

# **FORUM FOR INDONESIAN SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL:**

## **Information Document on Consultation and Input Process for the Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil National Action Plan**

### **INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT**

Palm Oil is the foremost plantation commodity in Indonesia; one that has already brought significant benefits and prosperity for the nation, and played a significant role in improving the regional and community village economy. As the global leader of palm oil production, Indonesia has a significant role in ensuring the sustainable production of palm oil globally.

The Indonesian government recognizes this and believes that continuous improvement is needed from all stakeholders involved in the Indonesian palm oil supply chain to improve the sector's sustainability. To achieve this the Government formed the Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil Forum (FoKSBI) for all stakeholders to create a more sustainable Indonesian palm oil industry.

To implement rapid improvement and progress in the sustainability of the palm oil sector will require an increase in the commitment and coordination between government, business, civil society and international and domestic partners. It is for this reason that the Government-led process and dialogue of FoKSBI's has the remit to develop and finalise a country wide National Action Plan (NAP).

The latest draft of this document is now available for public comment and consultation. There is now a specific opportunity for all relevant stakeholders to provide input and comments on the NAP draft. It is also a time to consider areas of engagement within the NAP by all stakeholders. This Protocol document provides information about the consultation process and the timeline for the completion of the NAP.

### **PURPOSE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NAP**

The NAP is intended to be a foundation for transforming the sector, as it will support in coordinating much of the ongoing programs and initiatives focusing on developing a more sustainable palm oil sector. This NAP will become a reference for all stakeholders in implementing the development of sustainable palm oil.

The NAP is developed by multiple stakeholders and led by the Ministry of Agriculture, in coordination with the Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs. National palm oil stakeholders meet within the Forum for Sustainable Palm Oil (FoKSBI), a platform to discuss sector issues and plan activities.

FoKSBI seeks to provide a neutral space for dialogue and is a coordinating forum for these stakeholders to provide input, views and recommendations to develop and then implement the NAP so it can create economic growth via sustainable palm oil development while protecting the environment and improving the wellbeing of communities.

The development of the NAP follows general best practice to demonstrate transparent and accountable preparation. The NAP is designed to address the root causes that limit sustainability of the commodity and align with the government plans for sustainable palm oil. FoKSBI began this process with the design phase in late 2014. In 2015, an ongoing dialogue process occurred between key stakeholders, developing recommendations within consultations. To date, more than 500 people representing 100 organizations in Indonesia and internationally have provided input.

The NAP development process has strived to ensure that participation in the consultation process is open to all stakeholders and aims to achieve a balance of interests in the subject matter and in the geographic scope. National, regional and district, and international feedback and commentary has been and will continue to be proactively sought.

## **SCOPE OF NAP**

The NAP is designed to implement solutions that address the root causes that limit sustainability of palm oil production and align with the government plans for sustainable palm oil. Its focus is on working collaboratively to address the four primary areas of concern that were consistently raised in FoKSBI forums over the past 18 months. These four areas of scope have been developed into four working groups and include: (1) Increasing smallholder capacity; (2) Environmental Monitoring and Management; (3) Governance and Conflict Resolution; and (4) ISPO Implementation and Market Access.

## **PROCESS TO PROVIDE COMMENTS AND INPUTS INTO THE NAP**

The NAP is open for consultation and input from July 14 until September 8, 2017. Stakeholders are invited to read the NAP and provide comments on any aspect of the NAP using the links provided directly in the website at: <http://www.foksbi.id> for the next eight weeks.

## **NAP REVISION**

Given the approach to stakeholder engagement in FoKSBI, and in developing the NAP, it will not be possible that all stakeholders will have all their inputs fully captured in the final official version. There are different stakeholders with diverse needs and the process is designed to ensure all stakeholders with an interest have a voice, that breadth of knowledge and experience is considered, that shared understanding is developed, and new relationships are built based on trust and transparency. This process of engagement creates important new collaborative opportunities.

After receiving all comments, FoKSBI shall compile all comments received during the consultation period and prepare a written synopsis of how each input has and hasn't been addressed in the NAP. This document will be publicly available and sent to all parties that submitted comments.

## **TIMELINE FOR FEEDBACK AND NAP FINALIZATION**

After receiving inputs from this provincial and international level consultation phase which concludes September 8, 2017, the next version of the NAP will be created by the Drafting Committee of FoKSBI during September 2017. This version will then be presented on a national plenary consultation in Jakarta for final input. After a final review opportunity, the NAP will be finalized during the final months of 2017 by the Drafting Committee and presented to the Steering Committee to approve.

The Steering Committee shall have at its discretion the final say in the content of the NAP, considering the wider industry and Government development and welfare goals. The extent to which this NAP will become a binding Government's Regulation is continuing under discussion with the Steering Committee and relevant Government officials.

Once the Steering Committee has approved this version, a round of engagement process will occur to secure the commitment from various government's institutions as well as other organizations and companies for the NAP implementation.

This revision stage is expected to take from September to end 2017.

## OPTIONS FOR SUPPORT

There are several ways that stakeholders could support the NAP either individually or as a group. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Provide input and comments by the deadline
- Acknowledge and commit to support activities within the NAP
- Cooperation with the Indonesian government through NAP finalization and then specific areas of implementation
- Plan future actions and investments to be in line with the NAP to ensure increasing harmonization between the Government and the buyer companies
- New requirements for all suppliers to comply with and support relevant parts of the NAP
- Funds to support activities and projects that implement solutions in the NAP
- Promote internationally and domestically progress made in implementing the NAP so markets acknowledge efforts of the Indonesian government and the ISPO standard.

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