

## **An update of the work of the RSPO Smallholder Working Group**

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Smallholder Working Group

The Smallholder Working Group (SHWG) has now been formed in line with the EB aspiration of RSPO transforming markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm.

The Working Group will function under the Standard and Certification Standing Committee within the overall RSPO organization structure. Two new co-chairs were elected: Dr Simon Lord (Grower ROW) from NBPOL and Ms Sandra Seeboldt (social NGO) from Oxfam Novib. The Working Group's mission is "To ensure that smallholders improve their livelihoods by benefitting from RSPO standards and best practices". The *Scope* of the Working Group is now:

- Global Schemed, Associated and Independent Smallholders;
- Promotion and implementation of pilots and up-scaling mechanisms;
- RSPO certification of smallholders
- Address issues that go beyond certification (yield improvements, market access, access to finance, etc.)
- Focus on learning and creation of enabling environments

In August/September 2012 a SWOT analysis was conducted on the current global status of smallholder projects. This SWOT analysis will give guidance and efficiency to the work of the Working Group in identifying and targeting global smallholder support,

In this presentation a *three year road map* will be presented that addresses the challenges mentioned faci9ng smallholder certification. The road map will include knowledge management, funding for smallholders, trial projects, development of trainings and training material for (groups of) farmers and certification bodies and adjustments and testing of the relevant RSPO documents .