

# ROUNDTABLE MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL



**A Shared Responsibility:  
Converting Commitments into Action**

# RSPO' ASSURANCE: FROM PAPER TO CREDIBLE IMPLEMENTATION



RSPO Standard : P&C (2018) + National Interpretation

→ New Planting Procedure (NPP) + Certification

Compliance check by:

- Accredited Assessors & Certifying Bodies
- High Conservation Value Resources Network (HCVRN): → Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS)  
+ High Carbon Stock Approach (HCSA) → Integrated HCV / HCS assessments
- Accreditation Services International (ASI) → Certifying Bodies

Resolution 2015/6h: Improve RSPO Assurance mechanisms & Oversight

→ Assurance Task Force 2016-2019 → Assurance Standing Committee (Nov 2019-)

# Assurance & *Hard truths*

Assurance = Heart of Credibility of RSPO - Yet, too much taken for granted

1. Growing pains of organization - RSPO
2. Upstream players – KPI's: cut costs & maximize yield.
3. Downstream players - Expect upstream players absorb costs CSPO & Not very engaged
4. Unfavorable political landscape & failing regulation
  - Need for stricter monitoring & capacity building & Innovation → CBs, Assessors + growers
  - Labour & gender, land & FPIC, Ecological, Small Holders,.....
5. Certification audits : assumption local stakeholders being vocal ↔ Reality
  - Credibility = Shared Responsibility :
  - More expertise, attention, resources, communication, deadlines & more Buy-In
  - Sharing of costs of certification
  - RSPO platform of innovation
  - Voice local stakeholders

**Thank You**