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## European Conference

# Sustainability Certification and Climate Protection

### Approach and Development of Sustainable Palm Oil

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#### Background

Palm oil is by far the most discussed agricultural raw material in the framework of climate protection and sustainability. Palm oil is essential for use in foodstuffs such as margarine, bakery products and convenience food, and as a raw material in non-food items such as cosmetics, soaps, shampoos and washing detergents. Currently, palm oil is also being used as a renewable energy source. Oil palms are highly efficient producers of high-quality, versatile oil, and they can offer great potential for environmentally friendly energy production. On the other hand, high-biodiversity tropical rainforests continue to be cleared for expanding oil palm plantations. In addition, the draining of peatlands and the conversion of forests have immense negative impacts on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Certification schemes have become an important tool to stop deforestation and land conversion, which have negative impacts on the environment and people. Recently, mitigation of GHG has become a crucial criterion for all certification schemes, and this will be more relevant in the future. The **Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, RSPO**, has been established to encourage sustainable agriculture that helps to reduce deforestation, preserve biodiversity, and respect land-owning communities, smallholder suppliers and plantation workers. The conference will highlight the approach and development of RSPO and other certification schemes for agricultural commodities in the light of climate change.

In November 2008, the first shipment of palm oil was delivered to Europe that was certified as having been produced with respect for both people and the environment. But the demand for this certified sustainable palm oil is low – although consumers as well as industry demand stronger climate protection and sustainability. The scorecards recently published by WWF reveal that only a few companies in Europe are already using certified palm oil.

**WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and OVID (Association of the oilseed crushing and oil refining Industry in Germany) would like to invite you to discuss the contradiction, as well as to inform about the approach and the development of the RSPO.**

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### „Sustainability Certification and Climate Protection“

**Berlin, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009    10.30 to 16.30**

The conference will bring together food and feed processors and manufacturers, traders and importers as well as their respective branch organisation and political decision makers.

#### Language

The conference will be translated simultaneously in German and English.



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Venue: OVID, Am Weidendamm 1A, 10117 Berlin (public transport station: “Friedrichstraße”)

**Agenda**

- Moderation: UTE HOLZHEY (journalist, Head of Economy Department rrb Inforadio)
- 10.30 CHRISTIAN-ANDRE WEINBERGER (Henkel, Corporate Senior Vice President)  
**Key note speech – Success Factor Sustainability**
- 10.45 MARIEKE LEEGWATER (MVO, Manager Sustainable Production) and  
PATRICK COBUSSEN (IOI Group, European Head of Marketing, Communication  
and Sustainability): **Round Table on Sustainable Palm Oil / RSPO:**  
Introduction and presentation of the latest developments  
*Questions & Answers*
- 11.05 JAN MARTEEN DROS (Solidaridad, RSPO chair organisation):  
**Palm Oil Producer Support Initiative / POPSI:** Sustainability on local level  
*Questions & Answers*
- 11.25 ADAM HARRISON (WWF UK): **Promoting sustainable palm oil in the EU**  
Results of the WWF Scorecard Project  
*Questions & Answers*
- 11.50 Dr. FRANK ROLAND SCHRÖDER (Henkel, Corporate Director Sustainability):  
**Viewpoint from the Industry sector: The way to sustainable palm kernel oil**  
N.N. (TBC):  
**Viewpoint from the retailer sector**  
*Questions & Answers*
- 12.10 **Discussion**

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break



- 13.30 UTE HOLZHEY: Recap
- 13.35 JEROEN DOUGLAS (President RTRS):  
**Round Table on Responsible Soy / RTRS and the Soy Memorandum:**  
*Questions & Answers*
- 14.10 CHRISTOPHER STEWART (HCV resource network):  
**High Conservation Value Areas: How to improve sustainability**  
*Questions & Answers*
- 14.30 Prof. GERNOT KLEPPER (Kiel Institute for the World Economy):  
**Beyond Copenhagen – climate protection and certificated sustainability**  
*Questions & Answers*
- 15:00 Dr. NORBERT SCHMITZ (meo consult):  
**A practical approach to GHG calculation – how to integrate Carbon?**  
*Questions & Answers*
- 15.30 **Final Discussion: How to ensure sustainable supply?**
- 16.30 **Get together**



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### Accreditation

**Please register**

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**or by FAX:      +49 (0)30 3087 42 50**

Please note that the number of participants is limited.

I hereby register for the European conference on Sustainability Certification and Climate Protection.

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