

## INTRODUCING NATIONAL COMMODITY PLATFORMS

Using the example of the Indonesian Palm Oil Platform

### Why a National Platform?

There is a clear need at a national level for coordinated action by all stakeholders to align their activities in the same direction on sustainable palm oil, delivering in ways that complement each other. To agree, and continue to agree, on what coordinated and sustained action looks like, it is necessary to convene multi-sector and multi-authority actors who have an interest and influence on delivering sustainable palm oil in Indonesia. UNDP is a neutral and natural convener of such multi-stakeholder dialogue. The national government has the mandate to lead and own it.

### What is a National Platform?

- Convening multiple stakeholders to engage in dialogue in order to jointly develop and agree on a national plan of action for sustainable palm oil.
- Implement the national action plan, monitor progress, and decide on new action plans.
- It is structured to include all relevant stakeholders – from public, private, civil society and community sectors – with associated multi-stakeholder working groups that have technical expertise and propose coordinated actions to the wider stakeholder group.
- The wider stakeholder group meets in plenary regularly, and endorses the national plan of action.
- A Steering Committee for the Platform provides coordination and addresses any disputes to enable consensus based decision-making.

### How has it worked elsewhere?

There are currently national platforms running in Ghana on cocoa, in Costa Rica on pineapple, in Dominican Republic on cocoa, and in Ethiopia on coffee. Others are being established in Paraguay on beef and soy and in Peru on coffee.



Costa Rica National Action Plan for Pineapple online  
Jointly Lead by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Environment

## What does a National Platform achieve?

- Transparency of existing activities on sustainable palm oil in Indonesia ensures the platform has added value and doesn't reinvent the wheel.
- Action on systemic solutions to identify root causes that undermine current and future sustainability of palm oil in Indonesia. For example, on strengthened extension systems for independent smallholders, policy reform to incentivise forest conservation, rolling out and strengthening national standard, etc.
- Ownership and leadership for driving change on palm oil in Indonesia in the hands, minds and hearts of national and local government.
- Sustained action for long-term economic, environmental and social sustainability in agricultural commodities in Indonesia. Systemic solutions found to address issues in palm oil will have positive knock on effects for other strategic commodities such as coffee and cocoa

## Making it happen

The nature and structure of the National Platform ensures that it remains a viable and sustainable mechanism for dialogue irrespective of changes in the political, social and economic landscape of the country.



## What might a platform look like?



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