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| * 1. CONSULTATION QUESTIONS |
| The Code of Conduct has been drafted to remain as concise as possible, with further explanation of what the requirements under the Code may mean in practice included in the Implementation Guidelines. |
| The Vision and Objectives are designed to clarify the objectives of Bonsucro and emphasise Bonsucro's core principle of continuous improvement and respect for human rights.  The Reporting Guidelines have been included in a separate document so that they can be reviewed and revised on a more frequent basis without necessitating amendments to the Code. This is designed to allow for a gradual move towards greater reporting and transparency over time and in line with emerging best practice. |
| 1. Code of Conduct & Implementation Guidelines |
| Online Survey:   * Question 1 - In relation to the Implementation Guidelines, paragraph 2E Is a requirement to develop a time-limited action plan which sets out how the Member intendeds to achieve compliance with the Code within a reasonable period a practical and achievable requirement? * Question 2 - In relation to the Implementation Guidelines, paragraph 2E Is it reasonable for a prospective member to be in compliance with the Code before submitting its application or should a prospective Member be allowed to join either:   1. When they have an action plan in place; or   2. If they commit to put in place an action plan within 12 months of becoming a member? |
| Question 3 - For your membership category:  1. do the examples of how to demonstrate continuous improvement listed in the Implementation Guidelines reflect your activities in practice; 2. if not, how do you demonstrate continuous improvement; and 3. are there any other ways of demonstrating continuous improvement in your membership category?  Question 4 – What kinds of improvement projects demonstrate tangible economic, social and environmental benefits? Please give examples.  * Question 5 – In relation to civil society:  1. What role(s) can civil society play in supporting continuous improvement of sugarcane production, processing and sourcing?; and 2. How can they support the accountability of Members and the monitoring of commitments?  * Question 6 – How do you currently demonstrate respect for human rights? * Question 7 – Do you support gradual alignment of your sugarcane production, processing and sourcing activities with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains? If not, please explain what reasons/obstacles are preventing this. |
| 1. Reporting Guidelines |
| * Question 8 - Do Members currently report on the processes used to demonstrate continuous improvement and respect for human rights?   If so, is this specific to sugarcane production, processing and sourcing?   * Question 9 – Could Members use existing reporting and disclosure to satisfy the reporting requirements outlined in the Reporting Guidelines noting the need to report specifically in relation to sugarcane production, processing and sourcing? * Question 10 – What is an appropriate reporting level for farmers in your opinion? Should they be asked to report like other Bonsucro members? * Question 11 - Considering a spectrum/scale between reporting with no public disclosure and reporting with full public disclosure, how would you like to see Bonsucro move along that scale?  1. Self-Assessment  * Question 12 - Do you consider that it would not be possible or too onerous to answer any questions in the Self-Assessment template, noting that there is an option to answer “*no*” or “*not applicable*”. Answering “*not applicable*” means that a member has considered that a particular step/question is necessary but has made a reasoned decision as to why it is not applicable, and answering “*no*” may need to be qualified by reference to an action to address the identified gap? * Question 13 - An alternative approach could be to divide the Self Assessment into a "due diligence report" (with less frequent reporting) and separate report on "continuous improvement reporting" (with more frequent reporting). What do you think of this approach? * Question 14 - In relation to the section on respect for human rights:   + Are there any additional steps that could be included under “*steps are taken to identify, assess and prioritise risks in relation to sugarcane production, processing and sourcing*”?   + Are there any additional steps that could be included under “*a strategy in place to respond to identified risks identified in sugarcane production, processing and sourcing*”?   + Are there any additional steps that could be included under steps taken to “*verify the processes described above in relation to in sugarcane production, processing and sourcing*”?   + Are there any additional steps that could be included in relation to reporting? * Question 15 - Do you consider that there are any additional questions that should be inserted into the Self-Assessment template? |
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