

Bonsucro Technical Advisory Board (TAB) meeting

18 – 19 September, London

Attendance, Technical Advisory Board:

Jean-Claude Autrey
Amy Jackson
Raoul Lionnet
Armando Ortega
Manoel Regis Lima Verde Leal
Damien Sanfilippo
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Attendance, Bonsucro:

Nicolas Viart
Rafael Seixas
Nahuel Tunon
Anne Nistad
Sonia Slavinski

1. Introduction to Bonsucro

An introduction to Bonsucro, TAB role and intended objectives were presented.

2. Presentation of the Theory of Change and Outcome Report

The Outcome Report was presented and its scope outlined. The high-level results were highlighted with a focus on the worker outcomes.

It was requested that more data be presented to the TAB comparing yields before and after certification. Secondly, the TAB confirmed that when choosing partners for change, mills and farmers should be given priority.

3. General Update on Bonsucro work in regions

The Bonsucro priority countries were presented.

4. Revision of the Production Standard to support smallholder farmers

The difficulty in collecting smallholder data was highlighted. It was recommended that Bonsucro carry out a pilot which would highlight any such difficulties. It was suggested that Bonsucro considers how other ISEAL members assess smallholders and that overall no Bonsucro criteria in the Standards should be removed.

5. Bonsucro Innovative Tools

The following tools were presented: IPM Coalition Pesticides database, Global Forest Watch, Bonsucro Academy, Bonsucro Connect.

6. The case of Traders in the Mass Balance Chain of Custody

The current Mass Balance System was presented. The particular case of traders was discussed and it was suggested to make a theory of change which might result in a Mass Balance Chain of Custody standard revision.

7. Certification Protocol and Assurance Presentation

The Bonsucro oversight system was presented as well as the result of the 2017 CB Bonsucro assessments. Audit frequency was discussed and it was agreed that risk assessment tools on audit frequency might be developed.

8. Technical Topics

The following topics were discussed: GM cane, agrochemicals, irrigation, soil quality, cost of production.

9. Meeting Review

Each TAB member provided some feedback on the meeting.

10. AOB

The next meeting would be held in December, date to be confirmed.