Palm Oil Roundup

RSPO Members Agree on New Palm Oil Standard to Halt Deforestation and Improve Human Rights Protection



Aptly themed "A Renewed Commitment to Achieving Market Transformation," the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) concluded its 16th Annual Roundtable Conference on Sustainable Palm Oil (RT16) and 15th Annual General Assembly (GA15) today with a newly ratified and adopted certification standard aimed to universally strengthen social development, environmental protection, and economic prosperity across the sustainable palm oil value chain.

Marking a pivotal time for RSPO and its more than 4,000 global members, the three-day RT16 conference was framed around the key elements of the recent RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) review: Halting deforestation, protecting peatlands, and strengthening human and labour rights. The collaborative, multistakeholder review process, which launched in March 2017 through to October 2018 and received almost 11,500 individual stakeholder comments was tabled, ratified, and voted-in today by the General Assembly of the RSPO. The review process also resulted in the subsequent development of an additional and separate standard specifically for independent smallholders, due for ratification in November 2019. (read more...)

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P.O. in the News

Palm Oil Boycott Could Actually Increase Deforestation—Sustainable Products are the Solution: Palm oil can be found in food and cosmetics everywhere: in fact, half of the world's population uses palm oil in food. But public awareness about the loss of wildlife through deforestation caused by palm oil crops is growing, and there's mounting pressure on retailers to reduce their sales of palm oil products, or boycott them... (read more...)

Mondelez International Calls for 100% Sustainability and 100% Transparency in Palm Oil Sourcing: Mondelez International (MI) today amplified its call for suppliers of palm oil to embrace its goal of 100% sustainability and 100% transparency across the industry. The company has challenged its supply chain and the entire sector to be sustainable and transparent in the production of palm oil since 2010. Throughout the years, MI has continuously raised the bar for itself... (read more...)