

# RSB ADVISORY SERVICES UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITY



*We work with global leaders in business,  
government and industry to drive transformation  
towards a net zero world.*

RSB provides expert consultancy through its Advisory Services which are designed to focus on our clients' most crucial sustainability needs as they seek to transition their businesses towards a low impact and circular economy. We bring our deep and multi-functional expertise to help unlock opportunity and overcome the challenges of transforming the definition of business-as-usual.

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## ADVICE ON RSB CERTIFICATION PROCESS



*RSB's team of experts will help guide you through the process of preparing for your RSB certification.*

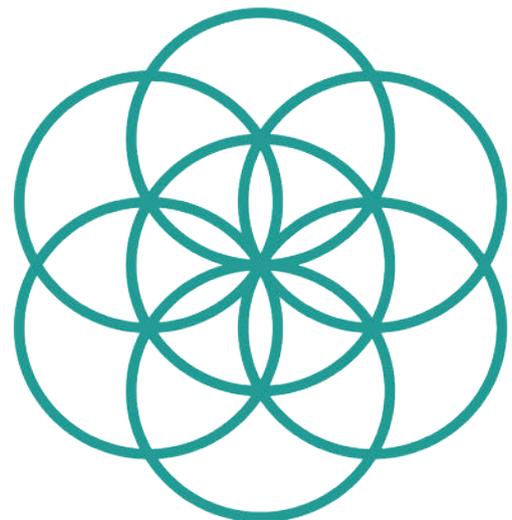
### Process:

RSB will provide support throughout the certification process, including:

1. Guidance on the definition of RSB Scope(s) for certification.
2. Support during the RSB application process and use of pre-assessment tools.
3. Review of GHG calculation.
4. Review of the ESMP (Environmental and Social Management Plan).
5. Review of the chain of custody systems and procedures.
6. Guidance related to potential arrangements including smallholder groups and their management system.
7. Guidance on other topics that are likely to arise during the implementation and preparation for certification.

### Benefits:

1. Make your certification process more efficient by ensuring you have a full understanding of the requirements and scope.
2. Identify any likely non-conformities and plan corrective action.



### Deliverables:

Report outlining steps to make your supply chain “certification ready”; Executive Summary; Executive Summary in Powerpoint.

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## GAP ANALYSIS



*RSB will help you to understand the different sustainability standards and management practices already being used in your supply chain and provide a benchmark of these practices against RSB's best-in-class standard.*

### Process:

1. You select the supply chain or business units for review.
2. RSB will request the relevant documentation from you, to provide detail on the standard(s) and practices already in-use.
3. Using these documents, RSB will assess against the RSB Principles & Criteria (or other relevant RSB standards) and provide guidance as to where the RSB Standard is being met, and where gaps exist.
4. RSB will provide recommendation on next steps to 'fill the gaps' in order to meet our best-in-class sustainability requirements.

### Benefits:

1. Understand the steps you need to take in order to comply with RSB's standard.
2. Get to know the different practices and standards you are already using – including their overlaps and gaps.
3. Take a stepwise approach to RSB compliance.

### Deliverables:

Gap analysis report and recommendations for meeting RSB requirements;  
Executive Summary; Executive Summary in Powerpoint.

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## SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING



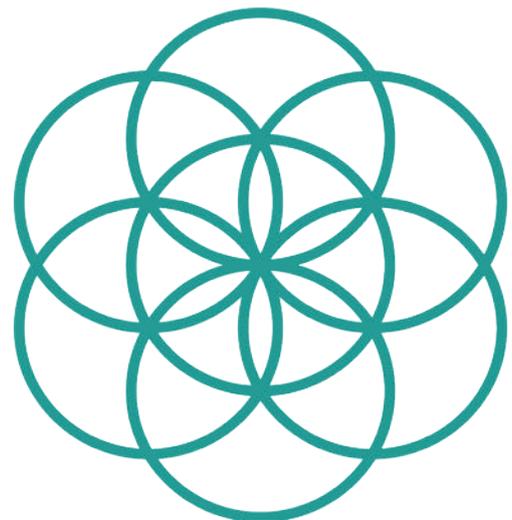
*RSB will work with you to uncover your supply chains, understand the sustainability criteria that apply to your specific requirements and provide recommendations to support sustainability and traceability throughout your supply chain.*

### Process:

1. You select the biomass supply chains for study.
2. RSB will request the relevant data from you to examine your supply chains, including specific suppliers, to understand and map the specific sustainability contexts.
3. RSB develops recommendations for increasing traceability, reducing risk and achieving real sustainability.
4. You are empowered to better understand your supply chain and to work with your downstream suppliers to reduce risks and increase sustainability.

### Benefits:

1. Reduce risk in your supply chain.
2. Understand areas for improvement.
3. Get to know your suppliers.



### Deliverables:

Mapping report with recommendations; Executive Summary; Executive Summary in Powerpoint

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## STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION



*RSB's team of experts will assist you in organising, conducting and documenting an effective and credible stakeholder consultation process.*

### Process:

1. Identify stakeholders at local, regional and national level.
2. Develop a communication and consultation plan for different types of stakeholders.
3. Engage staff to support the effective implementation of stakeholder consultation according to RSB's requirement for FPIC – free, prior and informed consent.

### Benefits:

1. Identify and engage key stakeholder groups.
2. Enable parties to participate in the decision-making – giving them more control and security.
3. Share information and facilitate understanding.
4. Build legitimacy and support for decisions.
5. Foster constructive working relationships among communities, companies and government.
6. Build consensus and generate support for projects.
7. Reduce conflict.
8. Tap into local and specialist knowledge to inform the assessment and design of projects.
9. Improve the end decision.

### Deliverables:

Development and review of stakeholder list and consultation procedure; Executive Summary; Executive Summary in Powerpoint

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## RSB TRAINING



*RSB offers custom training for your team. Tailored to your specific needs, the training will help your team and/or suppliers to familiarise themselves with the main aspects of RSB certification and the implementation of the RSB standard in your specific context.*

### Process:

1. RSB will explore and uncover your organisation's specific needs.
2. Design and develop a training course.
3. Create customised exercises to facilitate comprehension.
4. Training materials are supplied for reference.

### Benefits:

1. Empower staff and suppliers to understand and implement the RSB standards.
2. Make the certification process simpler and easier for your organisation to complete.
3. Support sustainability decision-making within your organisation.

### Deliverables:

Training course (online or in-person) offered by a senior RSB expert (training materials in English), with customised exercises.

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## DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY PROTOCOL



*RSB's team of experts will develop a sustainability protocol, in line with our best-in-class standard, to apply within your organisation and/or your suppliers and partners.*

*The sustainability protocol is a user-friendly and consistent tool with which to evaluate feedstocks and make decisions and your production.*

### Process:

1. RSB will work with you to discuss your objectives and scope.
2. Where applicable RSB will identify other relevant policies and standards (internal and external) to be included in your protocol.
3. RSB develops a customised tool with evaluation criteria and outputs based on your objectives and scope to help you select feedstocks.
4. RSB provides guidance on how to use the tool in order to support your team in decision-making.

### Benefits:

1. Ensure consistency in your approach to sustainability across your operation and supply chain.
2. Effectively plan your roadmap to sustainability across your portfolio of materials and feedstocks.
3. Empower your team to make decisions confidently.
4. Provide clear and consistent guidelines to your buyers and suppliers.
5. Access RSB certification more easily as the protocol functions as a roadmap.

### Deliverables:

Sustainability Protocol tool and guidance; Executive Summary; Executive Summary in Powerpoint.

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## DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL OR REGIONAL INDICATORS



*RSB will develop national or regional indicators to provide an interpretation of the RSB criteria in light of local legislative and regulatory context, with the aim of easing the process of proving compliance with the RSB standards.*

### Process:

1. RSB will identify the relevant laws and regulation in the identified region and compare this regulatory framework with the RSB Principles & Criteria.
2. Stakeholders will be consulted to help analyse implementation and enforcement.
3. A checklist is prepared with the indicators and additional guidance for auditors and operators.
4. A pilot assessment or a new stakeholders' consultation can be carried out using the checklist to refine the indicators.
5. A final version and a report describing the whole process is submitted to the RSB Board of Directors for approval.

### Benefits:

1. Simplify the certification process for eligible operators across a region or country.
2. Highlight any gaps and sustainability risks in existing regulations.
3. Help your region or market attract investment and new projects.

### Deliverables:

RSB National or regional indicators checklist and a summary report of the process.  
*Please note that RSB indicators must be approved by the RSB Board of Directors before coming into force.*

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## SUSTAINABLE FEEDSTOCK RESOURCE ASSESSMENT



*RSB's sustainable feedstock resource assessment approach enables you to identify sustainable feedstocks and pathways in a given region (local / national / regional) for the development of projects with sustainability built into their foundation.*

### Process:

1. Select the region for your study.
2. Select the applicable feedstocks and pathways for your study.
3. Apply the RSB criteria to these feedstocks and pathways.
4. Calculate the availability of RSB compliant resources, across various future scenarios (e.g. climatic or demographic change).

### Benefits:

1. Sustainability considerations can be built into the foundation of projects in the region.
2. Understand feedstock and pathway sustainability.
3. Support investor and project-owners to direct attention to most sustainable feedstocks and pathways.
4. Provide long-term outlook on feedstocks and pathways – taking into account variables such as climatic or demographic change.

### Deliverables:

A summary of current volume and energy or material production potential of all selected feedstocks that meet RSB principles; A summary of the amount of land available for the production of all selected feedstocks, including a discussion of indirect land use change; Executive Summary; Executive Summary in Powerpoint