

Sustainable Palm Oil Coalition for India (I-SPOC)

Completes One Year

The Sustainable Palm Oil Coalition for India (I-SPOC, www.indiaspoc.org) is a multi-stakeholder platform developed for the purpose of ‘promoting sustainable consumption, import and trade of palm oil and its derivatives in India’. The Coalition was launched in September 2018, following a couple of years of preparatory work (including background studies and discussions) undertaken by the four Founding Members - Centre for Responsible Business, WWF India, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil, and Rainforest Alliance

From the time of its inception, **18 organisations** have joined the coalition (12 businesses and 6 NGOs) and have committed to a shared vision to promote uptake of sustainable palm oil in India. The 18 organisations as part of the coalition work on the following **objectives**:

- Create **broader industry and consumer awareness** on sustainability issues and commitment to responsible sourcing policies and practices
- Facilitate **multisector industry dialogue** on sustainable palm oil
- Build **sustainable trade partnerships** linking similar platforms in producer countries
- Establish **broad – based dialogue on supportive policy** environment and regulation

The first anniversary (17th September 2019) was marked by a review of progress made, including the development of a roadmap for the next year. The Coalition reaffirmed its commitment to **support businesses in India to develop Policies and Operational Plans for Sustainable Sourcing of Palm Oil, as part of broader deforestation free supply chains**. All key businesses that use palm oil in India, as part of their supply chain should be engaged by the Coalition.

