



## **Minutes 122 - EB Conference Call**

**Date:** November 9th, 2015.

**Attendees:**

**Producers:** Juliana Lopes (Amaggi); Gisela Regina Introvini (FAPCEN)

**Industry, Trade & Finance:** Belinda Howell (Retailers' Soy Group); Christophe Callu Mérite (Feed Alliance); Olaf Brugman (Rabobank); Terence Baines (Unilever)

**Civil Society:** Gert Van Der Bijl (Solidaridad); Jean François (WWF); Ulises Martínez (Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina)

**Secretariat:** Marcelo Luis Visconti; Verónica Chorkulak; Jimena Froján; Jimena Couto, Daniel Kazimierski; Lieven Callewaert; Catalina Ale Monserrat.

The meeting begins at 14.11 (CET).

Olaf asks to be brief as the agenda is too long in relation to the time available. The agenda is presented and it is mentioned that the conversation will be cut in two parts. The first part will be attended by the Secretariat and the Board Members, while in the second part Marcelo and the Board Members will discuss about administrative topics.

- Gert asks about some topics which are not in the current agenda.
- Marcelo explains that at this meeting we will focus on key priority topics and the others will be treated via email.

**1. Minutes Meeting 121:** the minutes are reviewed page by page.

Changes are suggested:

- Page 4: add **[A6]** in order to remind Juliana, Belinda, Gert and Jean to write the paper. The activity item is moved in order to make it clear that both activities are part of the same one.
- Page 7: add one more topic about all the initiatives that are related to the sustainable soy section.

**APPROVED**

Marcelo says there are some topics that are not included in this agenda. The following meeting will include the actions that aren't covered in this call.

**2. P&C review Process:** Jimena Froján provides an update of the P&C Review process. She mentions that there is a new extension of two weeks for the public consultation (until November 15<sup>th</sup>), which will provide the opportunity to be clear and neutral. The announcement and document has been translated into different languages so that everyone can learn and comment. Jimena also mentions that DuPont and Monsanto will be off the P&C Review. It was decided to open a call for replacements in order to achieve quorum in the Industry, Trade and Finance constituency. The Secretariat will make a summary of the representatives who applied, and then send it to the EB, who will select the candidates **[A1]**. Jimena adds that the P&C will take place the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December in Buenos Aires.

- The EB expresses their disappointment for the withdrawn of the members, and asks if there is something they could do to make them come.
- Jimena explains that the Secretariat tried to convince them, but they are too busy with their agenda.



**3. Status Member Reports in progress:** Verónica provides an update of the members' reports process. She says that a new template for members has been created. Verónica shows the two versions of the letter requested by the EB, which will be sent in order to remind people to complete the report. There is a soft version and a stronger one.

- Olaf chooses the stronger version and makes the following changes:
  - Add "In this year, due to the new reporting requirements accepted by the assembly, we have extended the date for meeting the reporting requirements, and these days have passed."
  - Change "fail" for "do not to".
- Verónica asks which will be the deadline to publish the non compliant members at RTRS website.
- Olaf suggests keeping April 1<sup>st</sup>, and after that, the EB will gather and decide what the following steps will be.
- Belinda adds that the templates have to be sent on the first week of January. She asks to include this information in the letter, as well as the reminder that the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Verónica mentions that the Secretariat will make an effort to be updated with all the contacts, and to make sure that the right person will receive the letter. **[A2]**

#### **STRONGER LETTER APPROVED**

**4. RT11:** Jimena Couto says the storyline and draft proposal for the RT11 structure have been sent to the EB, and asks its members for feedback.

- Jean François comments that it didn't reflect their expectation, and highlights that WWF wants to avoid what happened in RT9. They want to make clear that the RT is a global meeting for the entire stakeholders around the world, and not only for the Brazilian. He proposes to change the priorities of the objectives: "Highlight the "round table" philosophy..." should go first. Discuss about soy sustainability, soy production, deforestation and climate change. He proposes individual presentations and more discussion during the meeting. He says that the concept "Joining Forces", seems to show RTRS as a weak thing, as a meeting to talk about problems, and we have to exhibit as a meeting to talk about soy. He recommends being more global and broader in the approach. He also proposes to invite Carlos Nomoto, CEO of WWF Brazil, to the opening session, as he is making a strong link with the private sector and the NGO. Jean François adds that two ministers at the opening are too much. He recommends different themes for the plenary sessions:

1. Do not separate economy from climate change discussion. It should be about economic growth within planetary boundaries.
2. What is the role of soy in a context of growing population
3. Work on deforestation. Discuss about the challenges for the RTRS. CGF, New York Declaration on Forests
4. Work on Social inclusion and development. Focus on special issues such as land use and rights.

- Jean François also recommends that the structure should be a presentation of 20 minutes and then 40 minutes of discussion. The three constituencies would work together in each session, joining, building. He offers to send all the input via e-mail. He highlights the idea of working all together, not separate.

- Ulises says that he has never worked with this method but it's a good opportunity to explore it and is good to make the meeting more dynamic.

- Belinda will send an e-mail with some edits for the RT11 storyline.



- Olaf asks if there is anybody against these suggestions. Nobody complained.
  - Olaf asks the Secretariat to share the complete version with the EB once Jean and Belinda’s inputs are received. **[A3]** He also asks the EB to send their comments or approve before the weekend.
  - Jimena Couto comments that RSPO is planning to make their European Round Table in the first week of June and informed that the Secretariat has already talked to RSPO and they said they would take into account the date of the RT. Jimena asks the EB if they agree on keeping June 1&2 as the RT11 date. Agreed.
  - Jimena adds that she will publish the date in the website **[A4]** and once everything is approved the Secretariat will send the Save the Date. **[A5]**
- DECISION:** the complete proposal will be approved before November 14th.

Marcelo closes the meeting and reminds the EB to reconnect in 10 minutes.

**-15:10 CET-**  
**----- MEETING CLOSED -----**

Activity	Responsible Party	Deadline
<b>[A1]</b> Share candidates’ summaries	Secretariat	
<b>[A2]</b> Send letter to members	Secretariat	
<b>[A3]</b> Summary of RT11 proposals and approval	Secretariat + EB	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>[A4]</b> Publish RT11’s date on website	Secretariat	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>[A5]</b> Send “Save the Date”	Secretariat	-