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](https://accountability-framework.org/framework)
- Drive Sustainability report released  

Ireland Meeting

Registration is now open for the [Global Forum on Responsible Leather](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/rlrt-globalforum) – our event/meeting in Kilkenny, Ireland Oct 11-12.

Please visit [http://www.eiseverywhere.com/rlrt-globalforum](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](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](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/](https://responsibleleather.org/calendar/)
# Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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

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