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GreenSocial Becomes RSB Member

Welcome to [Green Social Bioethanol](#), RSB's newest member, which is based in Brazil and part of RSB's [Chamber 5: Rural Development Organizations](#). Alongside other important RSB members from Africa, Asia and the Americas, [Green will be engaging in RSB discussions and decision-making processes](#) for promoting the sustainability in the production chain of biofuels and biomaterials.



Ethanol fueled clean cookstove,
Courtesy from Project Gaia



Welcome to Eco-1, New RSB Member



[Eco-1](#) recently became an RSB member in [Chamber 3: Retailers/Blenders, Transportation, Bio-products, Banks/Investors](#). Eco-1 is the first to sell 100% renewable biodiesel to the public. RSB visited them recently to learn more about the success of their initiative to provide unmanned filling stations in communes throughout Norway. They sell exclusively biofuel and are growing rapidly.

Join RSB in below50 Initiative

RSB is partnering with [WBCSD](#) and [SE4ALL](#) on [below50](#), the unique global collaboration of forward-thinking organizations on Low Carbon Fuels. RSB's goal with below50 is to promote and support the development of sustainable biofuels and provide an opportunity for RSB certified operators to engage with investors and policy makers. Join us to help grow a global corporate market for the most sustainable breed of low carbon transport fuels.



If you are RSB certified, you are qualified to join this initiative, as you have already proven that you reduce CO2 emissions by at least 50% relative to conventional fossil fuels as well as meeting other RSB sustainability criteria. [Contact us for more information.](#)

Need Help With Certification or Sustainable Investment Projects?

RSB recently launched a range of new [advisory services](#) to support businesses, investors, development agencies NGOs, and governments in applying the RSB standard to their operations, projects and policy development. The new services were recently mentioned in [Biofuels](#)



[Digest](#) and [Advanced Biofuels USA](#).

RSB Initiates Integrated Pest Management Coalition With Other ISEAL Members

Through certification, RSB has been contributing to the reduction of pesticide use and the elimination of the most hazardous pesticides for many years. RSB and 7 other ISEAL members came together in May to [sign a historic agreement](#) that confirms efforts to work together towards the improvement of knowledge and sustainable use of pesticides, including the elimination of Highly Hazardous Pesticides.



"The coalition's work to develop training programs for producers and to create a common database with information on pesticides shows the important role that certification systems can play for learning and capacity building especially in a smallholder context," said Elena Schmidt, RSB's Standard Development Director.

RSB Earns Compliance Status with ISEAL Standard-Setting Code



RSB was independently evaluated and found to be in compliance with the [ISEAL Standard-Setting Code](#), which defines effective standard-setting processes and increases the credibility of the standard. The RSB is a full member of ISEAL which sets Codes of Good Practice for multi-stakeholder sustainability standards. Compliance with ISEAL requirements is a rigorous process and has only been achieved by a limited number of global sustainability standards such as the Forest Stewardship Council, FairTrade and the Marine Stewardship Council.

June 30th Deadline for Public Comments

RSB invites the public to contribute to the revision of the [RSB Standard for end-of-life products, by-products and residues](#) which defines how operators may use these feedstocks for biofuel or biomaterial production. For documents and details, please visit our [public consultations web page](#). The public consultation period will be open until June 30, 2016.



Welcome to RSB's New Business Development Director: Marcelle Peuckert

RSB welcomes Marcelle who will lead RSB's efforts to increase the uptake of RSB within the global business community. Prior to RSB, she served as Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)'s Business Development Director for 10 years leading the development and growth of the business development unit, launching their new global consumer facing brand, and developing their smallholder program. She has worked in the NGO sector for almost 25 years. [Read more about Marcelle or contact her here.](#)



News From Members

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WWF "Greener Skies" Report Encourages Airlines to Seek RSB Certification via "Low ILUC Risk" Module

RSB member, WWF, published a [recent report](#) on the supply and sustainability of alternative fuels for international aviation. In the report, WWF states "RSB certification can ensure positive contributions to poverty alleviation (SDG 1) and food security (SDG 2). RSB certification is one way biofuel producers can demonstrate that their direct operations promote sustainable development. To prove the concept of sustainable low-ILUC biofuels, WWF encourages airlines as a priority to seek certification via the RSB "low ILUC risk" module."



Boeing Publishes 2016 Environment Report



Boeing, RSB Member, published their [2016 Environment Report](#) recently. The report, which celebrates Boeing's centennial and outlines its work in sustainable aerospace and aviation, states "All biofuel efforts supported by Boeing use principles established by RSB, addressing the three pillars of sustainability: social, environmental and economic."

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.

TBD October 2016 - RSB's North America Technical Working Group, Chicago, USA

RSB members and experts are invited to become part of the North America technical working group. The only requirement is that you are based in North America, or if you are based elsewhere, that you have a very good understanding of the operations context in North America. Please contact [Helena Kennedy](#) for more information on how you can get involved or stay tuned for more details coming in July.

10 November 2016 - RSB's Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of Delegates, Hanoi, Vietnam

RSB's Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of Delegates (for RSB members only) will be held on November 10 in Hanoi, Vietnam (around same time as the [IATA Alternative Fuels Symposium](#)). RSB members: Please stay tuned for more information and details, but mark this on your calendar for now.

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