

RLRT July Update Meeting

July 31, 2018

Agenda:

1. Industry news
2. Ireland Meeting
 - Agenda preview
3. Updates: RLA IWG meeting #2
4. Updates: Task Group meetings
 - Land Use Change
 - Tannery
5. Animal Welfare framework

Industry News

- Accountability Framework announces the first release of Framework drafts
 - <https://accountability-framework.org/framework>
- Drive Sustainability report released
 - https://responsibleleather.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Material-Change_VF.pdf

Ireland Meeting

Registration is now open for the **Global Forum on Responsible Leather** – our event/meeting in Kilkenny, Ireland Oct 11-12.

Please visit <http://www.eiseverywhere.com/rlrt-globalforum> to learn more and register!

Meeting agenda to be released soon!

Updates: RLA IWG Meeting #2

Key outcomes:

- Continued working through the Terms of Reference.
- The group agreed there should be a narrow focus at the farm level when it comes to environmental impacts – focus will be on Land Use Change, and build up from there.
- Social Issues are ‘essential’ to address at the tanneries, possibly at slaughter, too.

Next RLA IWG Meeting (#3)

Tuesday, August 14th | 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST / 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM CET

Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7318842366598657025>

Updates: Task Group meetings

Land Use Change Task Group Meeting #2

What do we need to determine?

Proposed scope(s):

- Deforestation as core, recognize or recommend the broader scope. * Need to get further input
- Biome preservation (biodiversity, climate impacts)
- Social: forced labour, land tenure, indigenous rights - *look at how this is being addressed by AFI (eg: Minister of Labour in Brazil has black list on forced labour) – look at recognizing a broader set of issues, but setting hard requirements on critical issues such as forced labour and indigenous rights

Proposed definitions and targets:

- Our suggestion is to follow the definitions and targets set out in the Accountability Framework: <https://accountability-framework.org/framework/contents/#core>
 - Please review the definitions and send any comments or feedback to us.
 - Are there other aspects of the framework that we should consider adopting for leather?

Proposed additional targets: SDG 15

Who do we work (and align) with? See slide #19

Tannery Task Group Meeting #1

- Tannery Stages outlined (slide #21)
- Reviewing how a leather product is made (slide #22 – from Stahl)
- Determining key issues (slide #23)

Animal Welfare Framework

Some work has been going on behind the scenes for all Textile Exchange standards; we have been working on a new framework for Animal Welfare, which could be used for leather as well.

Contact Anne@TextileExchange.org if you would like to review the draft document.

Upcoming Meetings

See the full calendar of upcoming meetings on our website:

<https://responsibleleather.org/calendar/>

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

All meetings are from 10-11:30 AM EST / 4-5:30 PM CET

AUGUST	
Wed. Aug 1	RLRT-GRSB Agenda Task Group Meeting #3 (Final)
Tues. Aug 7	Animal Welfare Task Group Meeting #3
Fri. Aug 10	Land Use Change Task Group Meeting #3
Tues. Aug 14	RLA IWG Meeting #3
Tues. Aug 28	RLRT August Update Meeting

SEPTEMBER	
Tues. Sept 4	Tannery Task Group Meeting #2
Tues. Sept 11	RLA IWG Meeting #4
Mon. Sept 24	Traceability Task Group Meeting #1
Tues. Sept 25	RLRT September Update Meeting

OCTOBER	
Thurs-Fri Oct 11-12	Global Forum on Responsible Leather (Kilkenny, Ireland)
Mon. Oct 23	RLRT Into & Update Meeting (Milan, Italy)