A YEAR OF GROWTH
REVIEWING 2018
Welcome to our 2018 Annual Review!

It has been an incredible year for RSB and it’s a great pleasure to welcome you to join us in reflecting on 2018 in this review. The fantastic partnerships, collaborations and projects that we have undertaken during 2018 have helped to cement our footprint in existing sectors and have unlocked an amazing array of new opportunities to deepen our impact in new regions, industries and sectors. RSB has grown, matured and seen our most robust sustainability standard embraced by a great and growing group of dedicated organisations – and this is reflected in the theme for this year’s report: growth.

Across membership, certification, standard development and advisory services, RSB continues to grow and thrive, with much of this success down to the commitment of our team, board and of course our member organisations. In 2018 we welcomed BASF, Canopy Planet, Flightnook, GARDN, Heriot Watt University, MotionECO, Project Gaia, Quantafuel and SAIPOL to our community. Already these new members have contributed significantly to the vitality of our community through their valuable participation in our standard development work, sharing at our Annual Meeting and overall enthusiasm in supporting RSB in achieving its vision of a truly sustainable bioeconomy.

With the backbone of our organisation – our community – continuing to strengthen, 2018 saw us working in new markets, launching new partnerships and reinvigorating existing ones, taking part in new technical projects, and expanding RSB’s scope into new sectors and regions. We continued to support policy development in ICAO’s Alternative Fuels Task Force as it prepared for CORSIA and contributed to the ongoing development of the European Union’s approach to indirect land use change in the second Renewable Energy Directive.

Ensuring our continued relevance in a fast-evolving landscape, major developments to our best-in-class standard were undertaken
in 2018. With the shifting boundaries of the circular and bioeconomy, the major developments were in our approach to products. RSB adapted its approach for non-energy products to enable a new generation of bio-based and recycled carbon feedstocks to achieve RSB certification. Some categories of RSB-certified advanced products can now carry claims related to their positive impacts in terms of their climate impact, fossil resource saving and sustainable production. By focusing on positive impacts, users can make more robust claims that address the additional value for certain complex processes used to produce materials from bio-based and fossil waste feedstock, helping end-users and consumers to choose the most sustainable and low-impact option on the market. With over 200 comments received, the updated standard is the result of an intensive 18-month process involving dozens of our community members and representing the voices of our diverse membership.

Expanding our impact, we worked to unlock new sectors, markets and regions through continued brand engagement and business development. We showcased our expertise and solutions at events throughout the year, culminating in our Annual Meeting where we brought together partners from across the bioeconomy to highlight the importance of cross-sectoral collaboration to achieve sustainability goals.

Remarkable growth in our advisory services, where we supported partners around the world in embedding real sustainability in their organisations and supply chains. These services play a key role in ensuring that our approach to sustainability can be applied in the most practical way and have a lasting impact.

In 2018, we saw RSB’s role continue to evolve beyond certification as we developed real solutions, policies and innovations that will be the backbone of the sustainable bioeconomy – and as we look to the future you can expect to see us working on projects and partnerships that are developing the broader bioeconomy landscape in which we all operate.

Our successes in 2018, and in the years to come, are enabled by the vision and dedication of our board, members and stakeholders in the bioeconomy, as well as our excellent team.

Rolf Hogan
RSB Executive Director
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Advanced Products Standard and Positive Impacts
With the approval of RSB’s Standard for Advanced Products at our 2018 Annual Meeting in December, our new approach to understanding the true impacts of advanced products was launched. Some categories of RSB-certified advanced products will now carry claims related not to their sustainable bio-based content, but which will highlight the positive impacts of the product in terms of their climate impact, fossil resource saving and sustainable production.

Our Growing Community
Throughout 2018 we welcomed new members from a diversity of sectors to our community. New members in 2018 include NGOs, academic bodies and representatives from across industry sectors. This growth in membership has been matched by our efforts to ensure that we continue to add value for our community via webinars, networking and other opportunities to collaborate and showcase our members.

Sustainable Shipping Initiative
Facilitating cross-sectoral collaboration and knowledge sharing, RSB hosted a roundtable at the 2018 Annual Meeting where the shipping industry – represented by the Sustainable Shipping Initiative – were able to unlock the expertise and experience of RSB members as part of efforts to learn from the industries.

Sustainable Resource Assessment: Alabama, Airbus
Working in close partnership with Airbus, RSB conducted a sustainable feedstock resource assessment to map the potential for agricultural-based feedstocks, as well as waste and residues, and to estimate current and potential future production capacity in Alabama and surrounding states. The results of this project are being used by Airbus to shape its commitments to a sustainable aviation industry, and to the economic development of the Mobile region.

“Saving resources is key for BASF and is a driving force for our circular economy activities – and certification systems support that development. By joining the Roundtable of Sustainable Biomaterials, BASF will foster the exchange of ideas and experiences with other members to further drive sustainable development in the industry.”

Dirk Voeste
Vice President Sustainability Strategy
BASF

Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials – Annual Review 2018
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Ethiopia Summit
In partnership with Boeing, RSB hosted its first Ethiopian Aviation Biofuel Summit in April. The event showcased the opportunities provided by the growing aviation biofuel market through presentations and case studies and culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the RSB and the Ethiopian Ministries of Industry, Science & Technology, and Mines Petroleum and Natural Gas, which paves the way for further collaboration to research and develop aviation biofuels in Ethiopia.

QRFA Partnership
RSB and the Queensland Renewable Fuels Association (QRFA) signed an MOU partnership agreement to support the certification of biofuels and endorsement of future low carbon fuel projects domestically in Queensland, Australia. Through the new partnership, RSB and QRFA will work to boost the profile and importance of certification of biofuels in the region in order to support the objectives of developing low-carbon fuel opportunities and projects that assist with decarbonising transport across Queensland and the globe.

Blockchain
In 2018 RSB worked with technology partner Provenance to explore the opportunities blockchain technology offers to sustainability certifications and commercial partners. The project – which was an exploratory, pilot project aimed at learning more about this new technology and how it can be utilised to increase supply chain efficiencies – was funded by the ISEAL Innovations Fund.
The project developed and researched three applications for the technology to improve the efficiency and credibility of sustainability certifications.
These applications were:
• A collaborative database across certification bodies in order to reduce time (and cost) of double auditing for companies who hold multiple certifications.
• A single source of truth for the movement of sustainably certified goods across the supply chain in order to improve transparency and authenticity.
• Automating sustainability data collection and management (such as GHG emissions) through smart contracts in order to access real-time, trustworthy data and avoid fraud.
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

**UPM Biofuels Achieves RSB Low ILUC Certification**

UPM Biofuels gained the world’s first RSB low indirect land use change (ILUC) risk certification for its feedstocks in 2018. Recognising their continuous efforts for a more sustainable supply chain and operations this low ILUC risk certification was achieved for crude tall oil, the feedstock used for UPM BioVerno renewable fuels production at the Lappeenranta Biorefinery in Finland, and for UPM’s cultivation of the Brassica carinata oil crop in Uruguay, and demonstrates that their operations have a low risk of causing indirect emissions elsewhere.

**Regional Indicators**

During 2018 RSB developed regional indicators in Mexico, Ethiopia and Queensland, Australia, in order to ease the process of certification in those regions by taking a risk-based approach to local legislation and regulations, as well as the results of thorough stakeholder engagement.

**ICAO and CORSIA**

The RSB participated as a technical advisor to the UN ICAO Alternative Fuels Task Force throughout, guiding the development of the CORSIA regulations related to sustainability criteria, traceability, and robust auditing and certification.

**Sustainable Feedstock Availability in Africa**

RSB collaborated with WWF South Africa and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in a project supported by the Boeing Company to map the potential for alternative aviation fuel production in sub-Saharan Africa, in line with RSB’s most robust sustainability requirements. The final report found that sub-Saharan Africa could contribute between 30% and 90% of projected long-term global alternative aviation fuel demand in the form of RSB-compliant alternative aviation fuel produced from energy crops on approximately 84 million hectares of prime and good-quality land and another 157 million hectares of moderately suitable land.

RSB certification acknowledges our strong commitment to sustainability in all operations, now also in biofuel feedstock production with local farmers. This is also the first RSB certificate in Uruguay and creates new sustainable practices for agriculture.

Liisa Ranta
Manager, Sustainability
UPM Biofuels

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our community continues to thrive. In 2018 we welcomed the following members:

New Members:

1. BASF
2. Canopy Planet
3. Flightnook
4. Green Aviation Research and Development Network (GARDN)
5. Heriot-Watt University
6. MotionECO
7. Project Gaia
8. Quantafuel AS
9. SAIPOL

As membership increases the list is updated regularly on the new website: http://rsb.org/membership/membership-list/
RSB’s work with smallholders aims to improve the living conditions of small farmers, promote sustainable practices based on the RSB Standard and link certified products to market.

**Spotlight on Brazil**

In 2016 RSB joined the Cana Sustentável partnership in Brazil with Socicana (the Association of Sugarcane Suppliers of Guariba) to support the implementation of our smallholder standard for a group of sugarcane growers, composed of 11 small properties (belonging to 17 farmers), with each farm having a total area of less than 75 hectares.

During 2018 we had the opportunity to visit these farms again – two years after they first achieved our best-in-class sustainability certification – as part of a visit arranged by WWF US and WWF Brazil with members of the Bioplastic Feedstock Alliance including Lego, P&G and Unilever.

In a visit to one of these small farms, as well as the headquarters of the association, the visitors were impressed by the steps being taken by small-scale farmers to not just ensure their economic survival, but to future-proof their land and livelihoods for generations to come with real sustainability investments guided by the RSB Principles & Criteria and Socicana’s TOP Cana programme.

Long-held perceptions within the industry – that including smallholders in sugarcane supply chains is high-risk – have been shown to be unsubstantiated. This small sample has highlighted the potential within the smallholder community to respond to challenges, overcome sustainability issues and to become a valuable part of the supply chain – in Brazil and beyond.
Ensuring that certification is relevant and attainable for small-scale farmers has been a key focus for the RSB and led to the development of our Smallholder Standard. This standard opens the door to certification for smallholder farmers – those farming an area of less than 75 hectares – the world over.

Allowing groups of smallholders to join together to achieve certification using a stepwise approach to managing sustainability issues, while supporting them to make improvements in management, environmental and social practices, the smallholder standard helps farmers to overcome implementation issues together – and at a lower cost. We believe that applying the RSB Smallholder Standard can unlock enormous benefits for farmers, their communities and the planet, all while ensuring a supply of truly sustainable feedstocks for the industry.

We are thrilled to see the impact that the Cana Sustentável project is continuing to have here in Guariba – with social and environmental impacts being managed to an extremely high standard. This project is proving that, with the right support, the smallest farmers can stand up and tackle the big challenges. The sugarcane from these producers should be on the shopping list of every biomaterials producer that takes sustainability seriously!

Aurea Nardelli
Certification Manager and Technical Advisor
RSB

RSB’s Smallholder Standard supports group approach to enable small-scale farmers (smallholders) to access RSB certification.

What you should know about the Smallholder Standard:

1. The standard enables groups of small producers to join together under a common management system to receive a single RSB certification.
2. Responsibility for the certification application and implementation of the RSB requirements via training and support lies with Group Management.
3. RSB audits are conducted on a sample basis.
4. RSB’s Principles & Criteria are adapted for smallholders.
5. A step-wise approach allows two years after the initial audit for the group to become fully compliant.
6. The standard provides guidance at Group Management level and Farm level.
7. The standard excludes the requirement to comply with RSB Principle 5 (Rural & Social Development).
SMALLHOLDER UPDATE

RSB’s work with smallholders aims to improve the living conditions of small farmers, promote sustainable practices based on the RSB Standard and link certified products to market.

Spotlight on Africa

In 2018 we continued to work with the University of Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg to support the Selokong Sa Dimelana (SSD) project to embed the RSB Standards into project development.

SSD is a project that aims to uplift smallholder farmers in the Limpopo region of South Africa by growing castor trees on previously unused land. The seeds are crushed and processed at Wits University to make biodiesel. Virgin castor oil is also tested for other uses such as aviation fuel or cosmetics.

RSB provides a range of sustainability support to SSD including:

- Assistance in understanding which SA laws and regulations they need to comply with, supported by the RSB regional indicators for South Africa.
- Training on greenhouse gas emission reductions and the development of a GHG data collection tool for the supply chain.
- Developing a Chain of Custody system, including all traceability documentation and procedures.
- Analysis of the conservation status of the land used for castor oil production.
- Assistance in developing sustainability claims for partners and purchasers.

RSB is conducting a market analysis in collaboration with the South African Sugarcane Growers Association – who are seeking to diversify their production – to assess the opportunities and requirements for the local sugarcane and ethanol industry to access global Alcohol to Jet supply chains.
The RSB M&E System measured certified operators, operational sites included in the scope of certification and countries of operation. Since 2012, our footprint has grown to cover 23 countries and 16 different feedstocks.

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Indicator numbers have dropped slightly with several pilot projects not renewing their certification. However, commercial plants are producing larger volumes of fuel with RSB-certified greenhouse gas emissions reductions and social and environmental sustainability guaranteed.

Change in key RSB indicators from 2017 to 2018

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Since RSB’s beginning (2012)

TOTAL EMISSIONS OF

1,615,813 metric tons of CO₂eq

were prevented

45 TRIPS AROUND THE EQUATOR

The GHG emissions avoided through fuel produced by RSB-certified operators since 2012 corresponds to the emissions released by a large container ship travelling 1.8 million km - the length of 45 trips around the equator!

A large container ship (average cargo capacity = 68,600 tonnes) with a CO2 efficiency of 12.5 gCO2/tonne-km

(Source: 2nd IMO GHG study: http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/AirPollution/Documents/SecondIMOGHGSudy2009.pdf)
CERTIFICATION

On this land, responsible and sustainable practices, as per the RSB’s Principles & Criteria, are implemented, for example:

- Soil erosion reduction and soil conservation practices
- Improvement of soil quality
- Water management
- Protection of conservation values

17,642 hectares of land is protected by RSB certification

RSB certification ensures workers are protected by our requirements on human and labour rights, including:

- Freedom of association
- No slave labour or forced labour
- No child labour
- No discrimination
- Minimum wage
- Safety and health
- Grievance mechanism for workers

1869 workers are covered by RSB certification

The NRDC’s Aviation Biofuel Scorecard encourages airlines to purchase only sustainable aviation fuel using rigorous third-party certification standards – with a strong preference for the RSB because it assures reduced emissions across a biofuel’s entire life cycle, from production through use, as well as limiting adverse impacts on food security, land, water, air, wildlife and local communities.
POLICY AND STANDARDS

In 2018, the RSB continued to advocate on policy matters at various levels and undertook several major developments to our standard to ensure our continued relevance in a changing world.

POLICY

During 2018 RSB supported the development of policy in two major areas: the European Union (EU) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The EU and RED II
RSB has provided advice to the EU on the development of an approach for Indirect Land Use Change (ILUC) during the creation of the new Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) package of measures for the bioeconomy.

Advisor to AFTF at ICAO
In 2018, RSB continued to provide expertise at the UN’s ICAO Alternative Fuels Task Force as a technical expert to guide the work and development of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) regulations related to sustainability criteria, traceability, and robust auditing and certification. With the adoption of the CORSIA Standard, RSB has worked to support operators prepare for the implementation of CORSIA.

RSB’s new Standard for Advanced Products is a truly groundbreaking piece of work. By focusing on the Positive Impacts of different types of advanced products, the standard will support companies that are on the cutting edge of sustainability and the circular economy to make clearer, more credible claims that will help consumers make better choices. UPM is proud to have worked on developing the standard in collaboration with various stakeholders groups. We look forward to seeing its implementation support real action on sustainability and climate impacts, and hope that the example of UPM as certified operator encourages other companies as well.

Maiju Helin
Head of Sustainability and Market Development
UPM Biofuels
Throughout 2018, RSB committed significant resources to the ongoing development of our best-in-class sustainability standard in order to ensure its continued relevance on the cutting edge of the bioeconomy.

**RSB Standard for Advanced Products**

The approval of the Standard for Advanced Products marked a milestone in the evolution of the RSB Standard as it adapts to the latest technology, research and sustainability risks, ensuring its ongoing relevance to operators, supply chains and end-users all over the world. As the boundaries of the circular and bioeconomy have shifted, the RSB has adapted first its approach for fuels (with the Advanced Fuels Standard approved in November 2017) and, in 2018, non-energy products.

With the culmination of over 18 months of consultation, expert working groups and member dialogue with over 200 comments received, the standard provides the most robust set of sustainability requirements and criteria for the certification of non-energy products (including textiles, packaging, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and plastics). For the first time, products from recycled carbon and non-biogenic waste will be able to carry real and credible sustainability

**RSB Standard for Advanced Fuels**

Minor changes were made to the RSB Standard for Advanced Fuels to reflect learnings made during 2018. Terminology was updated to ensure clarity for users of the standard and non-biogenic production residues were added to the scope of the standard (in addition to non-biogenic end-of-life products which were already included). The standard now also makes avoided incineration greenhouse gas emissions accounting applicable for bio-based materials, as well as fossil waste, in order to establish a level playing field between biogenic and non-biogenic feedstocks.

**Displacement Effects Methodology**

The RSB Standard for Advanced Fuels requires operators to report on displacement emissions (indirect emissions that may occur from producing a replacement feedstock when an economically valuable feedstock is removed from the market) under RSB Principle 3 on Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The standard states that the reporting is waived until a methodology for estimating displacement emissions has been developed and approved by the RSB.

Over the course of 2018 RSB has convened a Technical Working Group (TWG) of experts to develop a commonly accepted approach for modelling displacement effects that might occur if material streams are being diverted from other uses. This methodology was approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting for a three year pilot period, during which its application will be mandatory, in order to test its applicability and suitability.

The new RSB Standard for Advanced Products will be a critical standard supporting both the development of a circular and bio-based economy. It is unique in that it covers a broad range of possible feedstocks and supply chain options including bio-based products, carbon recycling and the use of bio-based feedstocks in complex integrated production systems and supply chains.

Dr. Susanne Veith
RSB’s Advisory Services are designed to broaden the impact of RSB best-in-class sustainability standard by assisting our members and partners to understand and implement sustainability in a variety of settings – beyond certification. Through technical and strategic advice, hands-on implementation, staff training and research, we work with organisations to apply the principles of our world-class sustainability standard across policy, projects and operations.

With 14 active projects during 2018, our experts were able to provide hands-on sustainability expertise on the ground on four continents. Through training for implementation of RSB standards, analysis of sustainability standards or management practices in the supply chain, development of national or regional RSB indicators, supply chain mapping and more, we have assisted the organisations and companies we work with to navigate the new challenges and opportunities presented by the development of a sustainable bio-economy.

RSB Projects in 2018 included:

- **Sustainable Feedstock Resource Assessment:** Mapping Feedstock Availability in Mobile, Alabama with *Airbus*
- **Development of RSB National Indicators:** Benchmarking RSB against legislation and creating a protocol for RSB certification with the *Mexico Biojet Cluster*
- **RSB Benchmarking:** Development of a benchmark of the RSB Standard against existing regulatory requirements with the *Queensland Government*
RSB’s first full year with its new brand in place saw the maturation of many elements of the original project as we moved from activation towards truly living the brand.

We worked to incorporate our new look and messaging into all of our outward-facing communications activities and saw reward in the form of increased recognition and engagement across our digital channels. Anecdotally, we received much positive feedback from our partners on our modernised and professionalised communications.

Major focus areas for Marketing and Communications at RSB in 2018 were:

- Ongoing improvements to our website to support the accessibility and ease of use of our technical documents
- Increased outreach to our member community via webinars, mailings, offers and events
- Presence at strategically valuable events and support for RSB’s own events
- Effective marketing of RSB’s advantages to broaden uptake of various products, including certification, membership and advisory services

In December 2018 RSB launched a brand-new 75-second animation to help explain our organisation and vision in a bite-sized format.

Join the conversation and network on our Twitter feed: @rsb_org

Watch it here now.
RSB’s strategic engagement with brands across many sectors via our business development activities continued in 2018. By working with global brands and companies in sectors such as aviation, shipping, packaging and retail, RSB has expanded its impact on the sustainable bioeconomy. We further developed key strategic relationships in new regions and sectors for RSB with a focus on the importance of collaboration across industry and supply chains – something made possible by RSB’s applicability and flexibility to feedstocks and products.

With speaking opportunities at key events throughout the year, RSB has positioned its various solutions in front of specific sectors. At Aviation Carbon and the Alternative Fuel Symposium, RSB provided expertise and thought leadership to the industry on how to drive sustainability through complex supply chains. At the BIO World Congress we examined the key drivers of sustainability in the bioeconomy, the risks associated with failure to act and the opportunities for businesses willing to commit to real sustainability.

At Bioenergy Strong in Queensland, Australia we cemented relationships to further advance RSB certification in the wake of significant strides we have made in the region through the development of regional indicators and our partnership with the Queensland Renewable Fuels Association. With a focus on the role of sustainability in driving commercial outcomes, RSB is well positioned as the partner of choice for bioeconomy leaders in the region.

Building on our commitment to adding value for our members, we hosted a successful business forum during our 2018 Annual Meeting. Bringing together a broad cross-section of sectors, industries and parts of the supply chain, this one-day event showcased the power of collaboration as speakers and panels took on the challenges of circularity, building supply, unlocking new markets and much more.

The RSB Annual Meeting was a fantastic opportunity to share best practices and views on sustainability – particularly as a forum for examining the lessons and expertise we have gained in the aviation sector to support the decarbonisation of other industries, particularly maritime.

Frederic Eychenne  
Head of New Energies  
Airbus

RSB partnered with the Sustainable Shipping Initiative to host a panel discussion exploring the potential for sustainable alternative fuels in the marine industry – and the lessons to be learned from aviation.
RSB is run by its members. Our members support the organisation in determining the direction of a healthy and sustainable bioeconomy. They come together once a year at our Assembly of Delegates at the RSB Annual Meeting to approve changes to the standards, appoint the Board of Directors, review the accounts and make any adjustments to the rules and governance of the organisation.

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Total revenue in 2018 was 1,243,699 CHF. At the end of 2018, total cash in the bank account was 418,601 CHF.

Total expenses in 2018 amounted to 1,215,291 CHF.

The biggest single share of revenue is represented by the Boeing Corporate Citizenship Programme, with the Packard Foundation and the ClimateWorks Foundation also contributing significantly to the RSB budget.

The Audited Accounts show an operational surplus of 28,408 CHF for 2018. This is the first time that RSB is able to report an operational surplus. This is largely due to a substantial increase in self-generated income for the RSB. Membership fees, certification revenues as well as sales of advisory services contributed to 49% of RSB’s total revenues compared to only 14% in 2017. RSB hopes to continue this trend in 2019 in order to reduce reliance on donations and fundraising.
Advisory Services

The RSB offers a combination of tailored advice and training to help companies implement the systems necessary to achieve sustainability and, potentially, certification in a way that aligns with their existing business systems. The RSB can help to ensure that, when a company is implementing new procedures or commissioning a new process, all activities are compatible with the relevant RSB criteria and built in from the start.

Certification

The RSB’s user-friendly certification scheme is the strongest and most trusted of its kind. It verifies that biomaterials, biofuels and biomass are socially responsible, environmentally sustainable and credibly sourced, thereby mitigating business, environmental and social risk.

Membership

RSB members are part of a worldwide movement of businesses, NGOs, academics, government and UN organisations that demonstrate their commitment to best practice for sustainable biomaterial, biofuels and biomass production. This independent organisation unites these global stakeholders and is the most trusted, peer-reviewed membership community active in the bioeconomy that promotes bioproducts which enhance rural development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote food security.
Questions about RSB and the work we are doing in the sustainable bioeconomy? Reach out to us to learn more!

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