RSB requires stakeholder consultation by crop producers and processing facilities seeking certification (Principle 2). In order to facilitate this process, the following lists provide generic types of stakeholders that can be consulted for OECD countries. This document provides an overview; for more comprehensive information for non-OECD countries see RSB Impact Assessment Guidelines (Section 2).

**Crop Producers**
This applies to growers of agricultural crops destined for biomass, biofuels and biochemical e.g. wheat, corn, and sugarcane producers where the main crop will be used for biofuels, bioenergy, bio-chemicals or biomaterials.

The following types of stakeholders are suggested:

- Neighbors of the facility – individuals and other growers
- Individuals or operators that use the same water supplies in areas of water scarcity
- Employees
- Employee representatives
- Environmental, social and agricultural departments of local government
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in the local area and at national level
- Indigenous Peoples where relevant
- Other sustainability certification schemes with which the producer is involved

**Feedstock Processors**
A distinction is drawn between processing facilities that are stand-alone and biomass processing units, which are integrated within a large industrial facility unrelated to the bioprocessing industry. The external impacts of the biomass units within a large industrial facility will not be separable from that of the overall facility; therefore it is not feasible to carry out an extensive external stakeholder consultation.

**Stand-alone Facility**
- Local environmental regulators
- Neighbors of the facility – individuals or commercial organizations
- Individuals or operators that use the same utilities supplies
- Employees
- Employee representatives
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in the local area and at national level
- Industry trade associations
- Other sustainability schemes with which the producer is involved

**Bio-Unit on a Larger Industrial Site**
- Local environmental regulator
- Site owner or administrator
- Employees of the bio-unit
- Employee representatives
- Bio-industry trade association
- Other sustainability schemes with which the bio-unit is involved
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in the local area and at national level