Indonesian Smallholders Working Group Activities towards Group Certification of Palm Oil Smallholders in Indonesia

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This presentation is a progress report on the Indonesian Smallholders Working Group Activities (INA-SWG) which was established by RSPO in 2007. Its main assignment is preparing the Indonesian Palm Oil Smallholders to be certified using RSPO standard to produce sustainable palm oil. The progress reports have been reported since RT 4, 5, 6, and 7. INA-SWG has compiled a sustainable palm oil production standard for scheme and independent smallholders. Besides, BIOCert Indonesia has already compiled a Group Certification Protocol for palm oil smallholders. Cooperating with Departemen of Agriculture, Republic of Indonesia, the standard has been socialized to smallholders. Professional Extension Officers, known as District Facilitator (Fasilitator Daerah), are the ones responsible to introduce the standard to the smallholders.

As the number of smallholders is very big and they are scattered, the socialization is done by conducting trainings for the Local Facilitators who in turn could give trainings in their district. To get an optimum and effective training, the following are needed:

1. Guidance for Training Facilitators on Principle and Criteria of Sustainable Palm Oil Production for Smallholders according to RSPO
   *(Panduan Pelatihan Fasilitator Prinsip dan Kriteria Produksi Minyak Sawit Berkelanjutan untuk Petani Menurut RSPO)*

2. Guidance for Implementation on RSPO Principle and Criteria for Smallholders
   *(Panduan Implementasi Prinsip dan Kriteria RSPO untuk Petani)*

   *(Panduan Teknik Budidaya Kelapa Sawit Terbaik untuk Petani)*

4. Pilot plan on the implementation of Group Certification Protocol for independent smallholders.
   *(Pilot plan implementasi Group Certification Protocol untuk petani swadaya.)*

In this presentation, the pilot plan on the implementation of Group Certification Protocol for independent smallholders will be discussed.