



 **TFA 2020 Africa Palm Oil Initiative**

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**Relevance to RSPO**

- Palm Oil initiative;
- Promoting sustainable palm oil, in a new frontier;
- Complements RSPO certification (specific references);
- Born out the RSPO Africa Roadshow (2011/12);
- Engaging Governments in sustainable palm oil;
- Jurisdictional level.

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## TFA2020 Africa Palm Oil Initiative: Origins

In 2014....

- RSPO Roadshow in Africa completed (2012);
- P&C, NPP etc. being used;
- Sustainable West Africa Oil Palm Programme (Solidaridad & Proforest) up and running;

**But** African Governments missing & no national vision / framework for sustainable palm oil;

Proforest, UK Govt/DfID & Unilever developed an initiative, under the TFA 2020, that would -

- include both Governments and private sector producers;
- bottom-up;
- Inclusive;
- lead to a regional accord to promote sustainability in the sector.

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## Tropical Forest Alliance 2020

- Public-Private Partnership aimed at “*reducing tropical deforestation*”.
- 2012 at Rio+20: Consumer Goods Forum + US Government.
- Many others Governments, companies, NGOs have joined.
- Global reach – SE Asia, Latin America, Africa.
- Commodities: Soy, Beef, Pulp & Paper, **Palm Oil**.
- >>> **Africa Palm Oil Signature Initiative.**

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*How to balance Africa's economic growth needs with market demand for responsible palm oil production & deforestation-free products?*




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## TFA2020 Africa Palm Oil Initiative

*"Transitioning the palm oil sector in Africa to a driver of low carbon, sustainable development in the region"*

TFA's **vision** is for a prosperous palm oil industry which brings jobs and wealth to local communities but which is environmentally and socially sustainable and protects the rich tropical forest of the region




**TFA 2020 Action Plan on Oil Palm Development in Africa**

The Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 (TFA 2020) is a multi-stakeholder partnership which has as its primary goal to reduce tropical deforestation across the globe. It is a key global initiative to address the palm oil supply chain, which is a major driver of deforestation. The TFA 2020 includes the 400 companies of the Consumer Goods Forum (CGF), the governments of the Congo Basin (Congo, Gabon, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, and the Central African Republic), and a growing number of governments and civil society organisations.

The main focus of the TFA 2020 initiative has been to develop a framework that takes account of the environmental, social and economic impacts of palm oil production. The goal of the initiative is to develop a framework that takes account of the environmental, social and economic impacts of palm oil production. The goal of the initiative is to develop a framework that takes account of the environmental, social and economic impacts of palm oil production.

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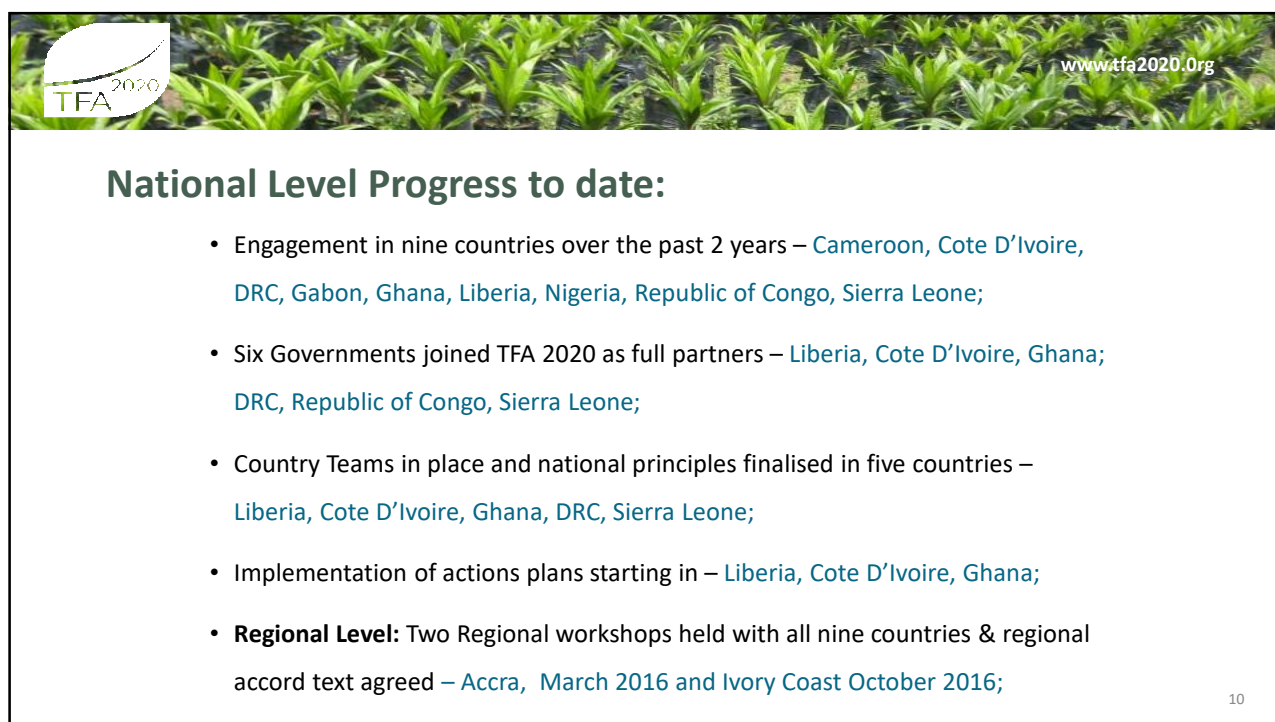
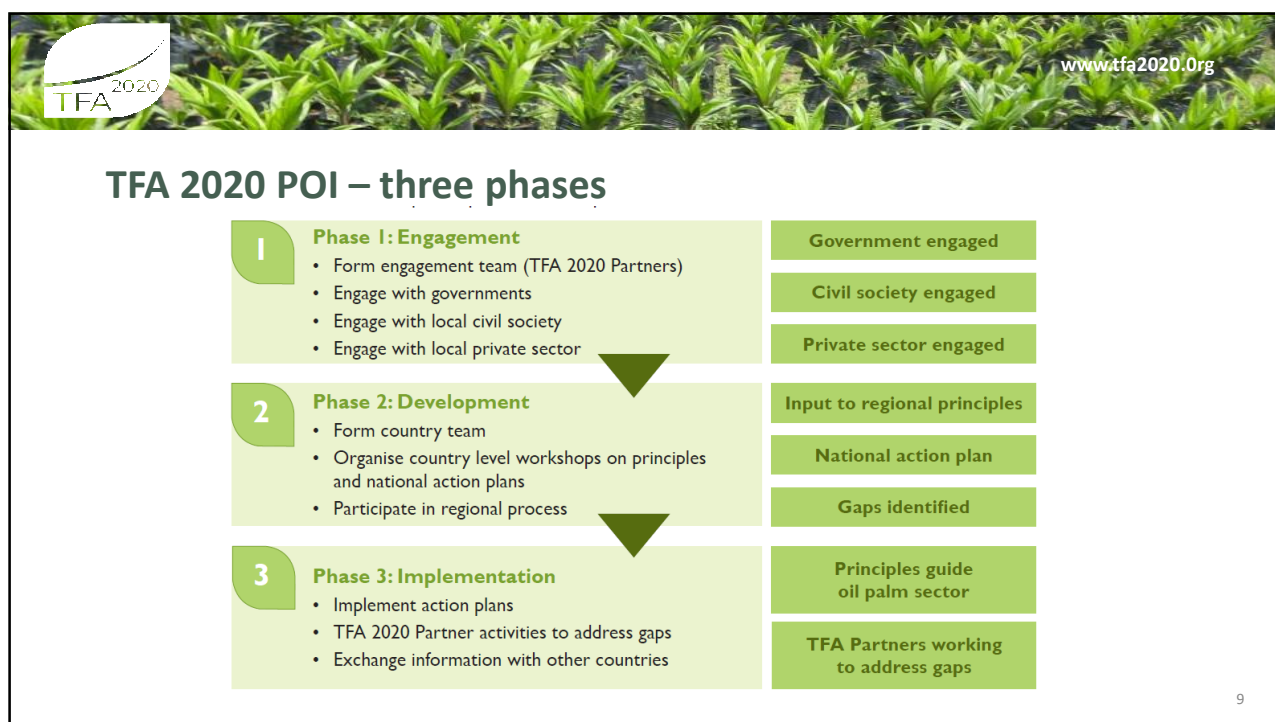


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## Bottom up process towards a regional agreement

- **National Level:** Government – private sector, with NGOs; inclusive; national oil palm platform and enabling change on the ground;
- **Regional Level** – focus on a harmonised regional commitment; learning; sharing and monitoring;

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## National Principles for responsible oil palm development – *five sets agreed. An example*



### Liberia

#### Core Team:

- Forestry Development Authority
- GVL
- Conservation International

+ wide number of stakeholders (incl CSOs....)

2 National Workshops – Principles (9) & Action Plan.

National Oil Palm Platform established

Implementation starting

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## Liberia National Principles (9)

#### ***Includes:***

- ***Entities commercially producing palm oil in Liberia should be RSPO members aiming to produce RSPO certified palm oil***
- ***Net zero deforestation by 2025***
- ***Adoption of HCS and HCV***
- ***Support local livelihoods***
- ***Conduct a thorough FPIC compliant process***
- ***Food security***
- ***There should be a single, integrated national land use plan,***
- ***Significant sustainable smallholder component and an outgrower framework***
- ***Governance***

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## The Regional Accord

Now called:

### ***TFA2020 Marrakesh Declaration for the Sustainable Development of the Oil Palm Sector in Africa***

16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

@UNFCCC COP22, Marrakesh

- Signed by 8 African governments
- Hosted by Liberian and UK governments
- With a statement of support from private (producers, consumer), other govts, NGO sectors.

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### ***TFA2020 Marrakesh Declaration for the Sustainable Development of the Oil Palm Sector in Africa***

African Governments are making a public commitment to develop a sustainable oil palm sector, including:

- Governance and stewardship of natural resources
- Zero net deforestation
- Biodiversity, HCV, HCS
- Equitable benefit sharing
- Land and user rights, FPIC
- Local livelihoods and food security
- Promote Smallholder
- Promote certification (RSPO)

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## Africa Palm Oil Initiative – *in summary*

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**TFA 2020's first signature initiative;**

**Quite New** – started 2014: 24 months ago (Unilever, DFID, Proforest...)

**Aim:** To promote and facilitate more responsible oil palm development in Africa.

**Achievements:**

- Successfully engaged with Governments and stakeholders in nine African countries.
- National principles for sustainable sector finalised in five countries (Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, DRC, Sierra Leone).
- Implementation started in three countries (Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana).

**Key milestone for 2016:**

- Signing of the *TFA2020 Marrakesh Declaration for Sustainable Development to the Oil Palm Sector in Africa* (16th Nov 2016 @ COP22)

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*Thank you.*

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