GLOBAL CROSS-CHAMBER DIALOGUES

2nd Session

23 June 2022

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AGENDA

Topic	Time
1 Welcome and introduction to the cross-chamber methodology	05 min.
2 Chamber dialogues	110 min.
3 Plenary session – Cross Chamber feedback (15 minutes per chamber)	45 min.

Global Cross Chamber Dialogues

The global cross-chamber dialogues are an opportunity for members to provide feedback to motion proposers on all 52 motions including the chance to identify:

- the strengths,
- concerns, and
- actions required to improve the motions as well as define their general chamber positions on the motions.

Global Cross Chamber Dialogues

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There will be 4 sessions in which members will break into their respective chambers to review 13 motions and gather feedback for the motion proposer. Once the chamber discussions are complete, all chambers will have an opportunity to hear from the other chambers on their suggestions and positions.

09 JUNE 2022

MEMBER RULES & GOVERNANCE | FSC STRUCTURE & PERFORMANCE

MOTIONS:

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, 59

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STANDARDS AND AUDIT SYSTEMS

MOTIONS:
10, 13, 14, 16, 30, 31, 37, 42, 45, 54, 55, 58, 60

07 JULY 2022
SOCIAL ASPECTS

MOTIONS:

1, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40A, 40B, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56

21 JULY 2022
FOREST MANAGEMENT

MOTIONS:

15, 17A, 17B, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49

Cross Chamber Dialogues Chamber Sessions Methodology

IN PLENARY:

1. These sessions will be quick input (or "quick fire") sessions. The aim is that we collect as much succinct feedback information as possible in the short period of time we have for each motion (we have just 8 mins per motion).
2. We are looking for feedback from members on 4 main questions relating to motion strengths, motion weaknesses, broad text change needs and general comments.
3. We need to identify a member to be note taker/reporter back to plenary. We have an Excel template for feedback notes and we can send a link to it to the note-taker in the Zoom chat. It is possible to have more than one note taker as simultaneous edits are possible.
4. You can give your views by raising your hand or typing in the chat or both.
5. If you wish to speak you need to do it in a "popcorn" or "quick fire" style (just 15 to 30 seconds maximum per person). You are welcome to speak more than once.
6. If we finish before the 8 minutes are used up we will move to the next motion and use any saved time for where more discussion is needed.

IN CHAMBER SESSION:

7. Are there any volunteers to take notes and give the feedback? Remember we can have more than one note-taker.
8. We will start now by asking **"What are the strengths of this motion?".** Please then type your views in the chat or raise your hand for quick spoken contributions.
9. Next, **"What are the weaknesses of this motion?".**
10. Now we go into more general discussion, please keep your contributions brief and to the point. Let's consider these points and pull out more strengths and weaknesses:
11. **"Are text changes needed for you to be able to support this motion?"** We don't need to have exact wording changes, just the essence of whether a change is needed and in what way.
12. Are there any important general comments?

GLOBAL CROSS CHAMBER MEETING - SESSION 2

SESSION:

CHAMBER:

		MOTION FEEDBACK	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESS	TEXT CHANGES / MAIN ACTIONS REQUIRED	GENERAL COMMENTS
10	Policy	Respecting the proposals of Standards Development Groups (SDGs)				
13	Policy	Expanding the Scope of FSC FM Certification to Include Urban Forest Management				
14	Policy	Calibration of national FSC-standards				
16	Policy	Acknowledging the synergies that exist between FSC and nationwide legal frameworks developed through the FLEGT Action Plan				
30	Policy	Implementation of system wide volume tracking system				
31	Policy	The FSC Normative requirements for the operation of ASI				
37	Statutory	Required changes to the FSC Principles and Criteria to implement the Policy to Address Conversion				
42	Policy	FSC Communication Policy and Strategies				
45	Policy	Stop the current process on revision of the FSC Policy on Conversion				
54	Policy	Motivating COC-certified companies to increase the percentage of FSC-certified products in their total volumes of wood products traded				
55	Policy	Increase system integrity with regard to organizations certified through Chain of Custody group certification				
58	Policy	Accelerated shift from rule-based to outcome-orientated Standards'				
60	Policy	An Objective evaluation method by performance system for FSC audits				

Membership Standards & audit systems

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10/2020 Respecting the proposals of Standards Development Groups (SDGs) Accepted by MC

PROPOSER

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SECONDERS

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Fundación Copade España

Social North

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

The FSC shall ensure that balanced proposals of recognized Standards Development Groups (SDGs) based on Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) are respected in relation to the implementation of motions adopted by the global FSC General Assembly of members.

KEY POINTS:

1. This motion intends use the expertise, experience and competence of recognized SDGs to ensure that the intent of motions adopted by FSC GAs is maintained but to avoid that particular provisions of such motions compromise the potential for social, environmental and/or economic development.

2. FSC systems requires that international FSC Forest Management (FM) standards shall be adapted by recognized SDGs to the realities and conditions of specific regions or countries through elaboration of regionally or nationally adapted FM-standards by SDGs.

3. Decisions in SDGs are taken in democratic processes based on FPIC and equitably balancing social, environmental and economic interests.

Discussed 2022   Policy Motion

13/2020 Expanding the Scope of FSC FM Certification to Include Urban Forest Management

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SECONDERS
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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:
Expand the scope of the forest management certification program to include the responsible management of urban forests.

KEY POINTS:

1. Over half of the world's human population resides in urban areas. By 2050, it is projected that two-thirds of the human population will reside in urban areas.

2. Expanding FSC's programmatic footprint to include the certification of well managed urban forests will generate an awareness of the FSC on the part of the world's urban dwellers to an extent that has not been achieved, after 25 years of marketing and promotional effort.

3. Expanding the FSC scope to include urban forests is the best and available and most innovative option for revitalizing the FSC's core certification program.

Policy Motion

14/2020 Calibration of national FSC-standards

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Undertake an evaluation of national FSC-standards and their contribution to FSCs mission in regard to positive environmental and social standards achievements.

KEY POINTS:

The results of the evaluation and following processes can contribute to:

1. Better national FSC-standards focusing more on FSCs mission
2. Reduction of competitive imbalances through FSC-products based on different national standards and not on differences in economy cross boarder
3. More focus on relevant issues in national FSC-standards and less bureaucracy for forest owners through a technical system focusing on the key-issues with efficient systems.
4. Overview on engagement level and balance of environmental, social and economic views in national standard setting processes.

Discussed 2022 Policy Motion

16/2020 Acknowledging the synergies that exist between FSC and nationwide legal frameworks developed through the FLEGT Action Plan

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Social South

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

The membership proposes that FSC formally recognize the strategic importance of mandatory and well-enforced national legislation, developed and endorsed through FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement processes, as foundations for sustainable forest management.

KEY POINTS:

1. Improve the efficiency of audits and thereby reduce costs for companies implementing the FSC system and national legal frameworks developed through the FLEGT Action Plan.

Policy Motion

30/2020 Implementation of system wide volume tracking system

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Social North

OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Accelerate the implementation of a wide and credible volume tracking system in order to avoid fraud with FSC labelled products and protect the integrity and brand value of FSC.

KEY POINTS:

1. Timber supply chains can be complicated and, on several occasions, fraught has been identified where the volume of timber going into a supply chain does not match the volume of final products.

2. Cases of fraud are undermining the integrity of FSC to the degree that FSC value from a brand perspective is much less attractive than it could and should be.

3. A volume tracking system would be essential for passing on information on ecosystem services such as; life cycle GHG emissions, watershed conservation and biodiversity impact.

Policy Motion

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Develop the normative requirements for the assessment process and reporting (outcome) of the Assurance Services international (ASI) to - Frame the work of ASI as a service provider

KEY POINTS:

1. There is currently no transparent framework that covers the work of ASI as a service provider to FSC and yet the work of ASI is crucial to the credibility of FSC, FSC Certificate Holders, FSC Conformity Assessment bodies.

2. **The normative requirements should be developed in accordance with FSC's standard** setting procedure (FSC-PRO01-001) and stakeholder engagement.

Discussed 2022 | Amended | Policy Motion

37/2021 Enable the implementation of the Policy to Address Conversion by incorporating its relevant policy elements into the FSC Principles & Criteria

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Enable the implementation of the Policy to Address Conversion by incorporating its relevant policy elements into the FSC Principles & Criteria.

KEY POINTS:

1. This motion consolidates the three motions (37, 38 and 39) previously presented by the same proposers for this General Assembly.
2. This motion will result in the following changes to the FSC Principles and Criteria:
- Revision of Criterion 6.9
- Revision of Criterion 6.10
- **Revision of the definition of 'Restore/Restoration'.**
- **New definition of 'Very limited portion'.**

Discussed 2022   Statutory Motion

42/2021 FSC Communication Policy and Strategies

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Design and implement a policy and strategies of internal and external communication, which encourages a language towards joint creation with stakeholders at a global level.

KEY POINTS:

1. The results of the survey conducted in the second stage of the governance review, (R.G. 2.0) highlighted a strong wish for the development of new tools to enable member engagement, **discussion and influence related to FSC's work (Governance review report).**

2. The Secretariat is requested, based on a diagnosis of its communication management, to generate a proposal for a communication policy and strategies including relevant elements: objectives, plans, programmes and projects.

3. The policy should be developed with the support of a group technical experts in the subject, and be calibrated with a team of members from the different chambers and regions.

4. The effort must be carried out within six months after the motion has been passed and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Policy Motion

45/2021 Stop the current process on revision of the FSC Policy on Conversion

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SECONDERS

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

Stop the current process for development/revision of the FSC Policy on Conversion as commissioned by previous motions (37/2002; 18/2011; 12/2014; 7/2017) and configure a new **process to conceptualize and agree on FSC's approach to addressing and engaging with: (1) Forest** Plantations, 2) conversion of natural forests and 3) remedy and restitution for social and environmental harms before association with the FSC.

KEY POINTS:

1. The process is based on agreement among the FSC members and stakeholders through (a) a comprehensive analysis of problems associated with Forest Plantations and Conversion across FSC systems, (b) an exposition of options to resolve identified problems, (c) a rationalization of expected outcomes, and (d) development of a holistic strategy for achieving agreed expected outcomes which comprehensively addresses linkages to other parts of the FSC systems (e.g., Policy for Association, Controlled Wood Strategy, FSC Principles & Criteria, etc.).

2. Competent experts shall then turn the strategy for achieving expected outcomes into operational systems.

3. The current language of the FSC Principles & Criteria shall remain in place until an organizational consensus on the strategy for achieving agreed expected outcomes emerges.

Policy Motion

Motivating COC-certified companies to increase the percentage of FSC-certified products in their total volumes of wood products traded

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

FSC shall promote the uptake of FSC-certified wood products by requiring a minimum percentage of FSC-certified products in the total volume of wood products traded, and a growth path

KEY POINTS:

1. **The goal is to increase the number of forests certified to FSC's standards from the current** level of about 220 million hectares, to 300 million hectares by 2026 (FSC strategy 2021-2026, p10).

2. Introducing a minimum share will motivate Certificate Holders (CH) to work with FSC-certified products.

3. A percentage of 5% of certified content is reasonable and achievable for all members that are willing to contribute to the mission of FSC.

4. As a mandatory growth path, the proposers suggest a 10% growth every 5-year certification cycle.

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

This motion asks FSC to equate the position of organizations certified through Chain of Custody (CoC) group certification (FSC-STD-40-003) with that of individually certified (single site) organizations.

KEY POINTS:

1. Within the FSC system, approximately 38% of all CoC certified organizations are members of a multi-site or group certificate.

2. The products are labelled with the license code of the group manager, which means that the products cannot be traced back to the original organization that put the labelled product on the market without the assistance, research or tracing back by the group manager.

3. CoC group certified organizations shall be issued with their individual license (e.g. sub) code so that products can be traced more easily.

4. These organizations shall also have their own record on the FSC database, with reference to the group manager, making the individual scope of certification and contact details publicly available.

Policy Motion

58/2021 Accelerated shift from rule-based to outcome-orientated Standards

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

This Policy Motion requests the Board Strategic Planning Committee to commission ISEAL or an equivalent quality assurance association to develop a global set of Principles and Criteria for responsible forest stewardship based on the ISO concept of improving values for verifiable outcomes.

KEY POINTS:

1. For more than a decade, several organisations have urged FSC to move from rule-based to outcome-orientation, as is logical for a market-linked certification scheme.

2. FSC repeated the commitment to change in Goal 1.2 in Strategy 1 of the Global Strategy 2021-2026, **'Streamline policies and standards towards outcome orientation to make them easier to understand and implement consistently'.**

3. Some stakeholders have become accustomed to rule-based quality assurance for many years and may find to easier to follow a simplified system with detailed rules than to secure agreement on long-term outcomes and to develop efficient methods for attaining those outcomes. Some stakeholders worry that decentralised definitions of outcomes may be understood as self-certification. These and other objections must be analysed as part of a comprehensive independent review to compare rule-based with outcome-orientated risk-based certification, to be published as a FSC Discussion Paper, leading to preparation of a multi-stage work plan. FSC should not attempt piecemeal evolution from rule-based to outcome systems.

4. Motion 58 calls for demonstrations at both industrial and community/smallholder scale to provide working examples with public documentation over the next 3-5 years to provide a solid basis for an outcome-orientated, risk-based V6 of the FSC Principles & Criteria.

Policy Motion

60/2021 An Objective evaluation method by performance system for FSC audits

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To improve the credibility and robustness of FSC, we request to standardize the certification processes of the Forest Management (FM) and Chain of Custody (CoC) certification in their forms of evaluation and measurement, to make them more robust, accurate, and reliable.

KEY POINTS:

1. The accuracy of the current FSC FM and CoC auditing systems are subjective and depend on each auditor's personal analysis and value judgments and the team's skills in understanding the social, environmental and economic aspects and their internal and external interrelations.

2. Different methods and criteria for determining the level of compliance with the standards generate different perceptions of the credibility of FSC products to their consumers and the reliability of the FSC seal.

3. Therefore, it is necessary to adopt this objective method of auditing performance, which allows uniformity of audits and integration of FSC standards, with greater transparency and confirmation of the open and plural participation of FSC managers in companies.

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