



Minutes No. 187 of the Executive Board Meeting held on

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 14:00 to 17:00 CET time (in accordance with article 21, section [1] of the RTRS Statutes).

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Executive Board meeting minutes No. 185.
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3. Update on Cerquality's certified farms in Brazil.
4. Update on the Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard reshaping project.
5. RTRS Public Consultation on "Implementing due diligence on forest risk commodities" made by DEFRA.
6. RTRS Position Paper on recommendations for strengthening the EU's Regulation Proposal on Deforestation.
7. (a) January/February 2022 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) & (b) Priorities update.
8. Update on Call for Nominations process.
9. Any other business.
10. Closing.

A. Introduction

The meeting of the Executive Board of Round Table on Responsible Soy Association (RTRS) starts on **Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 14:00 CET time.**

Participants: RTRS Executive Board members:

- Juan Quaine, Salentein Argentina B.V. (constituency: Producers): jquaine@salentein.com
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Special guests invited:

- Cid Sanches, RTRS External Consultant: cid.sanches@rcba.eco.br
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- Stephanie Cárdenas, CDP Worldwide: Stephanie.Cardenas@cdp.net
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Lieven Callewaert, President of the RTRS Executive Board, chairs the meeting and welcomes the participants to the Executive Board meeting. The agenda is presented, and participants are asked whether any additional topics should be included. No other topics are included. The meeting begins.

Considering the absence of the Designated Executive Board members and Alternate Executive Board members from CDP Worldwide, ACT Group B.V. and, The Nature Conservancy in the present meeting, the Executive Board members present agree with the attendance to this meeting of their corresponding collaborators Stephanie Cárdenas, Wouter Kuipers and, Thiago Masson, respectively.

B. Quorum and proposals

Lieven Callewaert ascertains that the quorum required to validly pass resolutions has not been reached and, therefore, the meeting will continue as an informative meeting and no resolutions will be passed. In this respect, the Executive Board considers the following items on the agenda:

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Due to the absence of quorum, the President postpones the consideration of this item on the agenda until the following Executive Board meeting.

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3. Update on Cerquality's certified farms in Brazil.

Before the beginning of the discussion, Juan Quaine declares a potential conflict of interest related to the item on the agenda due to the relationship of a member of his family with Control Union and, therefore, withdrawals from the discussion.

Executive Board members are informed about Cerquality's certified farms in Brazil and updated on the status of the process of analysis the RTRS Secretariat has been running.

Executive Board members decide to move on to the next item on the agenda.

4. Update on the Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard reshaping project.

Executive Board members are presented with an update on the Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard reshaping project. An overview of the objectives, steps and methodology is

given, as well as an update on the progress made on the working plan and stakeholder consultation rounds.

Enrique Molas refers to the relevance of focusing on traceability and on analyzing existing initiatives dedicated to this specific topic in order to identify potential opportunities of collaboration and synergies (for instance, Trase).

Lieven Callewaert agrees and stresses the importance of technological tools within this project, especially regarding traceability aspects.

Gerhard Adams suggests involving within the consultation rounds existing working groups acting with similar organizations like RTRS or under other initiatives which might be undertaking similar revisions and projects related to traceability and chain of custody systems.

Lieven Callewaert further recommends including in the timeline a “pilot project” phase intended to test and manage the implementation of the new Chain of Custody module.

Since no further comments or questions are posed on the subject, the Executive Board members decide to move on to the next item on the agenda.

5. RTRS Public Consultation on “Implementing due diligence on forest risk commodities” made by DEFRA.

Executive Board members are updated about the public consultation on “Implementing due diligence on forest risk commodities”, led by DEFRA, which deadline is on March 11th, 2022. In order to present the subject under consideration, Executive Board members are informed about (i) the UK timeline and policy trajectory since 2019; (ii) the background on the UK Environment Act; (iii) the objectives and content of the public consultation itself; and (iv) RTRS’ approach which is reflected in *Annex #5.- RTRS Public Consultation Position Paper on “Implementing due diligence on forest risk commodities.”*

Since no further comments or questions are posed on the subject, the Executive Board members decide to move on to the next item on the agenda.

6. RTRS Position Paper on recommendations for strengthening the EU’s Regulation Proposal on Deforestation.

In connection with item 5 above, Executive Board members are presented with *Annex #6.- RTRS Position Paper on recommendations for strengthening the EU’s Regulation Proposal on Deforestation*. In order to facilitate the understanding of the suggested approach, Executive Board members are informed about (i) the European Union regulatory framework which lead to the European Commission’s proposal for a regulation on deforestation free-products the last November 17th; (ii) the main elements of such proposal for a regulation and; finally, (iii) RTRS’ position paper on the proposal for a regulation on deforestation-free products emphasizing the positive contribution to be made by certification schemes in light of the objectives of such regulation.



Since no further comments or questions are posed on the subject, the Executive Board members decide to move on to the next item of the agenda.

7. *(a) January/February 2022 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) & (b) Priorities update.*

The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of January and February 2022 are presented to the Executive Board. An overview of new RTRS certified material adopters and the membership status during the first two months of 2022 is given. The status of RTRS certified production and uptake of certified material is informed.

Since no further comments or questions are posed on the subject, the RTRS Priorities 2022 are also presented to the Executive Board members. The RTRS Priorities 2022 are based on the strategic pillars of the RTRS Budget 2022, previously approved by Executive Board; and fully aligned with the “Beyond 2020” RTRS strategy which are:

- (i) Consolidate the overarching role of RTRS as a roundtable on soy;
- (ii) “Step up:” building organizational capabilities and a stronger and more balanced global organization;
- (iii) “Innovate:” reshape of the Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard
- (iv) “Boost visibility” to reinforce the brand value of RTRS certification and new developed tools;
- (v) “Lead on a journey” to obtain ISEAL Code Compliant Membership; and
- (vi) Focus on activities in Asia (China, India and Japan), and establish our presence within the corn market.

The status and achievements made so far on each of RTRS Priorities 2022 are reported. Based on the presentation, the Executive Board members conclude that RTRS Priorities seem to be moving smoothly.

Since no further comments or questions are posed on the subject, the Executive Board members decide to move on to the next item of the agenda.

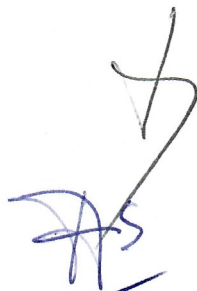
8. *Update on Call for Nominations process.*

Due to the absence of quorum, the President decides not to discuss any other business.

Due to the lack of time, and in view of the procedural character of the topic under consideration, the Executive Board members instruct the Secretariat to share *Annex #8.- Update on Call for Nominations process* by email to all Executive Board members in order for them to be duly informed and aware about the Call for Nominations process.

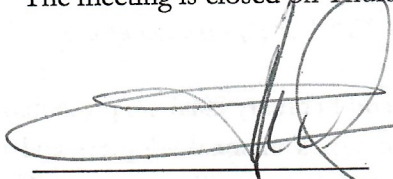
9. *Any other business*

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10. Closing.

The meeting is closed on Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 17:00 CET time.



Lieven Callewaert
RTRS President



Marcelo Visconti
Executive Director of RTRS