



Minutes EB Call Conference n°109

Date: September 23rd, 2014

Attendees:

Producers: Alex Ehrenhaus (Los Grobo) –proxy Martín Descalzo (Aapresid)-; Gisela Introvini (FAPCEN); Juliana Lopes (AMaggi)

Industry, Trade & Finance: Belinda Howell (Retailers' Soy Group); Cornel Boere (Agrifirm); David Pendlington (Unilever); Patricio Watson (ACSOJA)

Civil Society: Oswaldo Carvalho (Earth Innovation Institute); Sandra Mulder (WWF) – proxy Ashis Mondal (ASA) and Gert Van Der Bijl (Solidaridad).

Secretariat: Agustín Mascotena; Jimena Couto; Jimena Froján; Verónica Chorkulak.

- 1. Introduction:** Agustín Mascotena, RTRS Executive Director, introduces the agenda to the attendees and Alex Ehrenhaus, RTRS President, explains the dynamics of the call.
- 2. Country RT:** survey results presentation: main decision between NL and Belgium. Sandra Mulder explains Belgium is the best option and that this country could be interesting to engage better with the EU Commission. Also, WWF Belgium is supportive. Alex agrees NL has already expressed support to RTRS and Belgium is interesting because of the political and business strategies possibilities. Cornel Boere adds Scandinavian countries are interested in Belgium and asks not to do it in the NL.
DECISION: Belgium
- 3. Rules for Credit Buyers:** Annex 1 shows a comparison with RSPO rules for Credits Trading. Sandra explains she was not aware RTRS already had some rules, and asks to be stricter with those who are not RTRS Members. She suggests discussing the rules in October as she has other comments, for example not letting non members re-sell RTRS Credits. **[1]**
- 4. ProTerra/RTRS final MoU and WP:** Sandra asks not to include WWF in the press release (MoU itself will not be published) and asks to participate on how to communicate the news. **[2]** Agustín explains mentioning the organizations is a description of facts. Belinda offers to help on how to communicate this as well, and asks to have the MoU formally signed before the ProTerra conference. **[3]** Sandra asks about the report of the differences in the field between both organizations, as it was included in the working plan. The Secretariat will work on the differences report to discuss it in October along with a more structured working plan. **[4]**
DECISION: MoU APPROVED
- 5. Report and Activities:** no comments.
- 6. Any other Business:**



- David asks about the **agenda for October Meeting**. Agustín will send a first draft next week and comments will be received. **[5]** Belinda asks for a report on the TF’s activities. Juliana agrees on being responsible for TF Brazil communication and Belinda for TF Europe’s. Agustín explains that the activities reports were created before Lieven was hired and TF Europe was created, so the report will be updated. **[6]**
- Sandra asks about **TF Argentina**. There is an organization willing to fund mapping and RTRS is planning to organize a stakeholder meeting, so these initiatives could be a good start to check the ground for the creation of a TF in Argentina. The Secretariat is working with Ashis on the creation of TF India.

- 15.45 CET –

-----MEETING CLOSED -----

Activity	Responsible Party	Deadline
1 Create a Proposal for Credit Buyers who are not members	Secretariat & EB	October Meeting
2 Check the press release with all organizations involved and mentioned	Secretariat	-
3 Formally sign MoU	Secretariat	Before ProTerra Conference
4 RTRS-ProTerra Working Plan and differences report	Secretariat	October Meeting
5 First Draft of the Agenda for October Meeting	Secretariat	October 3 rd
6 Update activities report	Secretariat	-