9th FSC National Standards Development Group Meeting

Date: 23rd – 24th February 2017  
Venue: Hotel Melia, Kuala Lumpur

Present

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<td>Mr. Chin Tong TAN (CT)</td>
<td>Independent Expert (Economic Chamber)</td>
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<td>Mr. Edmund GAN (EG)</td>
<td>Sabah Forest Industries Sdn Bhd (Economic Chamber)</td>
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1.0 Call to Order
The 9th meeting of the FSC National Standards Development Group (SDG) commenced on 23rd February 2017 at 9:30 am and was called to order by the Chair.

2.0 Welcome Remarks
The Chair welcomed all SDG members and the group agreed on the agenda for the 2-day meeting. The group also briefly discussed project coordination as well as the respective roles and relationship between the SDG and FSC Malaysia.

3.0 Consideration of feedback received from the Technical Experts Panel on the standards
The SDG deliberated on all comments received from technical experts and made the following decisions as well as identified action points:

3.1 The SDG shall proceed with finalizing the 1st draft standards for public consultation following consideration of experts’ comments.

3.2 The SDG shall run the standards through a simplification exercise following the public consultation period.

3.3 A final check on the standards shall be done by the coordinator following the meeting.

ACTION: SS to perform a final check on the standards.

3.4 The standards shall focus on tenure and licenses irrespective of land classification.

3.5 Scale, Intensity and Risk (SIR) shall be considered following field testing of the standards.

3.6 High Conservation Value (HCV) elements of the standards shall be linked to a current initiative to update the Malaysian HCV Toolkit facilitated by Proforest.

ACTION: SS to update relevant sections of the standards accordingly.

3.7 There is a need to simplify the application of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in Malaysia.

3.8 The SDG shall plan for discussions revolving around the work of FSC International’s Motion 12 Working Group (on forest conversion) during the regional engagement sessions with the objective of informing Malaysian stakeholders about this ongoing initiative and current developments.
3.9 The SDG shall further refine the definition of ‘agreement’ in the standards within the context of agreements made between Indigenous Peoples and the Organization.

**ACTION:** TJ to provide any recommendations to the SDG.

3.10 The SDG shall further refine the definition of ‘significant’ in the standards.

**ACTION:** SS to update relevant sections of the standards accordingly.

3.11 The summary of issues paper for public consultation of the 1st draft standards shall include a brief write-up on FSC International’s Motion 12 initiative.

**ACTION:** SS to update the summary of issues paper accordingly.

3.12 A new annex providing additional guidance on requirements for Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) shall be added to the standards.

**ACTION:** EG and CT to provide SOP samples to SS for reference.

**ACTION:** SS to draft the new annex for the SDG’s consideration.

3.13 Elements of Criterion 6.7 shall be reworked.

**ACTION:** SS to rework specific indicators under Criterion 6.7 for the SDG’s consideration.

3.14 Annexes E and J shall be checked through.

**ACTION:** AS to go through Annexes E and J with the aim of providing suggestions to the SDG, if any.

3.15 Further information on the 10% figure for Representative Sample Areas (RSAs).

**ACTION:** SS to ask FSC International for additional background on RSAs.

3.16 Finalization of meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** SS to draft and distribute meeting minutes to the SDG with the aim of finalizing minutes by 6 March 2017.

4.0 **Public consultation of the 1st draft standards and regional stakeholder engagement sessions**

The group discussed options for regional stakeholder engagement sessions and agreed on the following:

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Potential venues:
- Kuala Lumpur (Eastin or Qliq)
• Kota Kinabalu (Ming Garden or Promenade)
• Kuching (Waterfront)

Agenda for each engagement session:

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<td>Introduction to regional stakeholder engagement session (SDG Chair)</td>
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<td>Presentation of key issues from the Malaysian SDG (SDG member)</td>
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<td>Stakeholder presentation of issues</td>
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<td>Open discussion</td>
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<td>Closing remarks</td>
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ACTION: SDG members to provide recommendations for facilitator/rapporteur teams to SS.

ACTION: SDG members to provide contact lists for potential invitees to engagement sessions to SS.

5.0 Forest testing
The SDG discussed requirements for forest testing and potential sites. The group compared using one certification body for all forest tests (for uniformity) and having 2 different certification bodies for each site (for comparison of results). The SDG decided to pursue at least 2 potential sites for forest testing, one natural forest and one plantation and/or mixed use forest in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah/Sarawak respectively. It was agreed that there was potential to use forest testing as a pre-audit for interested Management Units and that FSC Malaysia should officially approach identified Organizations to participate in forest testing of the draft Malaysian NFSS.

ACTION: SS to ask ASI for recommendations of certification bodies for forest testing.

ACTION: CT to initiate engagement for forest testing in Peninsular Malaysia.

ACTION: AS to initiate engagement for forest testing in Sarawak.

ACTION: EG to initiate engagement for forest testing in Sabah.

6.0 Adjournment
The Chair thanked all the members for their active participation and adjourned the 9th SDG meeting on 24th February 2017 at 6.30pm.