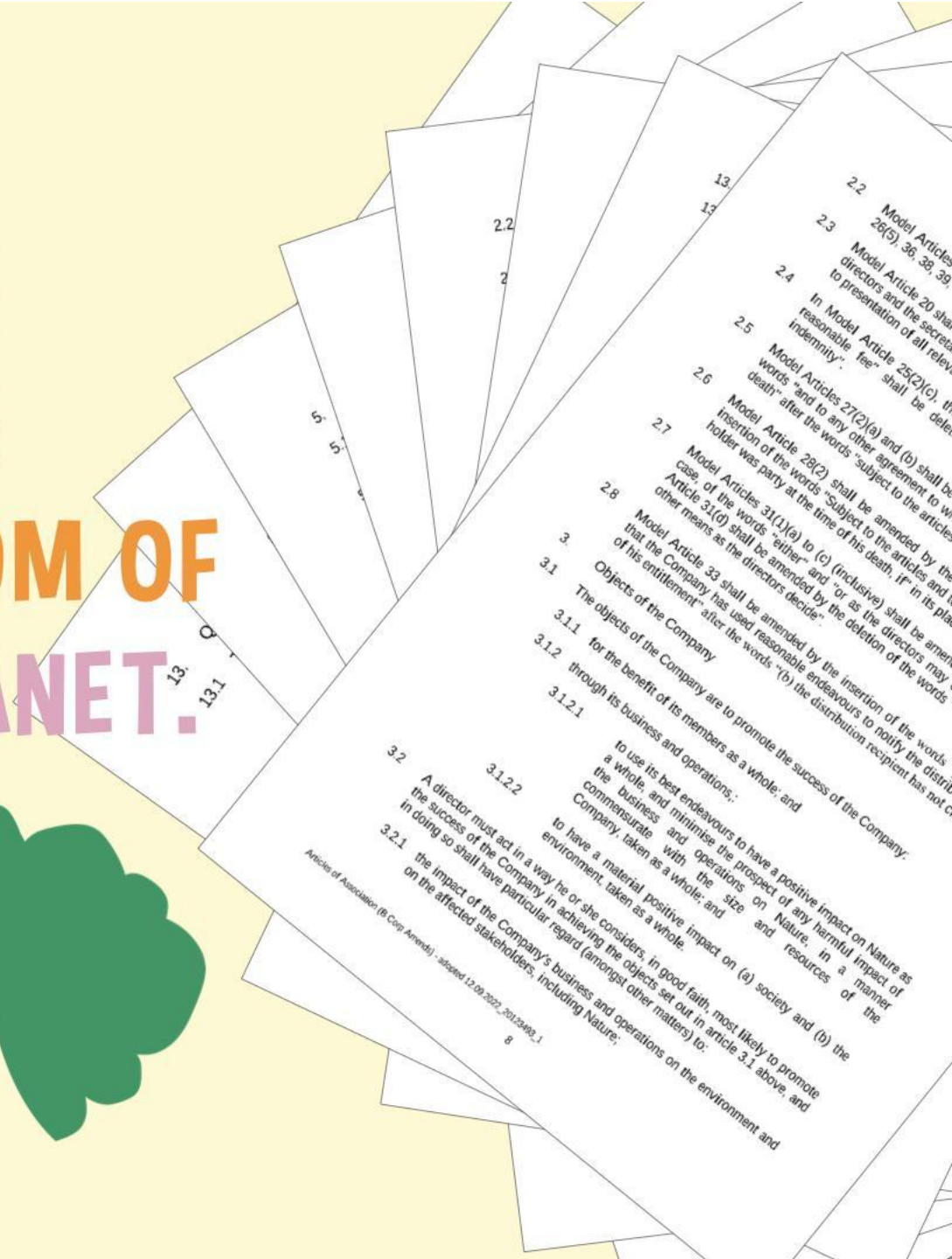


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- YES VEGAN & CRUELTY FREE
- YES 99% BIODEGRADABLE INGREDIENTS
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- NO PARABENS
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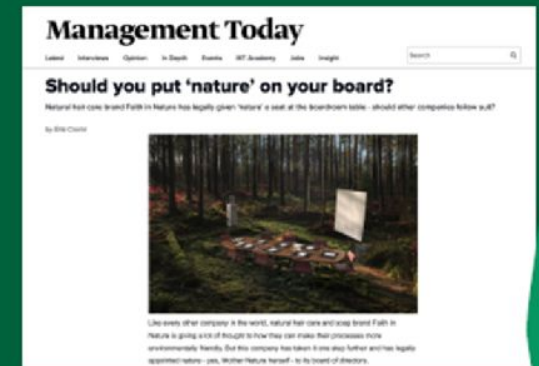
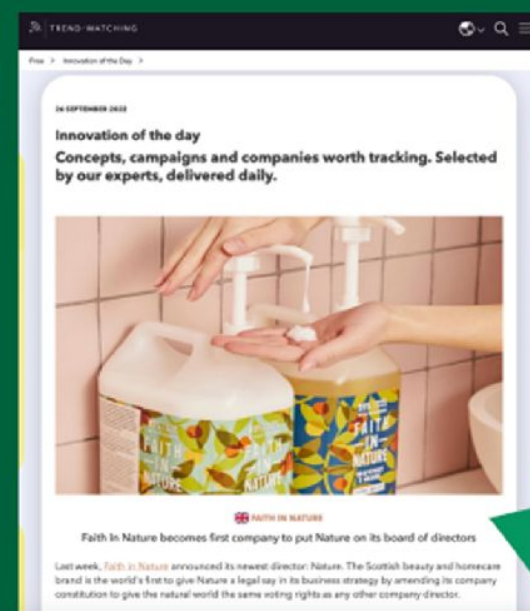
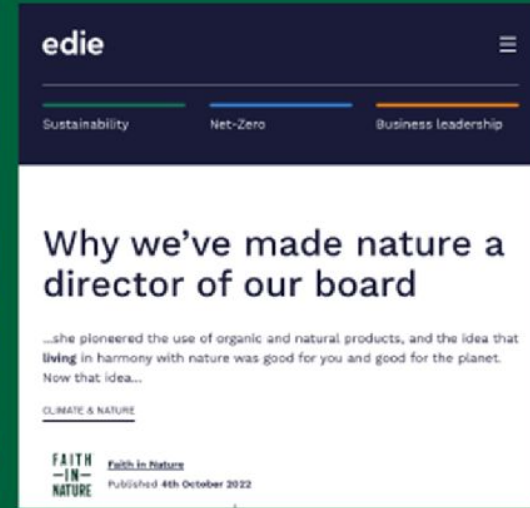


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WHERE THERE'S A VOICE FOR  
NATURE IN EVERY BOARDROOM OF  
EVERY BUSINESS ON THE PLANET.**

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# NATURE ON THE BOARD HAS REACHED BILLIONS!



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A multitude of public speaking engagements

Feature in upcoming Netflix Documentary and BBC.com article

Mention in political podcast ranking in the top 5 on Apple's charts.



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THANK YOU!

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# Haleon and nature - SPOD, 9 June , 2026

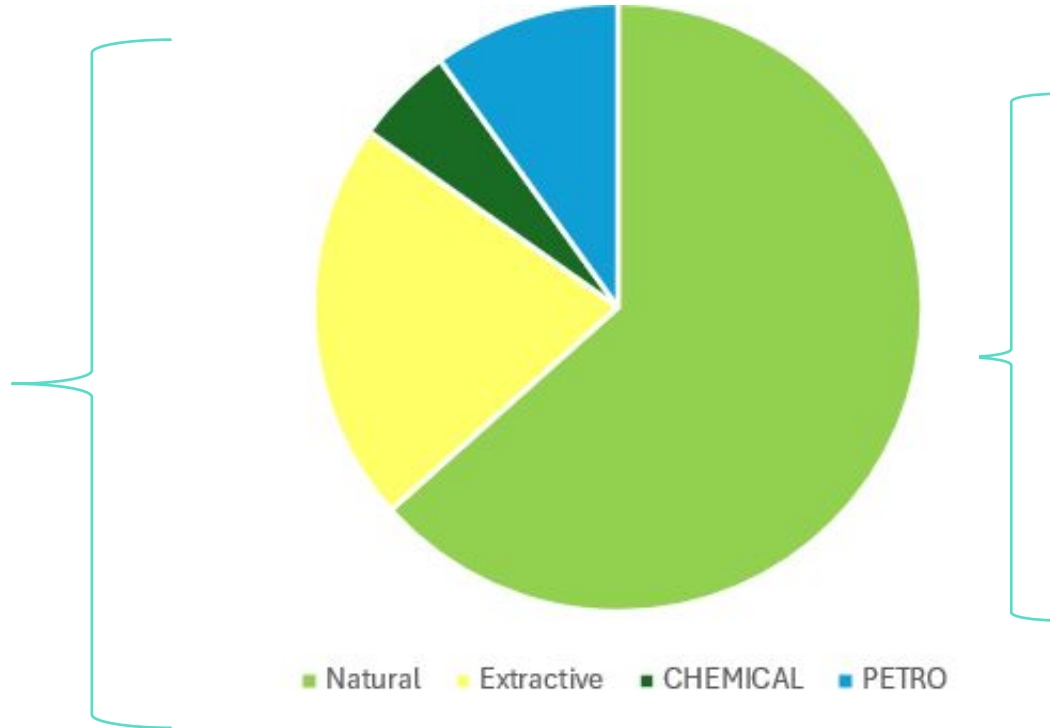


# HALEON



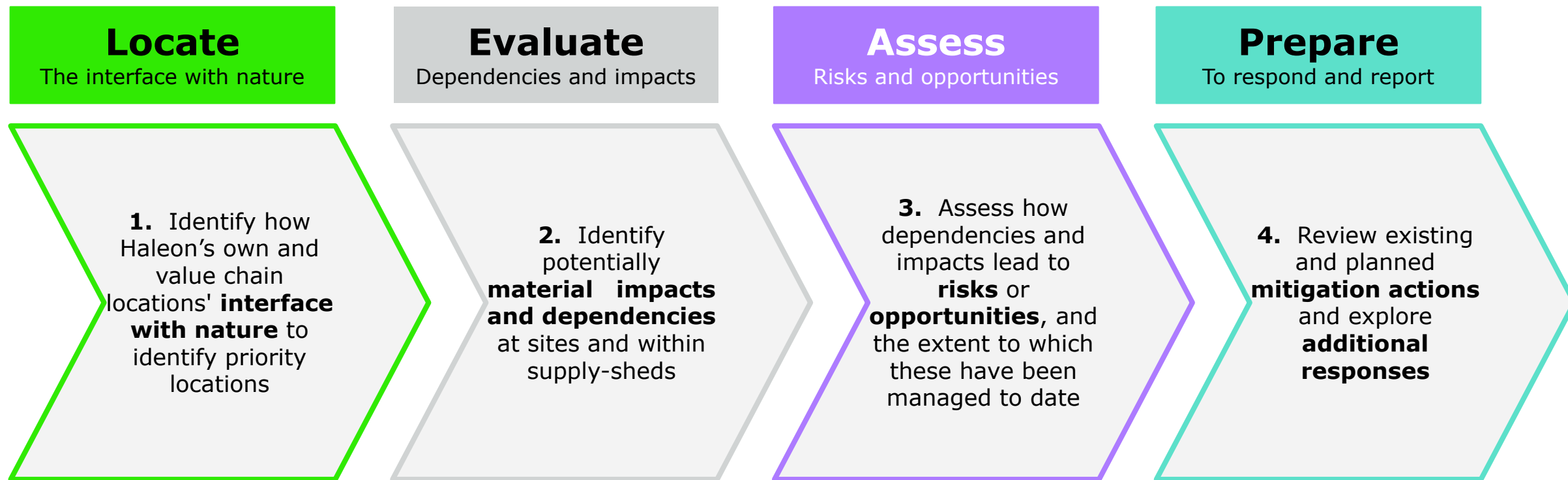
# Haleon is dependant upon Nature

Example: Materials in Sensodyne

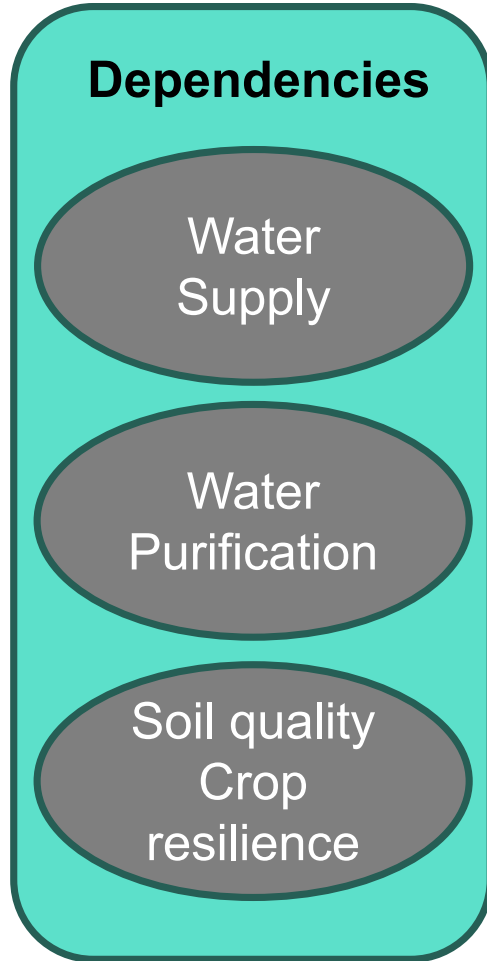


<b>Forest, Land and Agricultural (FLAG) Materials, and water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FLAG and water materials account for <b>57%</b> of the total weight of a Sensodyne SKU</li> <li>• Key material supply chains include corn, wheat, palm oil, timber and mint</li> </ul>
<b>Extractives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many other key materials such as silica and aluminium come from <b>mined</b> sources</li> <li>• Mining has significant impacts on nature</li> </ul>
<b>Product Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efforts to tackle Petro-chemical plastics in our packaging will drive an increase reliance on Nature e.g. <b>bio-plastics</b> made from sugar and palm oil</li> </ul>

# We applied TNFD's LEAP approach to assess potentially material nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities (DIROs)

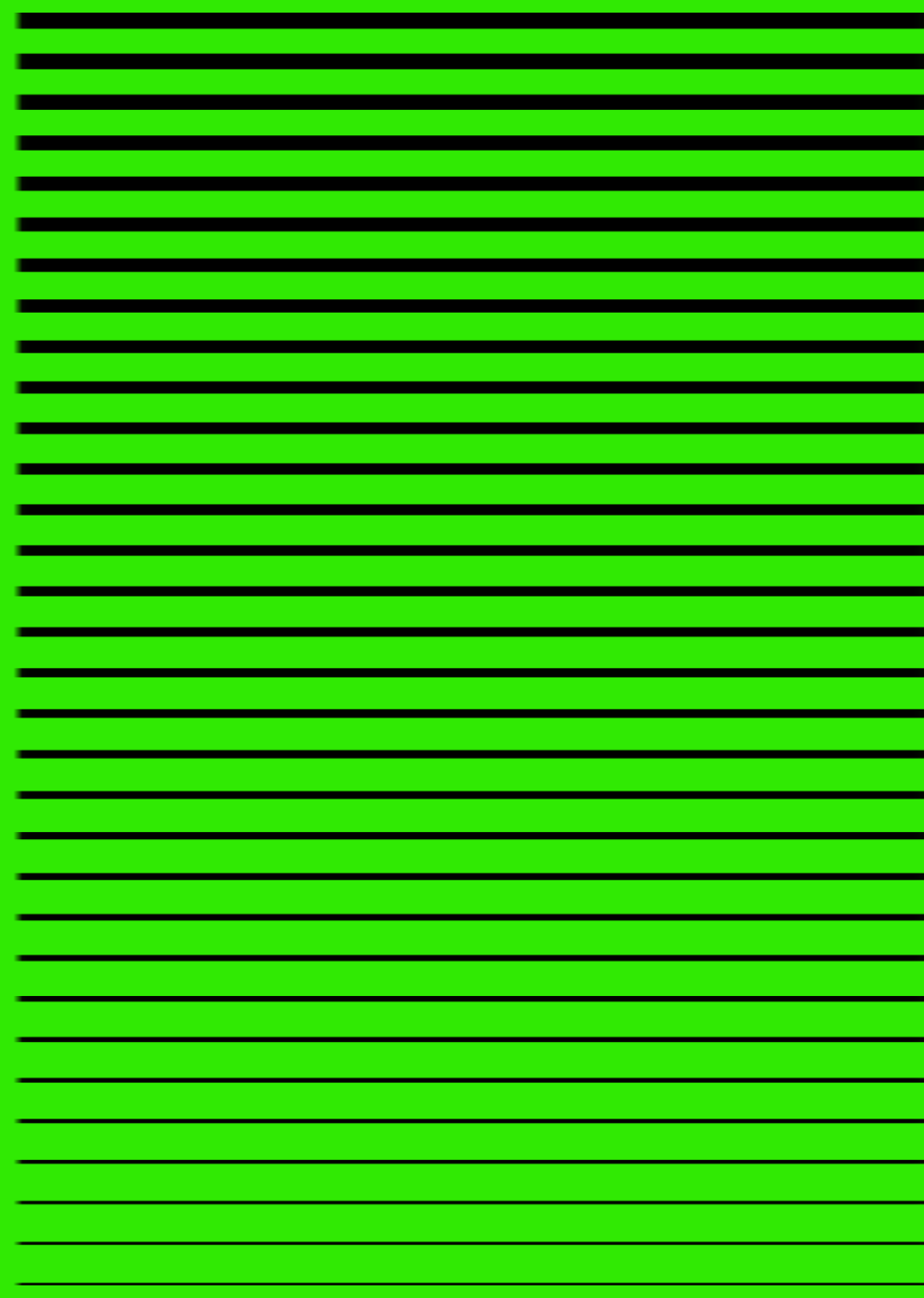


# Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities (DIROs)



Impact driver		Risks
Water pollution		Tighter regulation of production activities
		Introduction of more stringent policies to tackle the downstream consumer use
		Water pollutant releases across the value chain
		Reduction in the quality of water
Land use change		Introduction of more stringent land use or deforestation policies
		Shift in consumer preferences
		Restricted supply of required crops
Water use		Reduction in the availability of freshwater, which is critical to the entire value chain
All		Consumer preferences trending towards products which can credibly demonstrate their environmental sustainability

# Thank you !



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**Coffee Break**  
**11.15 - 11.40**



# Please make your way to the **2nd** **Break out Session of your choice** **(12.10 - 13.00)**


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**Breakout II - Zoo Discovery Walk**



## Breakout Session 2: People

From Boycotts to Buy-In



Moderator

**Barnaby Patchett**

Managing Director One Nine  
Nine Agency



**Catherine Barton**

World Association of Zoos  
and Aquariums



**Charlie Clayton**

Director Communications  
& Corporate Affairs,  
Ferrero



**Emma Heathcote-James**

Founder/CEO  
Little Soap Company



# Lunch Break

## 13.00 - 14.00



## Plenary Session 2

### Beyond EUDR: From Legal Compliance to Real-World Change



**Rose McCulloch**  
Sr. Consultant,  
EFECA



**Katie Caudle**  
Sustainable Supply Chains Adviser,  
UK International Forest Unit



**Matthew Coulson**  
CEO,  
MP Evans




**Lesley Vera Gonzalez**  
Solidaridad Peru

# Please make your way to the 3d Break out Session of your choice (14.20 - 15.20 (Nature 15.40))


## Breakout III — Climate

Closing the Loop on Climate Responsibility

 *Smithy & Tack, The Square*


## Breakout III — Nature

Beyond 2025 DCF Commitments: Transitioning to Resilient Palm Oil Supply Chains (please note 80 min ending at 15.40 with coffee in the room)

 *Atrium, The Square*

## Breakout III — People

The Emerging Business Case for Smallholder Inclusion in Deforestation-Free Markets

 *Garden Room, The Oakfield*

**Breakout III - Zoo Discovery Walk**



## Breakout Session 3: Nature

Beyond 2025 DCF commitments:

Transitioning to resilient palm oil supply chains



Moderator

**Patricia Arenas Gonzales**  
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# Session objectives

- 1. Explore practical solutions for private sector to accelerate transition to Nature-Positive, resilient palm landscapes**
- 2. Discuss the guidance, mechanisms, and collaboration needed to drive sector transition while supporting credible DCF reporting**



# Agenda

- 1. Welcome & Framing**
- 2. Delivering responsible supply chains & positive impact**
- 3. Building the business case for private sector**
- 4. Breakout 1 & 2**
- 5. Plenary Discussion**



# Framing

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# Companies have made progress on DCF commitments, yet deforestation remains high

**Global Deforestation remains high:** Deforestation is slowing over the long term, but the world is still losing forests at roughly 11 million hectares per year.

**Agriculture as Primary Driver:** Agricultural expansion causes 86–90% of deforestation, driven by demand and land pressures.

**Limitations of Current Supply-Chain Actions:** Current supply-chain interventions cover only a fraction, leaving major deforestation risks unaddressed.

**Need for Locally-led Solutions:** Long-lasting solutions require bottom-up approaches that prioritise farmer trust, inclusion and targeted support



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Problem statement

# Bending the Forest Transition Curve

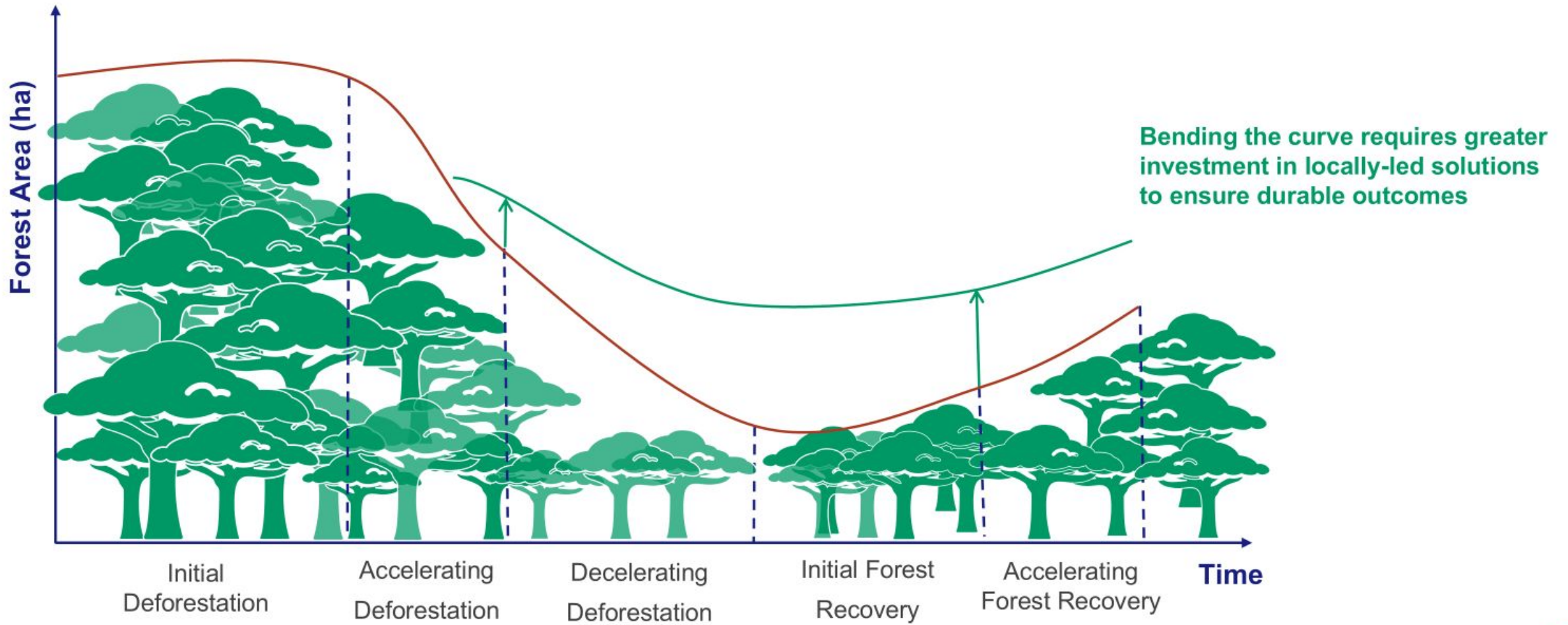


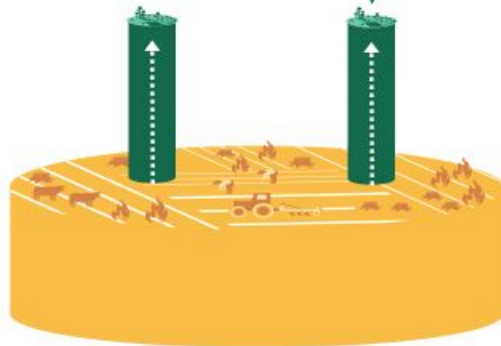
Figure: Forest Transition Curve. Adapted from REDD+

# Problem statement

**Farm-level approaches** still important (local impact and demonstrate what's possible)

**Locally-led initiatives** driving positive outcomes at landscape & jurisdictional scales

**Producer country policy & governance** drive durable change country-wide



Increasing impact: Sustainable and resilient production

**Business as usual with no action**

**Volume-driven compliance approach: Islands of Excellence**

**Compliance-Impact Mix approach: Sector Transition**

**Long-term resilient production: Sector Transformation**



# Mechanisms within the Sector Transition approach



**Farm-level (compliance-driven)**

**Important for claims on existing volumes**



**Area-based mechanisms (locally-led, beyond individual production sites)**

**Essential for forward-looking strategies, sourcing optionality and de-risking at scale.**



**National policy & governance**

**Long-term, wall-to-wall solutions**



# Delivering responsible supply chains & driving positive impacts in palm oil

Perspectives from the AFi

9 June 2026



# The Accountability Framework provides a management system for companies to achieve responsible supply chains

## Company action areas



## Implemented at three levels

### Product volume level

Sourced materials comply with deforestation-free, ecosystem protection, and human rights requirements



### Supplier level

Suppliers have effective systems to address environmental and human rights risks across their supply base



### Sourcing area level

Companies to collaborate with others to mitigate impacts and drive improvement in key sourcing regions





# Increasing positive impact while maintaining a strong connection to companies' supply chains and business case

- Current compliance criteria focus on **backward-looking attributes** of **currently purchased volumes**.
- Responsible, resilient, and inclusive supply chains require **a more forward-looking focus** on the **attributes of the current and future supply base**.

This may entail expanding or shifting the focus of company interventions in some contexts:

Element	Current focus	Increase focus on
Scale	Plot or farm	Sourcing area
Linkage to sourcing	Segregation and full physical control of all product volumes	Linkage across broader spatial and temporal scale
Purpose of action	Avoid association with non-compliance	Prevent and address non-compliance
Form of action	Individual	Collective



# AFi workstream on sourcing area level approaches to managing supply chain risk and driving improvement

**Focus:** Expand the AFi's guidance on how companies can implement responsible supply chains at a sourcing area level, including by using and supporting effective area-level mechanisms.

**Sourcing area:** An area or region from which materials in a supply chain originate.

## Objectives:

- Clarify how **sourcing area level action/investment** fits within an overall responsible sourcing strategy – including guidance on when/where, how much, and how to engage at this level.
- Define the role of and criteria for effective **area-level mechanisms** that can support responsible sourcing along with positive impact on the ground.
- Improve **alignment and interoperability** between market expectations and area-level mechanisms.
- Clarify the role of sourcing area-level actions and performance in company **reporting and claims**.

# BREAKOUT 1

**What would make locally led initiatives more investable & strategically relevant to private sector?**



## BREAKOUT 2

- 1. What forms of recognition or claims would help unlock more resources (i.e. DCF, climate, etc.)**
- 2. What type of claims would be credible -e.g. DCF Risk Mitigated (?) and what evidence would be needed?**

*Note: within your group, discuss what existing company efforts are not formally recognised as contributing towards DCF*

## Next steps



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# Thank you!



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**Coffee Break**  
**15.20-15.40**





## Plenary Session 3

The Road to 2030: Scaling Impact in Sustainable Palm Oil



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**Tessa Meulenstein**

Global Markets Director, IDH



**Marie Lavielle Piot**

Director Responsible Sourcing,  
Proforest





# The seven findings that frame the palm oil transition

The report asks what is changing in palm oil, why it matters for sustainability and what needs to happen next.

1

## Demand is shifting

Demand is shifting away from the markets that drove sustainability progress.

2

## A two-tier market is emerging

Regulated and traceable supply is separating from conventional flows.

3

## Smallholders are being passively excluded

Inclusion risk is becoming a market-access and supply risk.

4

## Commitments outrun verification

Targets are widespread, but credible proof remains limited.

5

## Barriers sit beyond supply chains

Legality, land records, plot traceability and finance depend on public systems.

6

## Landscape approaches are the coordination mechanism

They operate at the scale where the constraints occur.

7

## Resilience depends on productivity

Replanting, yield gaps, disease and climate risks are supply-security issues.

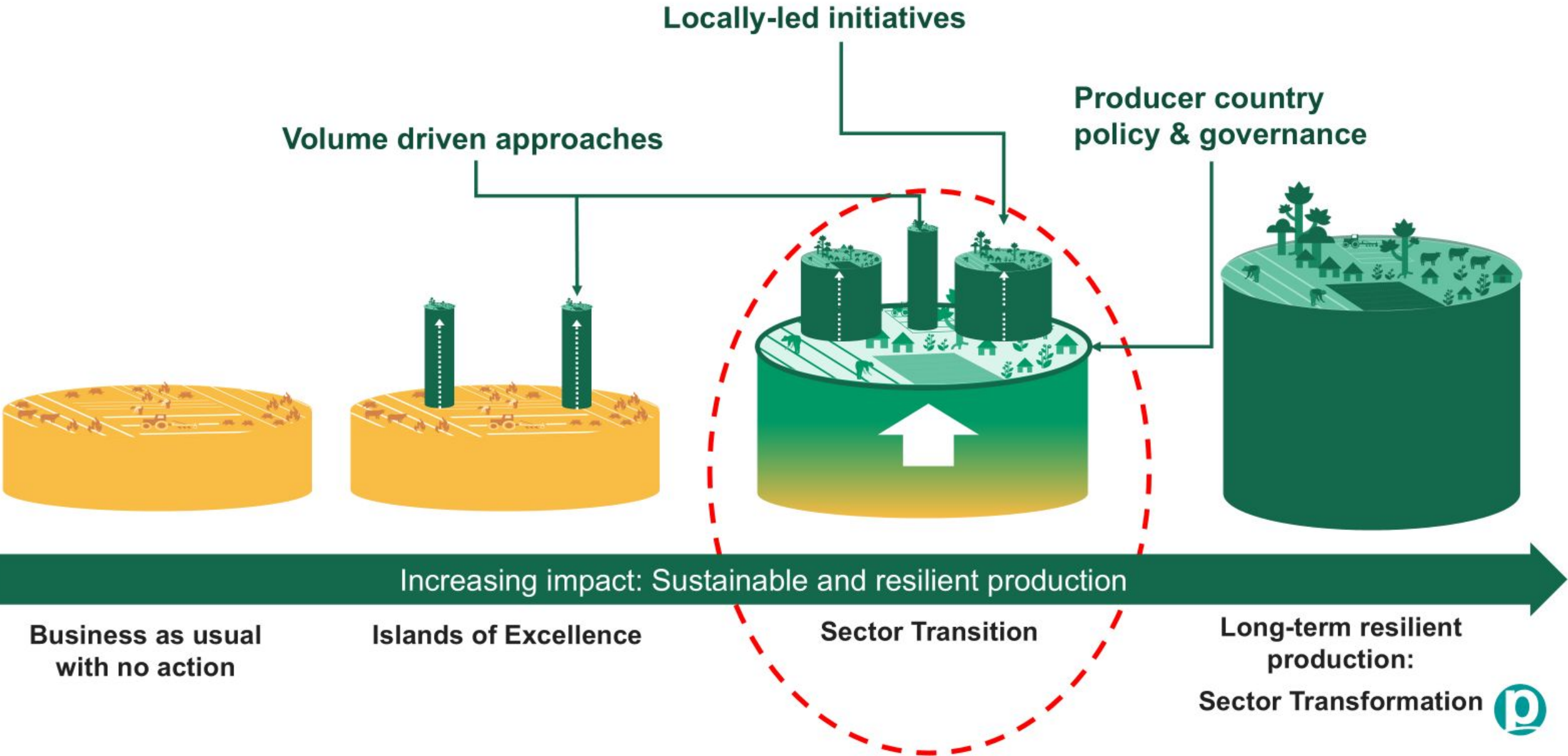
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# Building resilience in value chains



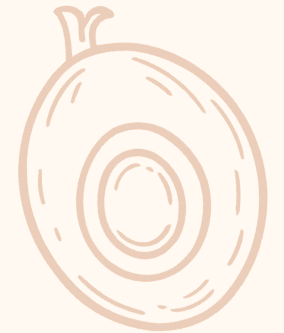
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