



Stakeholder Advisory Committee Stakeholder Forum Meeting Notes

Location : AYANA Mid Plaza Hotel, Jasmine I Room
Jakarta, Indonesia
Date : 5 December 2018
Time : 09:00 - 13:00

Participants

NGOs	
1. Joseph A. H. (FFI)	5. Ahmad Fachrudin (BIDARA)
2. Gamma Galudra (RECOFTC)	6. Nashihin Hasan (BIDARA)
3. Sudiyah Istichomah (RECOFTC)	7. Dewi Suralaga (CLUA)
4. Titek Setyawati (WCS)	8. Arif Budiman (Winrock)
Academics	
1. Riatu Qibthiyah (LPEM UI)	2. Budi Indra Setiawan (IPB)
International Institutions	
1. Ani Nawir (CIFOR)	2. Janne Siregar (TFA 2020)
Organizations / Associations	
1. Aryan Warga Dalam (APKI)	7. Gita Syahrani (LTKL)
2. Anisa Budi Utami (APKI)	8. Nurdiana Darus (Landscape Indonesia)
3. Liana Bratasida (APKI)	9. Jayadi Muh Thaha (KAHUTINDO)
4. Purwadi Soeprihanto (APHI)	10. Zulfandi Lubis (IFCC)
5. Kemal Soerawidjaja (Partnership ID)	11. Budi Santosa (IBCSD)
6. Yanti Triwadiantini (Partnership ID)	
Government	
1. Listia Shelly (Kemenko Perekonomian)	3. Qin Wenchao (Embassy of China)
2. Cecilia R (Kemenko Perekonomian)	
Private Sector	
1. Adhi N. (MUFG)	6. Ade Yusmona (BNI)
2. Hadi (MUFG)	7. Yolly Rinaldi (BNI Syariah)
3. Gregoreus Aryo W (BCA)	8. Rif'ani Arzaq (BRI)
4. Yenita (BCA)	9. Said Panji (Orix)
5. Gustianus T (BNI)	10. Handy Chan (Orix)
SAC Members and KPMG	
1. Joe Lawson (Chair)	4. Jeff Sayer
2. Al Azhar	5. Neil Byron
3. Erna Witoelar	6. Roopa Davé (KPMG)
APRIL / APR Representatives	
1. Lucita Jasmin	6. Triana Krisandini
2. Sihol Aritonang	7. Chris Burchmore
3. Nyoman Iswarayoga	8. Indra Halim
4. Tim Fenton	9. Cherie Tan
5. Dian Novarina	



OPENING AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

- 1. Joe Lawson, Chairman of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee**

 - Opened the meeting by looking back at the history of the SAC, that it was originally set up to provide oversight on the first iteration of SFMP, and then on SFMP 2.0.
 - Introduced the agenda for the day, and encouraged guests to ask questions.
 - Highlighted that members of APRIL’s management team have been invited for the first time, in a bid to facilitate transparency and for them to share about key programs.
- 2. Roopa Davé, Senior Manager of Sustainability Services, KPMG**
2018 SFMP 2.0 Assurance Process by KPMG PRI

 - Introduced the objectives for KPMG engagement process, on how the assurance process is meant to assess 45 indicators to measure conformance to the SFMP 2.0.
 - Reiterated that KPI selection was a multistep process carried out in consultation with key and local stakeholders.
 - Outlined what happens in an assurance process, including on-site planning visits, selection of verification sites in discussion with local stakeholders and APRIL, and the actual verification field work done together with stakeholder observers.
 - Stated that the site visits for the 2018 assurance process were conducted in 2 PT RAPP, 4 supply partners’ and 2 open market suppliers’ concession areas.
 - Outlined the key observations: 2 non-conformances (NC) and 12 opportunities for improvement (OFI).
 - Reported on the progress of APRIL’s action plans on addressing previous NCs and OFIs: all previous NCs have been addressed and closed; 4 OFIs remained in progress.
- 3. Timothy C. Fenton, Senior Manager, Sustainability Operations, APRIL**
APRIL Action Plans

 - Shared APRIL’s progress in resolving the NCs and OFIs identified in the 2018 SFMP 2.0 Assurance Process: actions addressing 2/2 NCs have been completed; 4/12 OFI’s have completed and 8/12 OFIs are in progress.
 - Stated that NC #2, involving isolated weaknesses in implementation of responsible workplace practices had been addressed with additional training.
 - Shared about the challenges in addressing the OFIs, noting that while APRIL was aiming to complete actions on most OFI’s still in progress by end-2018, others require long-term action.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

<p>Purwadi Soeprihanto (APHI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciated APRIL’s progress in peatland management and forest conservation. • Queried if SFMP 2.0 applies to all suppliers, including supply partners and open market suppliers. • Noted that the RKU has been revised by the MoEF and that everyone must continue to comply with the revisions.
<p>Titiek Setyawati (WCS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciated APRIL’s commitment to communicate progress and undergo assurance processes. • Suggested that APRIL also highlight the work it does with flagship species, and include progress in its reports.
<p>Ani Nawir (CIFOR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested clarification on terms like ‘supply partner’ and ‘open market supplier’. • Asked about the methodology used to choose the verification sites in the assurance process.



Timothy C. Fenton (APRIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that APRIL’s SFMP 2.0 applies to all suppliers • Defined categories of suppliers. • Noted that APRIL’s RKU has been revised and approved and operations are in full compliance with the RKU.
Roopa Davé (KPMG PRI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Described the methodology used in selecting sites for field verification, that sites are not selected on a percentage basis but instead based on risk assessments, both from GIS, social data and media reviews.
Budi Indra Setiawan (IPB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked about the “defensible methodology” for measuring carbon emissions mentioned in the report.
Timothy C. Fenton (APRIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that he would connect Prof. Budi with the peatland science team for a comprehensive response to his query.
Rizal Bukhari (FSC Indonesia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked about the fiber supplier on-boarding process.
Timothy C. Fenton (APRIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated that APRIL conducts a comprehensive due-diligence process involving interviews, field visits, and ensuring compliance with legal requirements and APRIL’s SFMP 2.0.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

4. Erna Witoelar, SAC Member

Topic Introduction: UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Commented on the merits on collaboration between the private sector and civil society, and how the SDGs are a useful platform.
- Shared about how she has been impressed by the uptake of the SDGs by all sectors, and how she believes they will encourage collaboration.
- Invited Sihol Aritonang to share about APRIL’s learning journey in adopting the SDGs.

5. Sihol Aritonang, President Director, RT Riau Andalan Pulp and Paper

APRIL SDG Impact Assessment

- Noted that APRIL’s adoption of the SDGs has been spurred on by the RGE group’s 5Cs principle (Good for Community, Country, Climate, Customer and Company), and by the desire to measure and focus our impact.
- Noted that the SDGs are a useful platform to align our impact with local, national, and global agendas.
- Presented APRIL’s work with PwC to conduct a study that would (1) help APRIL identify priority goals and targets, and (2) define baselines and metrics for measuring impact.
- Elaborated on the methodology of prioritizing targets, including the inclusion of national and provincial level data.
- Relayed the outcome of the prioritization, three categories that would help inform APRIL’s focus, including: Core Goals (SDGs 12, 13, 15); Catalytic Goals (SDGs 3, 4, 6, 17) and Contributed Goals (SDGs 1, 2, 8, 9, 10).
- Stated that APRIL would focus on Core and Catalytic Goals, while maintaining efforts in projects aligned with Contributed Goals.
- Explained that APRIL is in Phase 2 of the study, establishing baselines and figuring out how to measure progress.
- Reiterated APRIL’s commitment to adopting and implementing the SDGs, particularly at the local level.



QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	
Nurdiana Darus (Landscape Indonesia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that there is plenty of discussion and effort with the government and NGOs, but there is a need to do more with sub-national governments. Commended APRIL's efforts in adopting the SDGs.
Ani Nawir (CIFOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked about a CSR program previously conducted by the Tanoto foundation, about the results of the study and if APRIL has adopted the recommendations.
Budi Santosa (IBCSD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed hope that APRIL's work would also inspire other companies to integrate the SDGs. Looks forward to seeing the real integration of SDG into the strategy of APRIL going forward.
Sihol Aritonang (APRIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborated on how the Tanoto Foundation worked with UNDP to support 4 district governments through the Provincial Planning Agency on adopting SDGs as framework for local development plans. Relayed the outcome of the CSR study by the Tanoto Foundation, on how it had highlighted the challenges of the CSR programs, and how SDGs offer a promising platform in guiding CSR investments

DISCUSSION TOPICS

6. Jeffrey A. Sayer, SAC Member
Topic Introduction: Landscape Conservation and Restoration

- Recalled how conservation areas within planting concession initially showed much promise, but these areas are in reality, prone to encroachment and degradation.
- Stated that APRIL's commitment of 1 ha of conservation area for every 1 ha of plantation area was bold and still is impressive.
- Noted that APRIL has been monitoring and studying important species within their concessions, and will continue to do so.
- Elaborated about the progress so far, including the creation of detailed maps and a strong conservation management programme.
- Noted that as Sumatra's forests are under extreme threat, APRIL's efforts with the Restorasi Ekosistem Riau project are a significant contribution to Sumatra's biodiversity.

7. Nyoman Iswarayoga, Director of External Affairs, Restorasi Ekosistem Riau (RER)
Restorasi Ekosistem Riau

- Shared about APRIL's efforts to restore 150,000 ha of degraded peat forest in the Kampar Peninsula and Pulau Padang through the RER project.
- Noted that the project brings together local communities, government, forestry experts and NGOs to manage the land in a landscape approach.
- Explained how the Production – Protection model, with plantations surrounding the conservation area, helps to deter encroachers.
- Noted the project's significance, as it is the last and largest intact Sundaic lowland (peatland) forest in Sumatra, storing massive amounts of carbon, and providing a wealth of ecosystem services.
- Elaborated on RER's initiatives, including training local rangers to protect the forest, assessing biodiversity and carbon stock, restoring the peatland by closing canals, and working with adjacent communities for inclusive management.



QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION	
Yanti Triwadianti (Partnership ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commended APRIL's efforts, but also asked if there was a possibility of having other companies contribute to the good cause. • Asked if APRIL would be open to partner with other companies, or if it would be willing to take on a larger role in the region.
Rizal Bukhari (FSC Indonesia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that RER is an amazing project, but there is a need to communicate these good efforts. • Asked if there was a possibility of RER capitalizing on carbon stocks and participating in carbon trading.
Ani Nawir (CIFOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked if there is a business strategy that would allow APRIL or other companies participating in restoration projects to derive benefit and reduce the extent to which such areas are cost centres. • Appreciated APRIL's efforts in restoration.
Jeffery A. Sayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed with Yanti Triwadianti that it would be ideal that this solution is scalable, but noted that the present system might not be ideal for such scaling. • Encouraged the participants to keep striving for solutions
Nyoman Iswarayoga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the importance of partnership and APRIL's openness to working with other actors on the landscape. • Elaborated that current focus is to work with fellow license holders in the surrounding area because everyone is facing the same issue which is land encroachment. • Affirmed that RER is looking for ways to promote some of the local community products derived from RER (i.e.: forest honey) in local or international markets, although this has not an easy process. • Acknowledged the challenge of ensuring a viable business model to support restoration program over the long term but in the case of RER, it is integrated in APRIL's production-protection model so funding is secured through the production activities. , Expressed hopes of incentives for Restoration Ecosystem license-holder.
CONCLUSION AND CLOSING	
<p>8. Joe Lawson, Chairperson of the SAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the participants for their attendance and for their questions. • Reiterated the common view among the attendees that the SDGs can be the next step in sustainability. 	