



# Item 03 – Proposed Project Working Group membership for the Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard

## For GSSB approval

<b>Date</b>	6 May 2020
<b>Meeting</b>	20 May 2020
<b>Project</b>	Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard, GRI Sector Program
<b>Description</b>	<p>This proposal follows on from the Proposed Project Working Group Composition for the Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard approved on 23 April 2020. It sets out a recommendation by the GRI Standards Division to replace a nominated member from the civil society organization constituency who notified the Standards Division they were no longer able to join the Agriculture and Fishing Project Working Group. This new proposed nominee represents the same organization.</p> <p>The GSSB is requested to review and approve this proposed nomination.</p>

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# Background

The GSSB approved the [Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard - Project Proposal](#) on 10 December 2019.

In line with the GSSB's [Due Process Protocol](#), a multi-stakeholder Project Working Group (hereafter 'PWG') was called upon to develop content for an Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard. The GRI Standards Division (Standards Division) prepared the [Terms of Reference for the Agriculture and Fishing Project Working Group](#) and the [Application Form](#). The open call for applications started on 4 February 2020 and finished on 4 March 2020.

The proposed PWG composition for the Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard was presented to the GSSB for approval on 23 of April 2020. **GSSB Decision 2020.08** resolved to approve [Item 02 – Proposed Project Working Group Composition for the Agriculture and Fishing Sector Standard](#).

The Standards Division informed the GSSB of the change in availability of a proposed member representing the Forest Peoples Programme, an organization from the civil society constituency.

An alternative nomination from the same organization is being proposed. The Standards Division has reviewed the proposed member's application and concluded that they are a suitable candidate for membership of the PWG. Similar to the previous nominee, this candidate has expertise in the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

This document presents the proposed membership for approval by the GSSB.

## *Selection process and criteria*

In line with the Due Process Protocol, the PWG membership should reflect a balance of multi-stakeholder constituencies. As a minimum, the PWG shall have at least one person drawn from each of the constituencies on which the membership of the GSSB is based: Business Enterprise (or reporters more generally), Civil Society, Investment Institutions, Labor, and Mediating Institutions. See page 6 of the [Terms of Reference for the Agriculture and Fishing Project Working Group](#) for a description of each constituency group.

The principal criterion for selecting PWG members is the identification of the best profiles for the job. Selection criteria also include relevant knowledge and experience in agriculture and fishing and availability to perform the role. Geographical, gender and cultural diversity are also considered.

The following criteria have been considered:

- relevant knowledge of sustainability reporting for the sector
- familiarity with the needs of users of sustainability reports
- related experience with multi-stakeholder initiatives
- understanding of and willingness to work in a consensus-based, multi-stakeholder PWG
- ability to participate in PWG meetings held in English and provide written English feedback when requested

In addition, agriculture and fishing is a sector with a diverse set of commodities; a diverse expertise of the PWG members in growing of crops, production of livestock and fishing has been considered in the selection process.

40 *Proposed membership for the PWG*

41 The Standards Division proposes to add the following civil society representative to the Agriculture  
 42 and Fishing PWG:

<b>Constituency: Civil society</b>	
<p><b>Job title:</b> Business and Human Rights Project Officer</p>	<p><b>Summary of experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ran projects for not-for-profit group that works with governments, producers, and other private sector partners throughout agricultural and forest product supply chains.</li> <li>• Worked on setting policy commitments and supplier implementation plans for responsible sourcing, particularly in relation to palm oil as well as sugar, cocoa and cotton.</li> <li>• Has expert knowledge on human rights, including development of policies and implementation plans that align with best practice standards.</li> <li>• Collaborated on the drafting of two grievance guidance documents with The Fair Labour Association to provide detailed, practical guidance for palm oil organizations to take a best approach to remediating child labor and forced labor from mills and plantations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bio:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed member works for the Forest Peoples Programme on human right issues, with a focus on the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.</li> <li>• Previous role at Proforest, where responsibilities included interpreting social risk assessment results; framing these within the UNGP due diligence process; using the concept of salient human rights to prioritize possible interventions related to to responsible sourcing priorities and impact to people.</li> <li>• Has a Master of Arts in Anthropology of Development from The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Organization:</b> Forest Peoples Programme</p>	
<p><b>Region:</b> Europe (United Kingdom)</p>	