Case Study

NATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE & CLIMATE SMART OIL PALM SMALLHOLDERS
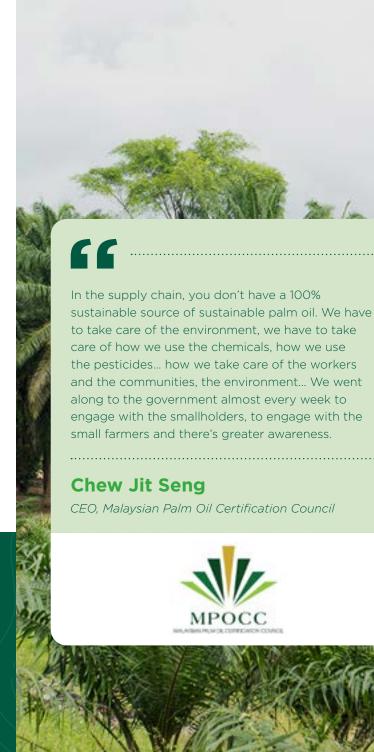
Bilateral national agreements can enable palm oil producing countries to become more economically robust and socially just, while protecting and restoring valuable natural resources. Technical committees for Indonesia, Malaysia and Nigeria have developed Climate Smart Oil Palm objectives and worked with national and international research institutions to develop KPIs to measure progress towards these objectives. These technical committees also serve as a space to discuss climate and land use policy, with the aim to reach national scale after 2023. IDH implements NI-SCOPS in cooperation with Solidaridad.

In Malaysia, NI-SCOPS reports to the Sub-Committee on Oil Palm (SCOP), under a bilateral agreement between Malaysia and the Netherlands. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indonesia and the Netherlands is in place.

In Nigeria, a NI-SCOPS National Forum (NNF) has been established, bringing together key stakeholders from civil society, public and private sector. In Ghana, a National Advisory Committee (NAC) has been established.

Private companies can engage:

- As a landscape partner to implement or support climate smart palm oil production in the target districts;

- As an innovation partner, funding or co-funding innovations such as smallholder carbon, biodiversity or livelihood assets;

- As a supply chain partner, through physical or certificate trade of sustainable palm oil or derivatives (Verified Sourcing Areas, Independent Smallholder Certificates or Certified Palm Oil).

> " In the supply chain, you don't have a 100% sustainable source of sustainable palm oil. We have to take care of the environment, we have to take care of how we use the chemicals, how we use the pesticides... how we take care of the workers and the communities, the environment... We went along to the government almost every week to engage with the smallholders, to engage with the small farmers and there's greater awareness.

Chew Jit Seng

CEO, Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council

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ACHIEVEMENTS & FUTURE GOALS

- **4 country-level technical committees established to develop Climate Smart Oil Palm objectives.**

- **3 sets of nationally-tailored KPIs to measure progress towards sustainability objectives developed.**

- **2 Memoranda of Understanding signed between FAO member countries.**

- **Climate smart agriculture operational in six Nigerian states: Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Edo, Enugu, Kogi and Ondo.**

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