



Accountability
Framework

Together, making
ethical supply chains
the new normal

The Accountability Framework's approach to responsible supply chains through responsible suppliers

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The Accountability Framework initiative

Coalition of **26 civil society organizations** working to increase clarity and consistency of expectations for agriculture and forestry supply chains free of deforestation, ecosystem conversion, and human rights abuses

The Accountability Framework

Roadmap of Core Principles, definitions, and guidance to support companies & industry groups in meeting supply chain goals

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Protection of forests & other natural ecosystems

Set and strengthen goals

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Respect for human rights (IP/LC + workers)

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Scope & time-bound plans

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Company systems & processes to drive effective implementation

Internal management

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Supply chain assessment & traceability

Implement goals through supply chain management

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Managing for supply chain compliance

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Land acquisition, land use planning, & site development

Implement goals through responsible production

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Land management & long-term protection

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Access to remedy & environmental restoration

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Collaboration for landscape & sectoral sustainability

Broader engagement

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Monitoring & verification

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Reporting, disclosure, & claims

Reporting on progress



The AFi's Theory of Change builds on...

- Consensus-backed Accountability Framework to meet the expectations of buyers, investors, and stakeholders
- Broad scope
 - deforestation and conversion
 - land use change and human rights
 - All commodities and all suppliers
- Universal application
- Inclusion of 'end-to-end' view of the supply chain with differentiated roles
- Interoperability with existing systems and a harmonized approach that advances standardization
- Risk and impact management at the levels of both supply and supplier



AFi recommendation: Clean supply chain AND clean supplier

A clean supplier approach...

1. Is the practical thing to do in order to achieve a clean supply chain
 - Challenges with traceability, mixing, etc.
2. Is the right thing to do to meet the intent of company commitments to eliminate commodity-driven deforestation, conversion, and human rights abuses
 - Leakage, bifurcated markets, etc.
3. Is the necessary thing to do in order to eliminate company risk of exposure to deforestation, conversion, and human rights abuses
 - Financing supplier's negative activities
4. Is aligned with (emerging) market demand and stakeholder expectations
 - CGF Forest Positive Coalition roadmap, Norwegian salmon industry, CDP, etc.



What the Framework has to say about the clean supplier approach

- Specification of policies and commitments
 - All business units
 - All sourcing areas
- Responsible practices for land acquisition, land use planning, and site development
 - Buyers require their suppliers to fulfill the elements of this principle across their entire company
- Supplier engagement and control mechanism
 - Push commitments up the supply chain so that suppliers also adopt commitments
 - Provide incentives and support to suppliers
 - Mechanisms to respond to supplier non-compliance
- Collaboration for landscape/sectoral sustainability: Take action beyond supply chains



Thank you!

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