

Achieving deforestation-free supply chains together –

Cross-sector dialogue between government, business and civil society

The Swiss sector initiatives for coffee, cocoa, palm oil and soy have been working on the sourcing of sustainable commodities for years. The challenges are manifold, and the efforts in the countries of origin are not always visible and well understood. In addition to deforestation-free supply chains, the different sector initiatives aim to ensure sustainable production methods, improved living conditions and respect for human rights in the main sourcing regions. To achieve this objective, it will be important to foster collaborative solutions with all stakeholders from industry, trade, civil society and governments both in consumer and producer countries.

Goals

- 360° update on deforestation-free supply chains: creating an overview of the topic and approaches along the supply chains and the relevant framework conditions
- Identify solutions and best practices
- Promote exchange and cooperation between sector initiatives and companies
- Identify key action areas for collaborations to be jointly pursued by the sector initiatives in the coming years

Place, date: Gurtenpark Bern, 28 June 2023

Language: D, F, E (simultaneous translation will be provided)

Agenda

Time	Programme
13.00	Arrival & Coffee
13.15	Introduction <i>Barbara Dubach (moderator)</i>
13.20	Welcome address on behalf of all four sector initiatives <i>Salome Hofer, Head of Sustainability Coop and President Swiss Soy Network</i>
13.25	Deforestation and conversion: current trends, drivers and impacts <i>Romain Deveze, Senior Program Manager on Markets & Forest Risk Commodities, WWF Switzerland</i>
13.35	Insights on the new EU “Regulation on deforestation-free products” <i>Hannelore Beerlandt, International Development and Food Policy Advisor, EU</i>
13.50	Panel discussion: Framework conditions for deforestation-free supply chains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Laurent Tchagba, Minister of Water and Forests, Côte d'Ivoire (tbc)</i> – <i>Hannelore Beerlandt, International Development and Food Policy Advisor, EU</i> – <i>Michael Reinhard, Head Forestry Division, Federal Office for Environment (FOEN)</i> – <i>Monica Rubiolo, Head Trade Promotion, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)</i> – <i>Joshua Wickerham, Senior Expert on Sustainability Standards and Traceability Systems, ISEAL Alliance</i>

14.40	<p>Panel discussion: Company views and approaches to tackle the challenges of deforestation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tilmann Silber, Lead Thriving Nature, Barry Callebaut – Christian Müller, Head of Environmental Sustainability Affairs Switzerland, Nestle – Julia Schaad, Sustainability and Quality Manager, Migros Genossenschaftsbund (MGB) – Olivier Snowden Laboulle, Global Head Sustainability – Coffee, Louis Dreyfus Company – Fortunat Schmid, Head Quality Management, fenaco – SME representative (tbc)
15.40	Coffee Break
16.10	<p>Parallel break-out sessions: Deepening of collaborative approaches and new, innovative forms of cooperation (languages D, F, E):</p> <p>Representatives of NGOs and research, as workshop leaders, will give short introductory inputs and discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Landscape Approaches: the example of the Cavally Forest Project in Côte d'Ivoire <i>Moderated by G�r�me Tokpa and Sabrina Bosson (Earthworm), (French)</i> – Measurement and certification tools of the future <i>Moderated by Romain Deveze (WWF) and Joshua Wickerham (ISEAL), (English)</i> – Deforestation-free approaches from a producer's perspective <i>Moderated by Elisabeth B�rger and Christoph Oberlack (CDE/University of Bern), (English)</i> – Financing strategies to enable deforestation-free supply chains <i>Moderated by Beni Lang (Swisscontact), (German and/or English)</i>
17.10	<p>Representatives of the four sector initiatives about priority measures for cross-sectoral collaboration by highlighting key areas for joint actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Urs Furrer, Board Member SWISSCO (Manufacturers) – Salome Hofer, President Swiss Soy Network – Steering Committee Member Swiss Palm Oil Network (tbc) – Michael von Luehrte, Managing Director Interest Group of Coffee Switzerland (IGK)
17.25	<p>Farewell</p> <p><i>Bernhard Kammer, Head of Ecology and Sustainability Labels, Migros Genossenschaftsbund (MGB)</i></p>
17.30	Ap�ro and networking (group photo)