



What are the Dutch government's priorities in the Netherlands?

Agreements on the necessary transition

- Agreeing with the business community on changes in Biodiversity management, at least in the wood, palm oil, soya and peat production economic chains.

Sustainable procurement by the government

- Developing a public tendering policy for wood.

Promoting Corporate Social Responsibility

- Supporting and joining in initiatives by the business community related to corporate social responsibility, and promoting agreements (covenants) with businesses on the preservation and sustainable Management of biodiversity.



What are the Dutch government's priorities in international cooperation?

Sustainability of specific chains

- Supporting implementation of the EU Action Plan Forest Law Enforcement Governance & Trade (FLEGT), e.g. in Malaysia/South-East Asia and Ghana, in cooperation with other international initiatives.
- Improving mutual relations, cohesion and cooperation between trade chains and encouraging mutual learning.
- Boosting efforts to include Biodiversity as an element in improving the sustainability of the palm oil, soya and biomass chains (embedding in national and international sustainability criteria, coordination of strategy and approach between the trade chains, exploring possibilities in procurement policy and incentive policy, cooperation with producing countries).

Improving cohesion and cooperation between chains

- Promoting the formulation of a coherent set of instruments (criteria, labels).
- Aspects relating to synergy and competition between and within chains for production and inclusion of use in decisions throughout the Chains.

Instruments for promoting sustainability

- Exploring legal and socially acceptable possibilities / instruments such as certification to promote sustainable production.
- Embedding sustainability criteria at international level (EU, WTO).

On what themes and activities will the Dutch government seek cooperation with partners in civil society?

Sustainability in a broad sense

- Contributing to the Sustainable Trade Initiative; submit proposals for selection of sectors to which the initiative can initially apply.

Sustainability in specific chains

- Together with relevant actors (business, large customers of wood and NGOs), drawing up an action plan to meet the 50% target for wood
- Developing a system for verifying the sustainable production of soya, palm oil.
- Applying the criteria for sustainable palm oil and soya (fleshed out in round tables).
- Evaluating the public-private partnership for sustainable palm oil with Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands
- Implementing pilot projects (partnerships) for sustainable biomass production.
- Searching for alternatives for peat substrate in collaboration with producers, users and Researchers.

Sharing knowledge and capacity building

- Contributing to capacity building and knowledge sharing on sustainable forestry, aimed at sustainable wood production, strengthening good governance and management, and contributing to poverty targets (MDGs).
- Sharing of experiences and , broadening of horizon beyond the sector itself.