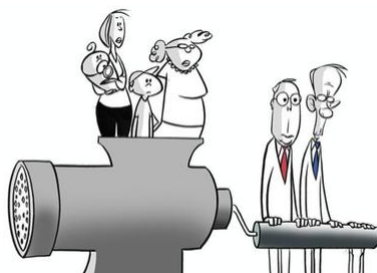


Reflections on the P&C Review Process: Challenges to achieving consensus

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The first rule of making sausage...



Don't talk about how it gets made!



Presentation Overview

- Review process chronology
- Initial stakeholder positions
- Highlights from physical meetings
- Complaints/concerns voiced
- Positive takeaways
- Next steps



P&C 5 year Review Task Force Chronology

- Physical Meeting 1: May 16-18 (Kuala Lumpur)
- Physical Meeting 2: June 27-28 (Kuala Lumpur)
- Physical Meeting 3: August 28-30 (Kuala Lumpur)
- 60 day Public Consultation: October 1-Nov 30
- Final Physical Meeting: expected January 2013
- GA vote on revised P&C: expected March/April 2013



Task Force Meeting #1 Member positions voiced

Environmental NGOs:

Highlights need to integrate carbon emission considerations (particularly from land-use change), strengthen HCV requirements, agrochemical controls and sustainable land management practices



Task Force Meeting #1 Member positions voiced

Social NGOs

Focus on need to strengthen FPIC, customary land rights, conflict resolution, community food security, smallholder integration, agrochemical controls and labor rights



Task Force Meeting #1 Member positions voiced

Malaysian & Indonesia Growers:

Shared concern that strengthened P&C will detract those struggling with current standards (focus on national legislation)



Task Force Meeting #1 Member positions voiced

Rest of World Growers:

Sees demand from market for action on carbon, recognizes current P&C not conducive to SHs, must balance need to strengthen P&C to avoid slowing uptake with practical solutions



Task Force Meeting #1 Member positions voiced

Supply Chain:

- focus on market perceptions and demand for carbon concerns, seek practical consensus

Task Force Meeting #1 cont'd

- Agreement on need to strengthen the **perception** of the RSPO P&C..... lack of consensus on how to do so effectively, practically and sustainably...
- TF1 focused on plenary discussion of the “hot-button” issues, (GHG, paraquat, fragile lands, NPP)
- Extended discussions on hot-button issues detract from less contentious issues
- TF1 concluded with little progress towards consensus

Task Force Meeting #2

- Modest achievements on less contentious issues
- Small breakout groups enabled open discussions and trust-building.
- Plenary overall less contentious, notwithstanding challenges
- Limited time to discuss 2-track (RSPO+)
 - Facilitator agrees to **draft** a concept for review and discussion at TF3
- Little progress on “hot button” issues – sustained objection without consensus-based solution limited progress

Task Force Meeting #3

- Discussion on RSPO+/Stepwise approach
 - Opposition focuses on potential dilution of RSPO standard
 - Supporters focus on varied market demands per end market uses
 - Reminded that P&C Task Force is **not** mandated to define different standards for varied end-market uses, but to *amend* the current P&C based on public comments, member views, etc
- Progress on integration of carbon considerations
 - Build on existing processes such as HCV, soil and topography assessments to qualitatively identify carbon stock and emissions from land use
 - Language does not require explicit calculation, but it initiates the recognition of importance of GHG, and provides a starting point for grower acceptance

Recurring Themes Through the P&C Review Process

The Perception of the RSPO

- P&C action vs. public relations

To Strengthen or to Expand?

- Varied opinions of TF members on best way to positively influence the PO market

Technical feasibility of recommendations

- RSPO members are responsible growers, and P&C revisions are encouraged to reflect reality of growers' situation (ie; IPM and agrochemicals)



Concerns voiced

- Task Force reluctant to integrate WG recommendations
 - GHG WG (Palm GHG tool), Peatland WG
- Process seen as “too rushed” – little time for nuanced negotiation and constituency consultation
- Consensus-based decision making was questioned—absence of constructive solutions to disagreements



Positive Takeaways...

- Lack of consensus on all of the most contentious issues should not detract from the achievements of the Task Force
- Impressive progress was made, particularly given where we started and the timeframe we were provided, and we believe that the P&C are now stronger
- Introductory framework for integrating carbon considerations from land-use
- Commend the role of Proforest as facilitator and the contributions of all members/public through this challenging process



Next Steps to Finalize P&C Revision

- 60 day Public Consultation: October 1-Nov 30
- Final Physical Meeting: expected January 2013
- GA vote on revised P&C: expected April 2013?



Thank You

