

Particulars

About Your Organisation

1.1 Member Name

TRANSITIONS Bruno Rebelle et associé(e)s

1.2 Membership number

8-0174-15-000-00

1.3 Membership sector

Organisations

1.4 Membership category

Affiliate

1.5 Country

France

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

Affiliates

1. Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

We are a sustainability consulting agency based in Paris. We provide strategic, engineering and communication solutions to support change towards sustainability in the public, private and non-governmental sectors. This includes supporting the implementation of our clients' sustainable sourcing policies for various commodities including palm oil and other agricultural commodities.

1.2 What activities has your organisation undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or RSPO members in the reporting period?

We support the implementation of our clients' sustainability policies, notably through purchase practice strategies aiming to increase the share of sustainable palm oil.

In 2019, Transitions and its partner BSR launched the Action for Sustainable Derivatives (ASD) initiative. The ASD initiative brings together companies from the cosmetics, home and personal care, healthcare, and oleochemicals industries in the building of a responsible palm derivatives supply chain. ASD participants aim to scale up efforts towards compliance with No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE) principles and to positively transform the palm oil industry.

By harmonizing requirements, standardizing tools and methodologies, and mutualizing efforts, ASD intends to increase the transparency of the global derivatives supply chain, collectively monitor risks and activities along the supply chain, and implement collective action projects to address social and environmental issues on the ground.

<https://www.bsr.org/en/collaboration/groups/action-forsustainable-derivatives>

1.3 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

28.0%

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

No

1.5 Does your organisation have any past or on-going 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?

The organization is self-funded thanks to our different missions supporting our clients, including members of the ASD initiative (Action for Sustainable Derivatives).

2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

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

We will continue to support our clients in the implementation of their sustainability policy notably through an increased use of sustainable palm oil.

Through the ASD initiative, we support the members in their supply chain monitoring and business transformation toward the production and consumption of more sustainable palm oil, including CSPO. Thus, the ASD targets to identify opportunities for increased uptake and availability of MB/SG certified derivatives in order to support its members and promote sustainable palm oil.

In the coming year, the organization would also like to support the discussion about strengthening social and environmental safeguards for the non-certified share of palm oil considered in the MB certification.

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

Transitions is not engaged in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO as we are a sustainability consulting agency. We provide advice to our clients to support smallholders certification and access to market in key priority sourcing areas. Traceability issues are a key challenge for our organization, the derivatives supply chain remaining complex, diffuse and sometimes opaque. The harmonization of requests for supply chain transparency and recent RSPO resolution for mills list submission is helping push the sector towards greater progress, but much remains to be done to increase transparency for traded volumes, TTP, etc. Finally, supply issues remain a crucial issue for our clients, as palm-oil derivatives' volumes are too small in the global palm market to be made available through SG/IP system. This year and the next, we will progress with our clients on availability studies for certified derivatives.

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

As a sustainability consultation agency we support the increase of transparency and sustainability in palm oil sourcing supply chains, the implementation of sustainability sourcing policies and support to sustainable palm production initiatives for our clients. We also develop and cooperate on methodologies, tools and solutions for the industry, promoted through working groups, webinars and conferences, in order to increase transparency in the supply chain and the proportion of sustainable palm oil volumes.

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

<https://www.bsr.org/en/collaboration/groups/action-for-sustainable-derivatives> ,
https://www.bsr.org/reports/ASD_Annual_Update_on_Progress_2020.pdf
