

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Member Name

ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

#### 1.2 Membership number

5-0016-14-000-00

#### 1.3 Membership sector

Banks and Investors

#### 1.4 Membership category

Ordinary

#### 1.5 Country

Netherlands

#### 2.0 Does your company or organisation produce, process, consume or sell any palm oil or any products containing derivatives of palm oil?

No

#### 2.2 Please select all the sectors that best describe the business activities of your company or organisation, including your primary RSPO membership sector. You may select multiple sectors and will be required to complete the ACOP form for the relevant sectors

- I finance or support companies or organisations that produce or manufacture palm oil, palm kernel oil or related products
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a conservation and environmental NGO
- I support the sustainable development of the palm oil industry as a social and human development NGO
- I am an Affiliate member of the RSPO, indirectly involved in the palm oil industry

## Bank & Investors

### 1. Operational Profile

**1.1 Please state your company's main activity(ies) within palm oil-related financing. Please select all applicable option(s).**

- Corporate / Commercial Banking
- Trade Finance
- Private Banking
- Investment / Equity
- Debt / Capital Market
- Other

Other

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### 2. Operations in Palm Oil

**2.1 What types of financial services does your company provide to the palm oil industry?**

- Trade Solutions
- Lending/Loans
- Leasing
- Treasury Products
- Cash Management Products
- Investments
- Insurance
- Other

Other

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**2.2 For your company's palm oil-related activities, which geographic region(s) do you operate in?**

- Worldwide
- Africa
- Europe
- North America
- South America
- Middle East
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Oceania
- Rest of Asia

### 3. Palm Oil Policy and Progress

#### 3.1 Does your company have a lending or investment policy on palm oil?

Yes

#### 3.2 Which supply chain sectors does your palm oil policy cover?

- Growers
- Traders
- Processors
- Consumer Goods Manufacturers
- Retailers
- Others

Others

In addition to our palm oil policy, RSPO requirements are included in our sustainability sector requirements for Manufacturing which applies to Consumer Goods Manufacturers and Retailers

#### 3.3 Does your policy on palm oil make a specific reference to RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, and/or RSPO certification?

Yes

#### 3.4 Does your company have a policy that requires all your palm oil clients to be RSPO members?

Yes

#### 3.5 Does your company require your clients to have a public TimeBound Plan for 100% RSPO certification or uptake?

Yes

#### 3.6 When do you expect to require all your Grower clients to be RSPO certified?

2020

#### 3.7 When do you expect to require your clients in all other sectors to be RSPO certified?

2020.0

**3.8 Which regions do the above commitments cover?**

- Worldwide
- Africa
- Europe
- North America
- South America
- Middle East
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Oceania
- Rest of Asia

**3.9 What measures do you take if a client is not meeting the requirements of your policy on palm oil?**

Our clients have to comply with our Exclusion List and our sustainability risk policies (i.e. producers, processors and traders are assessed against our sustainability sector requirements for agri commodities/palm oil and downstream clients are assessed against our sustainability sector requirements for manufacturing).

ABN AMRO assesses compliance with our policies at 1) onboarding 2) new financing 3) annual review, and 4) in case of severe events. In case of non compliance the company is not onboarded if there is no willingness and capacity to improve. Otherwise, we will engage with the company to address the issues until they are addressed.

This engagement will be time bound (max. 3 years), include an engagement and action plan and include regular monitoring and reporting system on progress (see our Engagement Guideline in the Sustainability Risk Policy for Lending and Project Finance)

**3.10 Do you proactively engage with your clients to support and join the RSPO?**

Yes

**3.11 Did members of your company participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?**

Yes

**3.12 Does your company have any collaborations with public or private sector palm oil industry players to support them in their efforts to increase the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)?**

Yes

**3.13 What other activities have your company undertaken to promote RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products during the reporting period?**

- We represented the FITF in the Shared Responsibility Working Group until October 2020
- We participated in the Human Rights Working Group until October 2020
- We participated in panel discussions and meetings on sustainability to discuss sustainable palm oil practices
- We were a member of Sustain; a block chain initiative to enhance transparency in the palm oil value chain

#### 4. Actions for Next Reporting Period

##### 4.1 Please outline activities that your company will take in the coming year to promote the production or consumption of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)

- ABN AMRO announced in August 2020 that it will wind down its Corporate & Institutional Banking activities outside of Europe and the entire Trade & Commodity Finance desk by 2024. With this strategic decision, our priorities for the coming year will change and we will shift our focus from upstream players to downstream players active in North Western Europe.
  - We will encourage our downstream clients to include the consumption of CSPO in sustainable finance instruments.
  - We will continue our engagement with other banks on certified sustainable palm oil.
  - We will continue to create external stakeholder awareness on the RSPO and certified sustainable palm oil via presentations, participation in panels etc.
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## Shared Responsibility

*The Board of Governors of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil approved new Shared Responsibility rules on 31 October 2019, requiring all members to share sustainability requirements and obligations. Reporting of Shared Responsibility indicators will be done through several channels, including ACOP. As the implementation of Shared Responsibility reporting is still on-going and in development, the Shared Responsibility section in ACOP is not yet final and may change in future ACOP cycles. For more information on Shared Responsibility, please go to <https://rspo.org/news-and-events/news/what-are-the-new-shared-responsibility-rules> or email the ACOP team at [acop@rspo.org](mailto:acop@rspo.org)*

### Labour & Labour Rights

**1.1 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Labour & Labour Rights?**

Yes

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**1.1.1 Does the policy cover:**

- No discrimination
- Wage and working conditions
- Freedom of association
- No child labour
- No harassment
- No forced or trafficked labour

### Ethical Conduct & Human Rights

**1.2 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Ethical Conduct & Human Rights?**

Yes

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**1.2.1 Does the policy cover:**

- Recruitment
- Contractors
- Sub-Contractors & Third-Party Contractors

### Land Use

**1.3 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Land Use?**

No

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### Occupational Health & Safety

**1.4 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering Occupational Health & Safety?**

Yes

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**Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)****1.5 Does your company have a publicly-available policy covering Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)?**

Yes

**1.5.1 Does the policy cover:**

- Identification and assessment of GHG
- Monitored implementation plan to reduce or minimise GHG emissions

**Complaints & Grievances****1.6 Does your company have a Complaints & Grievances Mechanism?**

Yes

**1.6.1 Is your Complaints & Grievance mechanism in line with the principles of the RSPO's grievance mechanism, which are the elements of fairness, transparency, and impartiality?**

No

**Smallholders****1.7 Does your company support oil palm independent smallholder groups?**

Yes

**1.7.1 Does this support cover:**

- Fair and transparent dealings with Smallholders
- Improved Smallholder livelihoods

**1.7.2 How is your company supporting them?**

We are able to support smallholders via our sustainable finance instruments. Besides, we have regular discussions with our clients on smallholders and their smallholder support projects.

**Sustainable Palm Oil Policy**

**1.8 Does your company have a publicly-available Policy covering the implementation of RSPO Shared Responsibility principles?**

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**Waste Management**

**1.9 Does your company have a waste management plan?**

Yes

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**Water Management**

**1.10 Does your company have a water management plan?**

Yes

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**Energy Use**

**1.11 Does your company have an energy use plan covering fossil fuels and renewable energy?**

Yes

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**RSPO Services and Support**

**1.12 Does your company provide services and support to the RSPO, eg. participation in RSPO Working Groups and Task Forces**

Yes

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**Shared Responsibility Resourcing**

**1.13 Does your company have a plan to commit resources to ensure effective implementation of RSPO Shared Responsibility principles?**

No

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## Challenges and Support

**1.1 What significant obstacles or challenges has your company encountered in the promotion of certified sustainable palm oil (CSPO)? What efforts has your company taken to address these obstacles or challenges?**

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- No challenges faced
- Others

Others

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**1.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP report, what other ways has your company supported the vision of the RSPO to transform markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm?**

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues such as trade workshops or industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- No actions taken
- Others

Others

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**1.3 If your company has any other publicly-available reports or information regarding its palm oil-related policies and activities, please provide the links here**

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