

India National Platform on Private Sustainability Standards

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Dear Stakeholder Representative,

We express our deep appreciation for your/ your organization's participation at the First Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Committee (MSC) of the India National Platform on Private Sustainability Standards convened at The Royal Plaza on 16 December 2016. It was a pleasure engaging with you and to see the sincerity of deliberations at the Platform. We will be sharing the summary record of the Meeting with you soon along with the potential date (in four months) of the Second Meeting of the MSC.

Meanwhile, as discussed in the Meeting, we request you to kindly send us a submission* in the following outline by **10 January 2016**:

| # | Headings | Word Count (not more than) |
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| 1. | Introduction to the sector/commodity you represent (e.g.: apparel, agriculture, forestry, cotton, tea, coffee, steel, etc.) | 250 |
| 2. | Introduction to your organization | 250 |
| 3. | Expression of interest/ motivation for your organization to be a part of this Platform | 300 |
| 4. | How do Private Sustainability Standards (PSS) affect your organization? | 500 |
| 5. | Concerns regarding PSS (with emphasis on the sector that you represent) <i>(If you do not represent a sector, then it concerns could be generally regarding PSS affecting trade with focus on your organization.)</i> | 1000 |
| 6. | Priority sector areas/ product groups that you propose for the Platform to take up for sectoral consultations, with reasons for proposing so <i>(This may or may not include the sector/product that you represent.)</i> | 300 |
| 7. | Enlist sectors/ product groups where you would want to be a part of working group | 100 |
| 8. | Questions that you may have from the First MSC Meeting | 300 |

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Send this document to rudraneel@qcin.org as a response to this email.

With this submission, the Secretariat attempts to collate the knowledge base around PSS in India which will be for the reference of the Platform; your submissions play a crucial role in doing so and shaping this initiative.

Thank you.

Regards,

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