



Minutes EB Call Conference n°112

Date: January 29th, 2015

Attendees:

Producers: Juliana Lopes (AMaggi)

Industry, Trade & Finance: Belinda Howell (Retailers' Soy Group); Cornel Boere (Agrifirm); David Pendlington (Unilever); John Landers (APDC); Olaf Brugman (Rabobank); Patricio Watson (ACSOJA).

Civil Society: Gert Van Der Bijl (Solidaridad); Sandra Mulder (WWF).

Secretariat: Agustín Mascotena; Daniel Meyer; Jimena Couto; Jimena Froján; Lieven Callewaert.

The agenda is presented and checked for urgent matters to be included. The meeting begins.

1. December 9th Minutes: Page by page review.

- **Point 1:** Sandra mentions there is a rule in the Statutes (article 14) for Executive Board Members representing the constituency with the vacancy to choose an interim substitute until GA. Only a comment.

DECISION: APPROVED

2. Action List Status:

- **EB Candidates:** Agustín mentions Fundación Vida Silvestre as a candidate from the Civil Society, as they will also be present at the next GA. The main issue is the Producers' constituency and how to keep working in joint efforts with Solidaridad, with whom RTRS has certified many producers.
- **Work Plan Development:** it is set as a priority and will be presented to the EB with the integration of all the working plans of the Task Forces before the Field Trip for revision. **[1]**
- **Update:** an update of the action list is needed on the next meeting. **[2]**

3. RT10 Agenda and Status:

- **Logistics:** booked
- **Sponsors:** A good number of sponsors is needed as we are targeting to bring producers and invite important speakers. S&P will support. **[3]**
- **Content:** breakouts will be worked with S&P to make them appealing. **[4]** Road to 10 Million is accepted as Title of the conference.
- **Speakers:** Greenpeace will be there for the first time at an RT to speak at the Soy Moratorium. USB accepted invitation, and they could be included as producers from different parts of the world. Another option would be including them at the BS of supply sheds. It is to be confirmed, yet. David comments they should be high up in the agenda and then they can participate in BS, too, as they are 50% of the market and have the right to talk about their view. Sandra says she is not against having them, but they should be included in a BS instead of a plenary, as we cannot tell them what to say. Agustín explains we usually try to



provide speakers with a frame on what to present on, but we cannot avoid them speaking about their scheme if they mention it anyway. Belinda agrees on them being there but we could balance with other producers from North America. Olaf suggests being clear about expectations and basic rules, so that they can decide if they want to be there under those terms. [5] Sandra says not recommending what they should say. We are looking for star speakers and bringing producers to Brussels. Budget: €30.000 (half to invite producers as speakers and half for other speakers). Sandra adds it could be interesting to invite Latin American NGOs. Agustín goes over the NGOs invited. John asks about inviting Aprosoja. It is decided to ask them to participate but not be speakers. Olaf asks for a proposal on Belgian participation [6]. Gerda Verburg could share UN view on responsible agriculture as she was standing up for RTRS and Round Tables in general. [7]. David will chase Jeff Seabright about CGF speaker. [8] Juliana suggests inviting Daniel Nepstad to balance the view on zero net deforestation. Belinda says she will check sponsorship with retailers.

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4. TF updates:

- **Europe:** membership requests and an update on the London meeting were presented, as well as the agenda discussed at the last webex (mostly Field Trip). Update on Lieven's visits to companies. Agustín adds Menken Orlando is part of the main importer of peanuts in Europe, and we are discussing with them about joint efforts, as they are working on a Standard for peanuts. This is aligned with the multi-crop point to be discussed later.
- **Brazil:** update on the last TF Brazil meeting with BA Secretariat presence and the Working Plan, which includes the creation of a smaller group. The ToR for this group is ready for revision. Agustín mentions this should be included in the final overall action plan and a total budget should be defined for TF Brazil (as well as the rest of activities). Juliana, Terrence and Daniel M. will prepare the breakfast meeting between Task Forces to integrate them. Agustín adds Brookfield Brasil will certify RTRS, and SPVS has a project similar to Gebana's. Olaf adds we should check if we are aligned in the message to governments from RTRS so that we check our consistency. Agustín says the idea is to have a main working plan and then the additional, individual ones to have synergies. Agustín adds he saw much more positive image of RTRS in Brazil because they see the demand now.

- 5. Field Trip Brazil:** there more people registered than expected. An additional farm was added, proposed by John Landers. The field trip will be registered by camera to have the testimonies. Daniel M. mentions CGF will manage the workshop lists, and we could send CGF a list of who we would like to invite according to John's guests suggestion. [9] Goiás should be closed and Mato Grosso should stay open for registration. Belinda thanks the team for preparing and accommodating CGF to the schedule.

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6. P&C Review Process: update on the work done so far. There is another interested organization in making a proposal and we would like to have at least two more to present to the EB. Sandra is not sure about Cecilia’s participation without an organization backup, and asks to be updated on ISEAL’s process. Agustín says we are working on that. John states it would be good to have someone from outside the original process to review 4.4, it could be mixed with someone involved. Belinda comments RSPO’s process: she suggests separating tasks between a facilitator and a more technical advisor to review documents in order to have a different outcome. **[10]**

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7. Mapping Update: update of the status in Argentina (UBA could be a coordinator) and the Mappings we already have ready. We have the material but it is not visible yet, they are not integrated. Agustín says we need more HCVA auditors. The ground needs to be prepared better before launching RTRS Maps. The tool is ready but we need to finalise the technical use of the maps. We depend on third parties but will try to have something ready for March. Legal requirements are in the maps and we are including other things that are not in government’s maps.

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8. Multicrop: Agustín says the idea was to have modules on the other crops. John says there should not be any problems a good auditor can’t solve. Olaf asks to decide on this in the March meeting, and David could bring pragmatic suggestions. Olaf requested ton integrate this to the working plan to discuss in March. **[11]** Olaf asks everybody to take their feedback to the EB Meeting. David says Unilever will provide full support to other RTRS certified products.

- 17:35 CET -

-----MEETING CLOSED* -----

Activity	Responsible Party	Deadline
1 Working Plan Draft to be sent to SC	Secretariat	February 13
2 Update on Action List	Secretariat	March 2
3 Find more Sponsors	Secretariat + EB	-
4 Work on Breakout Sessions format	Secretariat + S&P	-
5 Provide USB of a clear agenda on where they would be included in RT10 programme	Secretariat	-
6 Proposal on Belgian participation RT10	Lieven and Gert	March 2
7 Invite Gerda Verburg	Olaf	-
8 Reach Jeff Seabright	David	-
9 Send guest list to CGF	Secretariat	-
10 More proposals for PC review	Secretariat	-
11 Prepare a proposal on 4.4	Secretariat + SC	March 2

* due to technical issues.