

LDC Palm Sustainability Workshop: Toward Collaboration & Transparency



On October 22nd, 2018, Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) organized a palm sustainability workshop in Jakarta, in collaboration with The Forest Trust (TFT). Attended by representatives of 35 mills supplying LDC refineries in Lampung and Balikpapan, the workshop aimed to refresh the suppliers on LDC's Palm Sustainability Policy and introduce TFT's Tools for Transformation Self-Assessment (T4T SA).



During his opening remarks, LDC Indonesia President-Director, Rubens Marques, highlighted the importance of implementing sustainable practices within the sector, driven by growing consumer demand for responsible and sustainable products. He emphasized that only through multi-stakeholder collaboration, particularly with suppliers, will we be able to affect positive change within the industry.

LDC Indonesia Sustainability Manager, Denny Turino, then presented the key elements of LDC's Palm Sustainability Policy, also underlining supplier engagement as essential to continuous improvement and a priority for LDC in its global sustainability efforts, across products and regions.

Supporting LDC's collaboration with suppliers, TFT introduced the T4T SA as a self-administered questionnaire for suppliers to help LDC gain a better understanding of their challenges and identify ways to overcome them. Workshop participants expressed their keenness to participate in the T4T SA questionnaire, understanding its relevance to help improve their practices in a timely manner, and in accordance with the best industry standards.

Based on feedback from this initial workshop and completed questionnaires, key themes will be identified and used to inform the content of two capacity-building workshops which LDC plans to organize for suppliers in 2019, in order to engage and educate them further on specific sustainability issues.

