

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

Solidaridad

1.2 Membership number

7-0007-08-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

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

NGOs

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Solidaridad is a global network organization with nine regional offices on five continents that promotes sustainable development by transforming supply and value chains, focusing on 13 internationally traded commodities, among which palm oil. Main activities undertaken are:

- 1) Producer Development: design, fund and monitor producer support activities, implemented by Solidaridad or other local, often private sector, partners;
 - 2) Policy Influencing: Lobby and advocate with governments to encourage public policies that support sustainable production, trade, sourcing and consumption of key commodities. Develop and support sustainability initiatives by private sector organizations, NGO's, multi-stakeholder platforms and roundtables such as RSPO, participate in their governance and push for smallholder, worker and community benefits in standards systems;
 - 3) Corporate Engagement: Encourage companies in established and emerging markets to produce and/or source sustainably;
 - 4) Communication: Raise awareness with sector and policy stakeholders, as well as media and the general public, on sustainability issues and solutions in commodity production systems and value chains.
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1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to publicise programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, the uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products, or to support good standing RSPO members during the reporting period?

- 1) Solidaridad together with IDH and EPOA has launched an initiative called Sustainable Palm Oil Choice to promote the uptake of sustainable palm oil in Europe and nuance the debate. For more information on the SPOC initiative see the SPOC website: <https://www.sustainablepalmoilchoice.eu/>
 - 2) Within the SPOC initiative there is active social media communication and regularly websites are organised promoting the benefits of sustainable palm oil. For the linked in page see here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sustainable-palm-oil-choice/?viewAsMember=true>
 - 3) Solidaridad itself also regularly communicates on the progress of our palm oil programme on our website. Such communication often includes progress made with RSPO certification and the importance of the uptake of certified material. For example: <https://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/news/solidaridad-and-rspo-launch-largest-certification-programme-in-cote-d%E2%80%99ivoire>
<https://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/news/norpalm-third-company-earns-rspo-certification-in-ghana>
 - 4) Solidaridad regularly speaks at conferences in congresses in favour of RSPO or about our participation in RSPO.
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1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10.0%

1.4 Did members of your organisation participate in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces during the reporting period?

Yes

1.5 Does your organisation 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

1.6 How is your organisation's work on palm oil funded?

Corporate Co-funding, Public financiers, Foundations

2. TimeBound Plan

2.1 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start participating in RSPO working groups and/or taskforces?

2009

2.2 Which year did your organisation start or expects to start undertaking and publicising programmes to support the RSPO, RSPO certification, uptake of RSPO-certified sustainable palm oil and oil palm products and/or good standing RSPO member?

2009

3. Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

In 2021:

- Solidaridad continues to play a role in the Sustainable Palm Oil Choice initiative: <https://www.sustainablepalmoilchoice.eu/> to promote the uptake of sustainable palm oil and a balanced debate.
 - Solidaridad continues to co-lead the RSPO Standing Committee Smallholders, thereby contributing to the set up of Sustainable and Inclusive palm oil value chains.
 - Solidaridad will continue to support various initiatives driving and contributing to RSPO implementation on the ground in nearly all major oil palm growing regions.
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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

Labour & Labour Rights

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

Yes

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

1.2.1 Does the policy cover:

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

Occupational Health & Safety

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

No

Climate Change & Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

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

No _____

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?

Yes _____

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?

Solidaridad runs a wide variety of programmes supporting oil farm farmers with implementation of better practices and market access across all major palm palm producing regions. _____

Sustainable Palm Oil Policy

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

No

Waste Management

1.9 Does your company have a waste management plan?

No

Water Management

1.10 Does your company have a water management plan?

No

Energy Use

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

No

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

Shared Responsibility Resourcing

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

No

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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