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**RSB's 2015 General Assembly**

Last chance to register! There are only a few spaces left, so please [contact us](#) if you would like to participate in our annual general assembly meeting on 1-3 June in Geneva, Switzerland. For details on the updated agenda and speakers, visit our [event page here](#). You can also download last year's [2014 assembly report from IISD/SSI](#).

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**RSB Becomes Co-Chair of UN SE4All Initiative on Bioenergy**

RSB is honored to take up the role of co-chair of the SE4All High Impact Opportunity (HIO) for Bioenergy with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). We are working with HIO Director, Gerard Ostheimer, to launch the HIO in New York, NY on 17-21 May at the SE4All conference.

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**KLM Hosts RSB Investors Workshop**

Financiers, RSB members, and staff participated in a recent RSB and Everest Energy workshop held in KLM offices in Amsterdam. The program focused on how RSB can meet investors’ demand for high quality sustainability and contribute to de-risking the entire value chain. The session looked at the value (and potential adaptations) of the RSB sustainability framework for project financiers, which will be further developed with investors. [Contact us](#) for more details or visit [our website](#) for a summary to be posted soon.
Newly Certified Entities

Congratulations!

**Greenergy Fuels Ltd.**
United Kingdom
Used Cooking Oil (UCO) for Biodiesel

See RSB's complete list of certified operators [here.](#)

New Members

Welcome to RSB’s newest members!

**Aplethora Energy Services**
USA
Chamber 7

**CoolPlanet**
(Associate member)
USA
Chamber 2

**European Waste-to-Advanced Biofuels Association (EWABA)**
Belgium
Chamber 2

**Institute for Bioplastics and Biocomposites (IfBB)**
Germany
Chamber 7

Institute of Sustainable Development (ISD)
South Africa

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**Webinar Educates on Chain of Custody Tracking**

Two webinars were recently held by RSB and Elements Software to demonstrate supply chain tracking software. More than 45 participants from around the world learned about how Elements software facilitates compliance with the RSB Chain of Custody standard and viewed a demonstration of the Elements software. Click [here](#) for more details.

*Digital Passport detailing feedstock chain of custody back to origin.*
*Mass balance calculation at each site available online through one interface.*
*Real time site stock reports of sustainability data at each location.*
Welcome to Our New Standards Director: Elena Schmidt

RSB welcomes Elena Schmidt as our new Standards Director. Elena started on May 4 and will be present at the General Assembly in Geneva from 1-3 June. She will lead and coordinate the development and update of RSB’s standards in partnership with RSB members. Prior to the RSB, Elena worked for Tüv Süd, a German certification body, where she was responsible for audit programmes related to biofuels sustainability certification, green electricity certification and carbon footprints. As an auditor Elena gained comprehensive experience in auditing complex chain of custody settings. She also managed several innovation projects for the development of new certification services which comprised not only standard setting in cooperation with partners from the private and public sector but also strategic business model development. Elena earned master's degrees in both environmental and political sciences. You can contact Elena at elena.schmidt@rsb.org.

Smallholder Program

RSB has launched a new pilot project in Brazil to support the certification of a group of smallholder farmers growing soybean and tobacco in Parana state (see map at right).

At the kick-off workshop in March, family farmers showed a strong interest in RSB certification.

Stay tuned for updates!

Standards

New Draft RSB Standard for Low iLUC Biofuels

RSB has released draft "Low iLUC Risk Biomass Criteria and Compliance Indicators." By complying with this new standard, producers will be able to demonstrate that biomass was produced with no indirect impact on food production or biodiversity. RSB-certified operators that comply with the new criteria and compliance indicators will be entitled to an extra "low iLUC risk" on-product claim. Companies may contact the RSB Secretariat (info@rsb.org) for details on preparing for the low iLUC audit process.

The new low iLUC risk standard is undergoing
consultation with RSB members and will be approved by the Assembly of Delegates at the
General Assembly meeting in Geneva on 1 June. Download press release with more details.

### Updated Standards Documents
Two RSB standards documents have been updated recently:

- RSB Standard for Certification of Smallholder Groups
- RSB Standard for Certification of Bio-products

### RSB Updates ITC Standards Map Profile
The RSB recently updated its profile in the [online standards map database](#), run by the
International Trade Centre (ITC is a joint agency of the World Trade Organization and the
United Nations). The updated profile gives an overview of the RSB standards and processes,
and the website functionality enables users to explore and compare over 130 sustainability
standards.

### RSB in the News

#### Greenergy Earns RSB Certification
Greenergy's RSB certification was mentioned in a variety of
publications including [Biofuels Journal](#), [Biofuels Digest](#), [Domestic Fuel](#), [Biodiesel Magazine](#), and many
others.

#### Aloterra to Certify Supply Chain
A recent [Ethanol Producer article](#) states, "World Centric and Aloterra believe that transparency
and the integrity of sustainability claims for the entire supply chain is critically important for
customers transitioning to Made in the USA foodservice ware. With that in mind, the entire
supply chain—from the growing of the crops, to the pulp, to the final foodservice package—will be
independently certified to The Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials standard. "World
Centric's customers will have the peace of mind of knowing exactly where all of the product's
ingredients are sourced and that the sustainability claims are legitimate," said Aloterra's Chief
Legal Officer, Scott Coye-Huhn.

#### Agrisoma Articles Mention RSB
Several articles including from [Biofuels Digest](#), mentioned how
Resonance Carinata, Agrisoma's lead product, is the world's only
RSB-certified sustainable oilseed crop, providing a source of
sustainable oil for renewable fuels and other products, in addition to a high-protein animal feed
by-product.

#### RSB’s Draft Low iLUC Risk Standard Draws Media Attention
[Biofuels Magazine](#), [Biofuels Journal](#) and other publications noted RSB's recent draft [low iLUC
risk standard](#) and how RSB-certified operators that comply with the new criteria and compliance
indicators will be entitled to an extra “low iLUC risk” on-product claim. Articles also noted that the new iLUC standard is undergoing consultation with RSB members and will be finalized by the Assembly of Delegates at the June 1st General Assembly meeting in Geneva.

2014 IATA Report on Alternative Aviation Fuels Highlights RSB

The latest alternative fuels report from International Air Transport Association (IATA) delves into the sustainability of alternative aviation fuels. IATA has dedicated a section of the report to recent developments at RSB, including the smallholder program and recent rankings by WWF, IUCN and NRDC, which all found RSB to be the best biofuels sustainability certification worldwide. The report highlights the "Fueling the Future" report by Sustainable Aviation, which notes support of RSB as the most robust global sustainability standard.

Upcoming Events

Below is a list of upcoming (and ongoing) events that RSB staff are hosting, speaking at, or attending. Visit our events web page for updates.

20-22 May 2015 - Global Sustainability Standards Conference 2015: a Roadmap to Change, Berlin
ISEAL Alliance's Global Sustainability Standards Conference adopts the theme of ‘A Roadmap to Change’, as it looks at how standards systems can transform the sectors in which they operate. Join Rolf Hogan as he speaks on mitigating water risks on 21 May. Elena Schmidt and Khoo Hock-Aun will also be in attendance. For details, visit the ISEAL Alliance website.

Khoo Hock Aun and Helena Chum, who serve on the RSB Board of Directors, will be actively participating at this GBEP event. Khoo will be moderating the Thematic Table discussion on “Bioenergy Sustainability” and Helena will be intervening on a “Sustainability practices for integrated biorefineries” in the environmental sustainability session. Download draft agenda here. If interested in attending, contact the GBEP Secretariat.

RSB is pleased to be an official Partner of SPLC’s 2015 Summit, which gathers sustainable purchasing leaders from across a wide range of sectors and regions. Join Board Chair Barbara Bramble, who will be attending on behalf of RSB. Use discount code “RSB” for a 10% registration discount!

1-3 June 2015 - RSB General Assembly 2015, Geneva, Switzerland
We invite you to RSB’s 2015 General Assembly, but register soon as there are only a few spaces left! Check out our updated agenda and speakers. While the first day (1 June) is for RSB members only, the second day (2 June) is open to non-members and we have and exciting line up of speaker for our discussion panels; and on the third day (3 June) members and non-members are invited to input on RSB standard development and its implementation globally.

9-10 June 2015 - Advanced Bioeconomy Feedstock Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
opportunity to learn about the diversity of different feedstocks being commercialized around the world to feed the new bioeconomy. Matt Rudolf will provide an opening plenary on June 9th to review the numerous different feedstocks (8 and counting) with which RSB is currently working in a certification capacity.

Join Matt Rudolf at Bioenergy 2015, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO). Attendees will hear directly from White House leadership, top government agency officials, members of Congress, and national laboratory and academic researchers operating at the cutting edge of the bioeconomy.

19-22 July 2015 - 12th Annual World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology, Montreal, Canada
Matt Rudolf will be moderating two plenary panels. The afternoon session called "Feedstock Sustainability in the Biobased Economy" will take place July 20 at 12:00 PM (EST). The morning session called "Sustainable Biomass: Leading the Way to Improved Outcomes" will be held July 20 at 10:30 AM (EST).

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