

## Abstract for RT9: Session 4, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

**Title:** National interpretation in New Frontier Regions

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**Abstract:** although the centre of origin for the oil palm is West Africa, the significant development of plantations has happened mainly in South East Asia. This explains why both Malaysia and Indonesia have a dedicated seat in the Executive Board representing the plantation industry.

All the remaining area where oil palm plantations are being planted, have been grouped under 'the rest of the World' or ROW.

Both Malaysia and Indonesia went already thru the process of testing and adapting the P&C by the process of a National Interpretation.

In view of the scattered nature of the ROW we will make an inventory of the work that has been done so far in Africa, America and New Guinea.

With more and more huge plantation or trading groups investing in Africa, what will be the impact on the NI process?

Finally the new method of using the Generic set of the P&C will be discussed for countries with a CPO output that's less than 5% of the annual world output, as it has been approved recently by the Executive Board. The idea behind is to lower the threshold to step into the RSPO and to speed up certification in the ROW.

**Maximum time:** 14 minutes.