

41/2025 DEVELOP FSC FM CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION STANDARD

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Policy Motion (Motion text / High-level action request):

The FSC (Board) shall establish a (technical) working group to create, based on a relevant subset of the IGI's and relevant other requirements, a FSC FM contractor certification standard. Based on the adopted FSC FM Contractor Certification Standard, the FSC-accredited CAB can establish that the Contractor can comply with the relevant requirements.

Background / Rationale:

A lot of the actual work in the forests is done by specialised companies and people. They are called contractors, and their work ranges from planting, pruning, and harvesting but since they never become owners nor of the land or the products they have currently no real "title" to become certified. FSC has been struggling for a long time with this. [The FSC Working Group that dealt with this issue](#) mentioned an option of creating a standalone forestry contractor certification standard but decided to include forest contractors in the group certification.

This Motion will pave way to the creation of a standalone forestry contractor certification standard based on a sub-set of relevant IGI.

The advantages are that certified contractors are more easily identifiable. Also, this would allow smallholders and others to select a forest contractor that is FSC certified. Disadvantages might be that adding another standard might add to the complexity, but it would help small-holders because they

wouldn't need to put all the requirements in the outsourcing agreements and for auditors it would be simpler if they can directly audit contractors