

Shell's Journey Towards a Sustainable Biofuel Supply Chain

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As a significant purchaser and producer of today's biofuels for blending, Shell has been championing sustainability standards in their own biofuels supply chain for a number of years with a preference for robust multi-stakeholder schemes such as RSPO.

Shell believes that biofuels is an essential element in the future global energy mix for a number of reasons including their potential for reducing CO2 emissions, securing energy supply, integrating with existing infrastructure and providing opportunities for rural development. The key is selecting biofuels that are produced in a sustainable way, i.e. biofuels done well. For conventional biofuels Shell believes that multi-stakeholder voluntary schemes and certification play an essential role in assuring sustainable production of biofuel feedstocks and this is reflected in our level of support and commitment towards RSPO.

In addition to the support of voluntary standards, Shell is actively working on the ground to drive sustainable production of palm and other feedstocks through collaboration with local suppliers and other organisations. A good example of this is the Shell-Patum collaborative project in Thailand which is aimed at supporting a group of palm oil crushing mills and associated smallholder groups in their journey towards RSPO certification.