

A photograph of two workers in a palm plantation. One worker, wearing a yellow hard hat, a light blue and white long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and rubber boots, stands looking towards the other worker. The second worker, also in a yellow hard hat and a grey long-sleeved shirt, is bent over, filling a large, light-colored sack with a black hose. The background is filled with lush green palm trees and vegetation.

SMALLHOLDERS AS A PIVOTAL PLAYER

EXPLORING THE
CHALLENGES AND NEEDS
FOR EUDR SUCCESS

ROUNDTABLE TAKEAWAYS

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EUDR & SMALLHOLDERS

EUDR (European Union Deforestation Regulation) is a critical step towards reducing deforestation caused by agricultural commodities.

Smallholders (farmers with small land holdings) account for over 40% of global palm oil production.

If smallholders are unable to comply with EUDR requirements, it may result in their alienation from the market and reduce the effectiveness of EUDR in reducing deforestation.

EUDR & SMALLHOLDERS

Ensuring that smallholders have the necessary support to comply with EUDR regulations is essential to achieving sustainable palm oil production and reducing deforestation.

Investing in smallholder capacity building and incentivizing sustainable practices can benefit both smallholders and the environment in the long run.

ARE SMALLHOLDERS READY?

Smallholders are ready but the EU has to consider costs and time, risks and certification schemes.

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WHAT IS NEEDED FROM THE EU?

The EU should do more to assess the challenges and potential impact of the EUDR on smallholders so that practical measures can be developed to ensure a positive impact.

- Companies and first of all the EU together with governments of producing countries should invest in capacity building to support smallholders and their organizations to comply with the requirements of the EUDR.
- The EU should immediately start engaging with producing countries, not only in SE Asia but across the globe, to build partnerships to work together to reach impact on the ground. This requires ending polarization, recognizing the results of past efforts and should result in agreeing on a joint package to ensure deforestation is actually low and social impact is positive.

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CAN TECHNOLOGY BE AN ENABLER?

Technology is an enabler for smallholder inclusion and EUDR compliance. It is well-tested and readily available. EU should support technology companies with the best domain knowledge who are ready to implement it.

The EU:

- should assist technology companies with funds for a digital supply chain platform that is **offered FREE** to smallholders for EUDR compliance.
- should **give an incentive** of a token 1(one) Euro/MT of raw material oil like Crude Palm Oil or equivalent FFB (Euro 0.2/MT) throughout the supply chain for all the companies that can provide due diligence for EUDR compliance. This should be coordinated by technology companies that can make it happen at a low cost.

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CALL TO ACTION



Smallholders are a significant part of the palm oil production industry, and their ability to comply with EUDR regulations is crucial for achieving zero deforestation and nature positive.

The EU must be made aware of how smallholders will be affected by EUDR and provide sufficient time and technological support for them to adapt.

Further negotiations involving all stakeholders, including the smallholders will be necessary to ensure the success of EUDR.

Incentivising nature positive practices and investing in smallholder capacity building can create a win-win situation for smallholders and the environment in the long term.



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