

## India National Platform on Private Sustainability Standards

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Dear Stakeholder Representative,

You are receiving this communication by the virtue of you/ your organization being an invitee to the First Meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Committee (MSC) of the India National Platform on Private Sustainability Standards which was convened at The Royal Plaza, New Delhi on 16 December 2016.

It is our pleasure to inform you that the MSC Meeting saw participation of around 40 stakeholders who sincerely presented and deliberated on the agenda items with the guidance of the Hon. Chair, Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh, Former Deputy Director-General, WTO. We will be uploading the summary record of the Meeting on our website soon and we will inform you about the same. The potential date of the Second Meeting of the MSC has been agreed upon to be after four months.

If you continue to be interested for being a part of this Platform and if you wish to participate in the next Meeting of the MSC, we request you to kindly send us a submission\* in the following outline by **10 January 2016**:

#	Headings	Word Count (not more than)
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 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](mailto: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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