RSB MEMBERSHIP GUIDE
INTRODUCTION

The Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials is what it is today because of its members. Over the years over 300 organisations and 1000 individuals have contributed to the development of the RSB.

Our independent organisation unites these global stakeholders and is the most trusted, peer reviewed member body active in the bioeconomy that develops and promotes solutions to drive a just and sustainable transition to a bio-based and circular world. A world that enhances rural development, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and promotes food security.

Today the RSB’s members consist of a worldwide movement of businesses, NGOs, academics, government and UN organisations that help us drive best practices for sustainable biomaterial, biofuels and biomass production.

This network ensures you are up to date with the latest developments in the bio-based and circular economy. Our members are integral to shaping the future of this sector and it is through the membership forums that the different perspectives and opinions can be discussed to ensure relevant outcomes are integrated into the world’s most credible sustainability standard.

“In order to safeguard our future, we must use carbon wisely, and not treat it as a single use liability. Using wastes and residues as feedstocks is essential to give carbon a second chance at life, making new products that would otherwise come from fossil resources. LanzaTech and our partners turn to RSB to guide us in ensuring that wastes and residues can be used sustainably to create a carbon smart world.”

Jennifer Holmgren, CEO, LanzaTech
To ensure a balance between business and civil society interests, the members are organised into five Chambers that elect the Assembly of Delegates who are the governing body of the organisation. The Assembly appoints a Board of Directors to set strategy and provide oversight to the Secretariat who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Velocys is supportive of RSB’s efforts to promote truly sustainable and renewable biofuels. The renewable fuels market is a particular focus for Velocys, and our relationship with RSB has helped Velocys in our drive to develop replicable and scalable facilities to produce premium fuels that satisfy the highest technical and sustainability standards.

Philipp Stratmann, Business Development Director, Velocys®
GOOD REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RSB

There are a variety of benefits that the members enjoy and the RSB invites your organisation to join us in shaping the future of the bioeconomy and the RSB Standard.

- Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability and **enhance the credibility of your engagement** in the biomaterials sector.

- Leverage membership to **strengthen your sustainability messaging**.

- **Participate in cutting edge discussions** about the developing bioeconomy and the sustainability of biomaterials via RSB technical working groups, webinars, the General Assembly and various business forums.

- **Expand your network and engagement with trusted NGOs** by meeting other like-minded associates who are committed to sustainability issues. The RSB members have found common areas of interest and forged partnerships on policy, smallholders and technical issues such as lifecycle analysis.

- **Free access to RSB’s GHG Calculator Tool**, including basic support from the RSB technical team.

- **Co-branding**: use of the RSB member logo on your website and throughout various marketing collateral.

- **RSB social media and website acknowledgment**.

- **Opportunity to participate** in the RSB leadership team by being elected to a governance position.

- **Possibility to extend membership** value through additional packages.

- **Influence the development** of the RSB standard.
## MEMBERSHIP FEES

### PUBLIC SECTOR AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

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### ALL OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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Organisations are invoiced on an annual basis.

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As a member of RSB since the beginning in 2007, I can attest to the value that your RSB membership will bring you personally and to your organisation or business. RSB membership is a commitment, not just financially, but emotionally and mentally as well.

When you participate in the member teleconference calls or meetings held around the world, you realise you are part of something very important - a movement of diverse people all working towards the same vision that biomaterials are produced sustainably, that smallholders have a chance, and that we leave our world a better place for future generations.

Barbara Bramble, Founding member of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials
How to Apply for Membership

If you interested in RSB membership, you can call us to discuss your options or email the RSB Secretariat at info@rsb.org. The procedure is simple to follow:

1. Complete the downloadable Application Form on our website.

2. Write a Cover Letter. You may use the template included in the application form, or create your own if it includes:
   • A brief description of your organisation’s biofuel/biomaterial-related activities.
   • An acknowledgement that your organisation accepts the RSB’s Articles of Association and other official RSB documents and decisions
   • A declaration of any conflict of interests you are aware of, or statement that none exist.
   • And, if you are applying for a fee waiver, your organisation’s most recent financial statements.

3. Membership Applications and cover letter can be submitted any time to the RSB Secretariat at info@rsb.org

Applications will be reviewed before acceptance by the RSB Board of Directors. This won’t take longer than ten days and the Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of your application and inform you once your membership has been approved.

Should you have any questions regarding membership, your application, etc., please feel free to contact the RSB Secretariat at info@rsb.org

Fee Waivers
All Chamber 3 members are exempted from membership fees.
Members of other chambers that are unable to pay their membership fees (for financial reasons) may submit a fee waiver request to be approved by the Board of Directors. The fee waiver request consists of an additional paragraph in the membership application letter, listing the nature of in-kind contributions that will be provided.
A Membership fee waiver is granted for 1 year and must be renewed annually.

Any member receiving a fee exemption (excluding Chamber 3 members) must cover their dues with an in-kind contribution. In-kind contributions must be provided during the respective year and shall roughly correspond to the amount of the member’s dues.
In-kind contributions include, but are not limited to:
• Support work (working hours), e.g. research on scientific issues, policies, lobbying, etc;
• Contribute to the organization of meetings (i.e. providing venue, meals, etc);
• Contribute to travel expenses for meeting participants (e.g. flights, hotels);
• Enrollment of new POs in the RSB certification process (helping an operator to become certified);
• Contribute to the promotion of RSB through marketing, events, introduction to opportunities etc.;
• Taking up a position within the RSB governance structure (Delegate, Director).

Thank you for your interest in the RSB’s membership and we look forward to welcoming you!
About the RSB

RSB is a full member of the ISEAL Alliance and has been rated the best performing sustainability certification system in recent reports published by WWF, IUCN, and NRDC.