Amsterdam Declarations Partnership
Towards deforestation-free sustainable commodities

Deforestation on the table

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The food on our table

Estimated soybean meal content in animal feed
“Imported deforestation”

- Drivers: Beef (58m ha), soya (13m), maize (8m), palm oil (6m)
- Exported deforestation: Latin America 64%, Southeast Asia 23%
- EU imported deforestation:

Soya: 82%
Palm Oil: 17%
Introduction AD Partnership

• Part of the climate change agenda (Dec. 2015).
• Goal: Towards deforestation-free, sustainable commodities.

• Signed by 7 countries.
• Support to voluntary private sector commitments and initiatives.
• Non-legally binding, political declarations.
• Process-oriented approach (influencing key processes).
• AD Strategy with 4 lines of action, adopted in 2016.
• Focus on cocoa, palm oil and soya. Also natural rubber. Considering actions on beef.
S1- Facilitate European action

- **EU action on deforestation:**
  - Signatory countries coordinated input into several Council meetings
  - No decision by EC yet. Call to organise an expert meeting with member states and relevant DGs
  - Sustainability in trade negotiations
- **Responsible business conduct:**
  - Letter to EC calling for a CSR strategy. European CSR-meeting 30 Oct
- **Green Public Procurement:**
  - Food & Catering criteria under revision (land use concerns).
  - Public procurement discussed in AD-Group
- **Trade negotiations, sustainability paragraph**
2a - Cocoa

- 77% of all cocoa imported EU. Mainly: Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana

- 4th World Cocoa Conference, Berlin Declaration: ‘.. end deforestation.’

- Involvement in CEN/ISO on sustainable cocoa. Dialogue with RA/UTZ.

- Cocoa & Forests Initiative (CFI), process supported.

- National level initiatives in Germany (+Switzerland; 60%), Netherlands (58%) and soon France. Major UK companies part of CFI.

- Supply chain - landscape initiatives supported in Côte d’Ivoire and Gh (e.g. IDH, GIZ, P4F).
2b - Palm oil

- 71% all EU import. Mainly: Indonesia, Malaysia. Increasingly from Latin America (Colombia, Honduras) + Papua New Guinea.

- European Sustainable Palm Oil Initiative (ESPO), process supported.
- Dialogue with RSPO. EU RSPO back-to-back with our MSE.
- National level initiatives in every AD country. Generally on track but last % more difficult. Status to be reported by ESPO.
- German FONAP = Germany + Austria and Switzerland.
- Supply chain - landscape initiatives supported in Indonesia. and support for African Palm Oil Initiative.
2c - Soya

- 61% total EU import. Mainly: Brazil, Argentina, USA + Paraguay, Canada. Shifts expected with new China tariff on USA soya.

- Only FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines on European level: legality is the minimum. Important first step but not enough to reach AD-goals.
- Dialogue with RTRS, ProTerra.
- National level initiatives in Germany, Netherlands, Norway and UK. Denmark working on sustainable soya (Danish Ethical Trade Initiative) with individual companies. France since June 2018.
- End Nov 2018, European Soya meeting national initiatives

- Supply chain – landscape initiative in Mato Grosso, Brazil.
3- Enhanced dialogue

- Building G2G dialogue with producer countries:
  -> Ministerial visits
  -> Exchange on staff level

- China: working groups on palm oil and soya.
- West-Africa: African Palm Oil Initiative, CAFI, CFI.
- Strengthen cooperation with NYDF-platform, TFA2020
- Dialogue with NGOs and Indigenous Peoples organisations. More attention to small-holder inclusion and human rights.
4. Monitoring, transparency

- Continued use and cooperation third party platforms.
- Enhancing dialogue with voluntary certification standards.
- Still lack of available data and transparency, esp. certified import.
- Work through private sector initiatives (ESPO, CFI?).
- Geodata needed linking supply chain / certification / landscape. Some initiatives on-going:
  TRASE, ISEAL & GFW pilot ‘Certification Atlas’.
Thank you for your attention

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