



FSC Policy on Conversion

Public consultation for draft 3-0

Webinar – September 2020

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HISTORY OF DISCUSSIONS ON CONVERSION



MOTION 7 IMPLEMENTATION

Working
Group

Policy on Conversion

- 1. 1994 cut-off date:** To retain, remove or change the rules to address past conversion.
- 2. Principles for compensation** on past conversion, in terms of:
 - a) restoration and/or conservation of environmental values
 - b) restitution of socio-economic values
- 3. Concept of acceptable conversion** as defined under current FSC rules.

Technical
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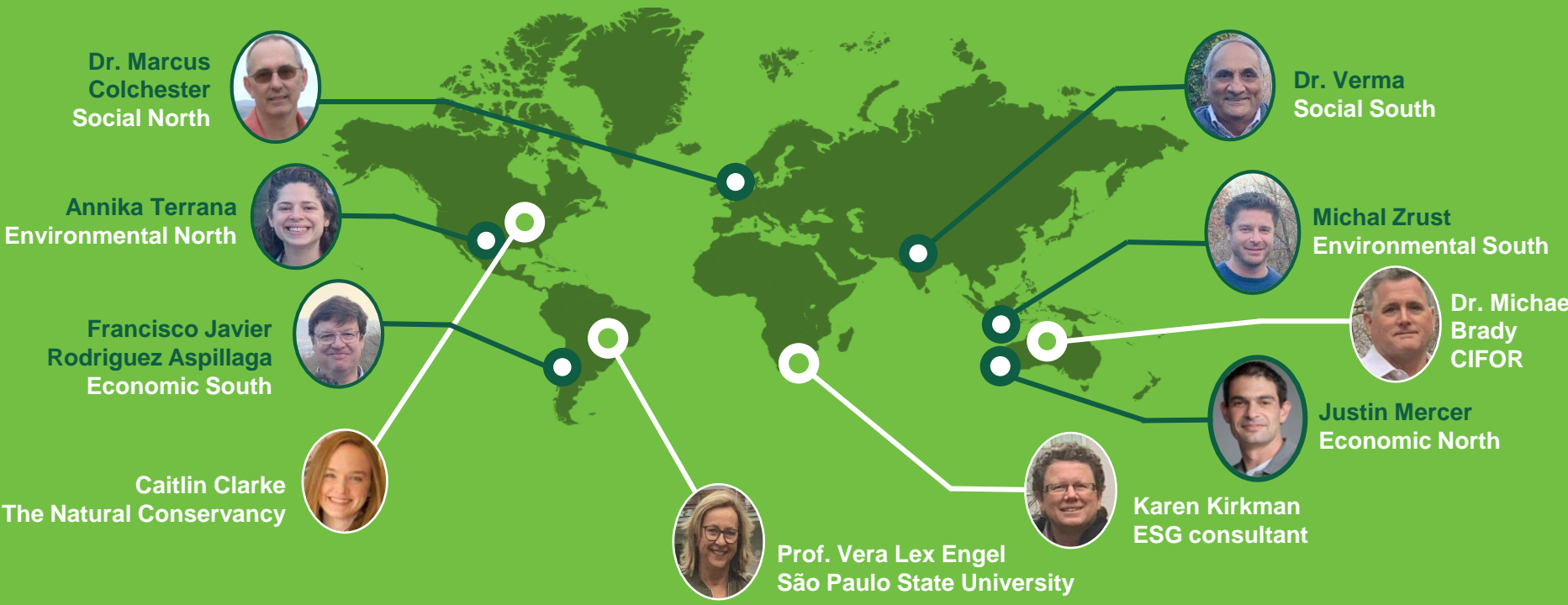
Operationalize the Policy

- 1. Criteria, indicators and thresholds** for conversion across the normative framework. **Instructions for Standard Developers** to address any revised IGIs on conversion in NFSS and INS
- 2. Develop a compensation procedure and proposals for verification**
- 3. Draft text for a possible motion to the 2020 General Assembly** to reword FSC Forest Management Standard Principles & Criteria

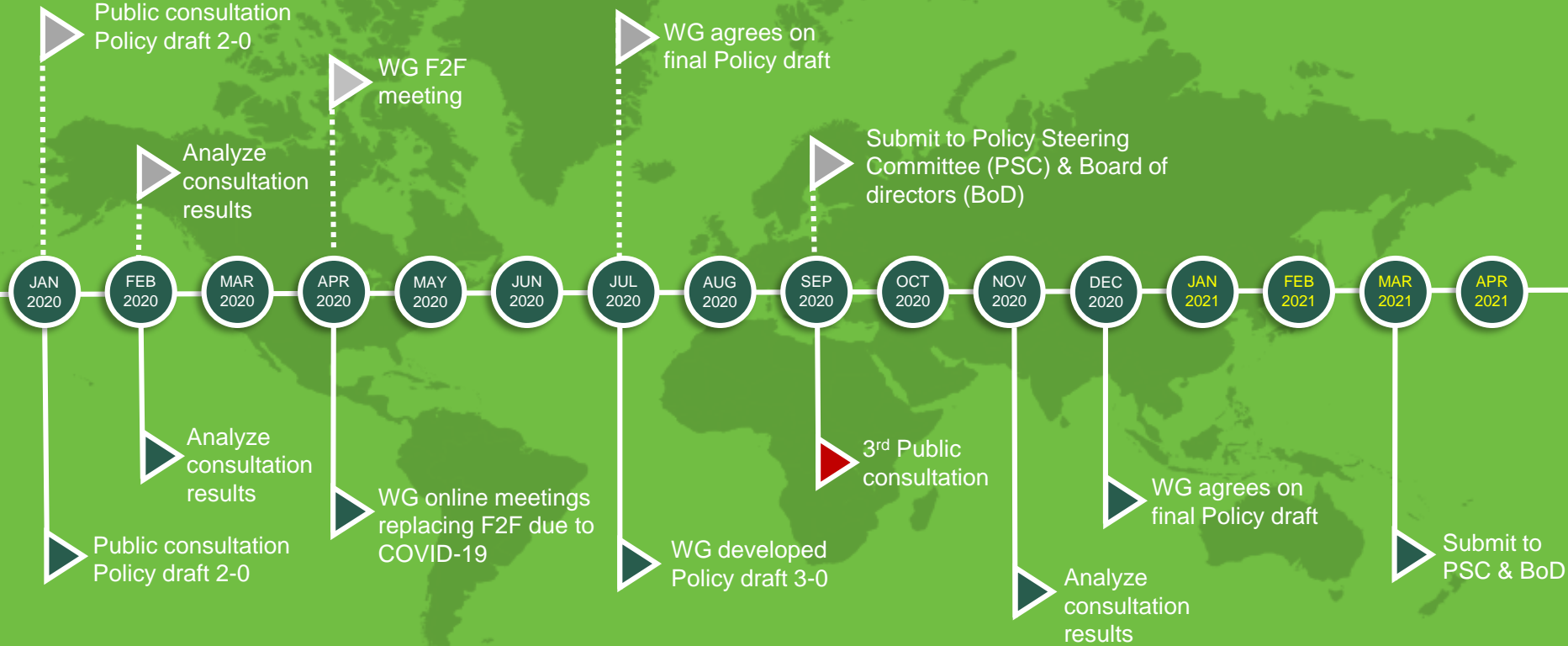


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MOTION 7 WG WORKPLAN



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MOTION 7 WG DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT 3-0



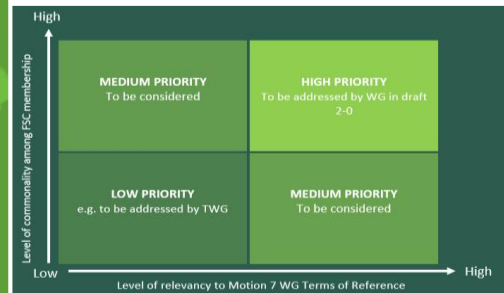
Step 1: Quantitative analysis



Step 2: Qualitative analysis

Sub-Chamber	Feedback	Analysis
Economic North	Comments regarding economic impact and job creation.	Analysis of economic benefits and potential risks.
Economic South	Comments on regional economic development.	Analysis of regional economic challenges and opportunities.
Environmental North	Comments on environmental protection and sustainability.	Analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation strategies.
Environmental South	Comments on environmental conservation and biodiversity.	Analysis of environmental risks and conservation needs.
Social North	Comments on social equity and community well-being.	Analysis of social impacts and community engagement.
Social South	Comments on social justice and labor rights.	Analysis of social challenges and labor market conditions.

Step 3: Prioritization exercise



Synopsis report

CHAPTER 1: PUBLIC CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION OVERVIEW

Overall 151 stakeholders provided feedback on the consulted second draft of FSC Policy on Certification, among which, 140 consultation respondents submitted comments via FSC public consultation platform, 11 respondents provided comments via email. Detailed participation status¹ is presented in boxes below.

Overview of consultation participation

- FSC member: 55%
- Consultant: 15%
- Certification body: 10%
- FSC International staff: 10%
- FSC Network Partner (NP): 5%
- NGO: 5%
- Other: 5%

FSC Sub-Chamber members participation

- Economic North: 15%
- Economic South: 10%
- Environmental North: 10%
- Environmental South: 10%
- Social North: 10%
- Social South: 10%

The 140 participants participated in public consultation platform come from 38 countries. Rate of participation is demonstrated below.

Policy draft 3-0

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ToR

Policy

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Principle 1 & 2: Fundamental principles

Principle 3: Conversion: 1994 - 2020

Principle 4: Conversion: post 2020

Principle 5: Constitution of conversion

Principle 6: Acceptable Conversion

Principle 7: Remedy procedure

Principle 8: Ongoing monitoring

Principle 9: Areas under compensation plan

Principle 10: Dispensation for small-scale smallholders

Principle 11: Aggregation of compensation requirements

Principle 12: Dispute resolution system

Principle 3&4: consultation results



Proposal in Policy Draft 2-0:

Remedy Liability stays with **the Organizations** that were *directly or indirectly involved** in *conversion**.

Part of the participants of the second public consultation requested:

“Close the ownership loophole”



New proposal:

Remedy Liability stays with **the Management Unit*** where *conversion** has occurred.

Principle 3 – Remedy for past conversion

Option 1 (Draft 2-0, supported by 2 WG members)		Nov 1994 – Oct 2020	
Purpose	Organization	Natural forests	HCV areas
FM Certification of MU	Organizations involved in conversion in the MU	Remedy	Not applicable retrospectively
	Organizations not involved in conversion in the MU	No restriction	Not applicable retrospectively
Association with FSC	Organizations involved in conversion within their group of affiliated organizations	Remedy	

Option 2 (New proposal, supported by 4 WG members)		Nov 1994 – Oct 2020	
Purpose	Organization	Natural forests	HCV areas
FM Certification of MU	Organizations involved in conversion in the MU	Remedy	Not applicable retrospectively
	Organizations not involved in conversion in the MU	Restitution for social harm	Not applicable retrospectively
Association with FSC	Organizations involved in conversion within their group of affiliated organizations	Remedy	

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Principle 4 – Principle for future conversion



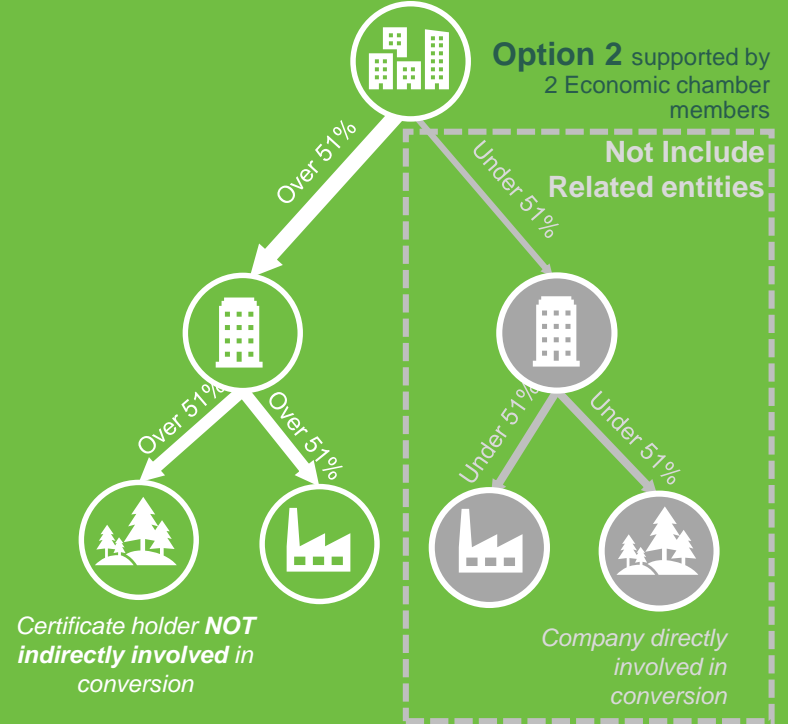
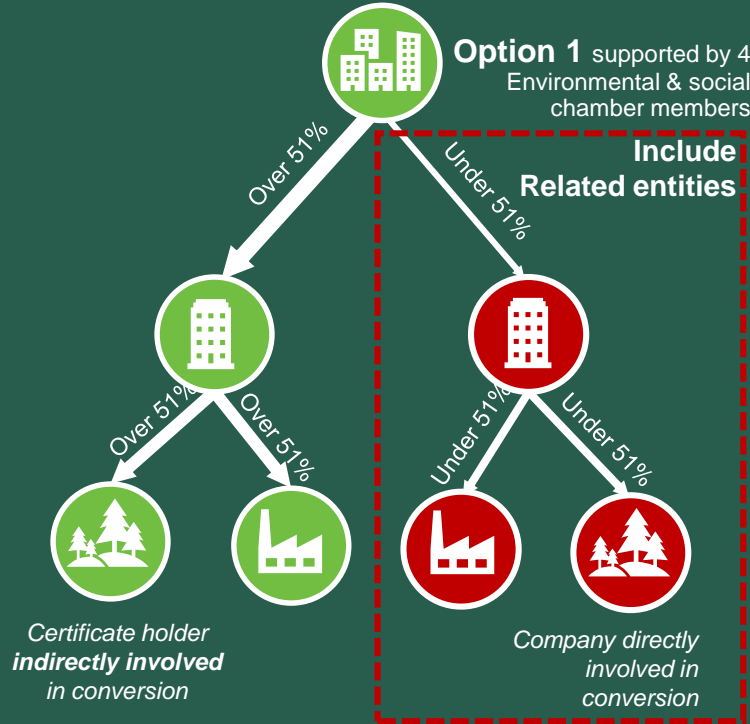
Option 1 (Draft 2-0, supported by 2 WG members)		> Oct 2020
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Association with FSC	Organizations involved in conversion within their group of affiliated organizations	Remedy – Principle 3

Option 2 (supported by 4 WG members)		> Oct 2020
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Principle 3 & 4 – Indirect involvement



The definition revision will be passed on to PfA process.

Principle 7.2: Independent assessor



Independent assessors (Draft 3-0)

*“Social harms shall be determined in consultation with affected stakeholders conducted by **independent assessors**. Social remedy* requirements shall be based on the recognised social harms incurred by the affected stakeholders” in consultation with them based on FPIC.”*

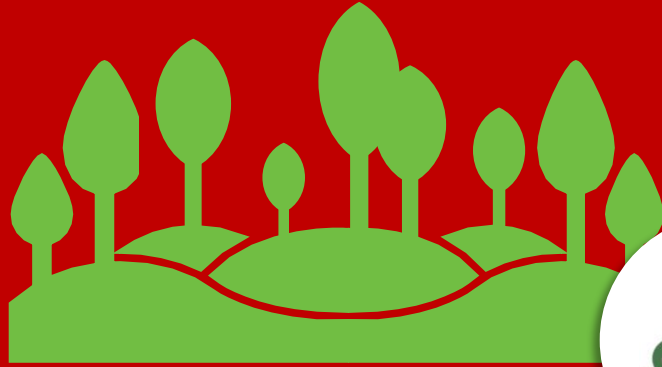


Organizations (Draft 2-0)

“Restitution requirements shall be based on the recognised social impacts incurred by the affected parties in consultation with them based on FPIC principles.”



Principle 3 & 4: Motion at GA2021



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CONSULTATIONS

ABOUT

REGISTER

LOG IN

PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR FSC CONVERSION POLICY V1-0 D3-0

PART 1. Background introduction on Motion 7 and its implementation

PART 2. The 3rd public consultation and supporting document

PART 3. Introduction on the public consultation structure

PART 4. Policy principle 3 related to past conversion

PART 5. Policy principle 4 related to future conversion

PART 6. Policy principle 7.2 related to independent assessor

PART 7: Webinar and conversion dialogues

General comments on the Policy and process

PARTICIPATE

Webinars and 1st Conversion dialogue



24 September

Webinar in EN
09:00- 10:00AM(CET)



24 September

Webinar in EN
17:00- 18:00AM(CET)



21 October

Webinar in ES
17:00- 18:00AM(CET)



X October

1st Conversion dialogue
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WHEN: September – October 2020

WHAT: Webinars for conversion policy
Conversion dialogue #1

WHY: "Decisions are made by those who show up"



2. DISCUSS & DEBATE

WHEN: November 2020 to January 2021

WHAT: Conversion dialogue #2

WHY:

- Review conversion debate in FSC and other systems
- Discuss why conversion issues remain unsolved after 3 GAs?



3: SHARPEN DISCUSSION

WHEN: February to April 2021

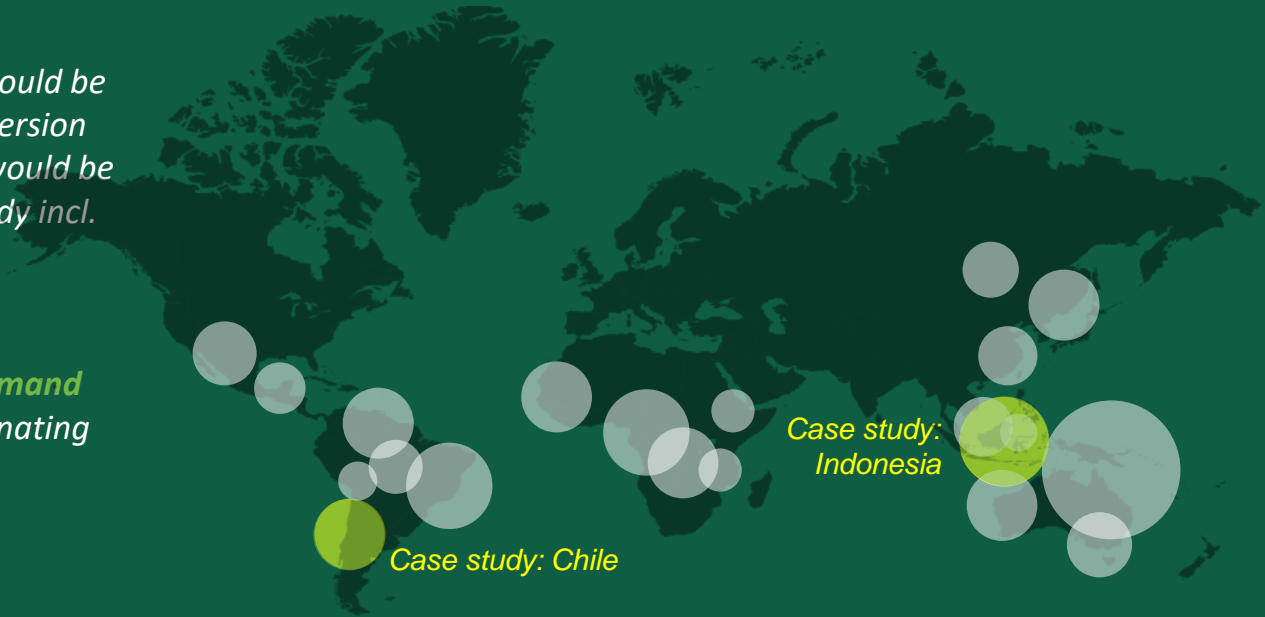
WHAT: Conversion dialogue #3

WHY:

- Present case studies results and final draft policy
- Explore the safeguards required for members to support the policy

Potential impact of the policy

1. What **potential for certification** could be achieved in case the revised Conversion Policy comes to force, and what would be the associated potential for remedy incl. restoration?
2. How would potential certification **influence the rapidly growing demand on and availability of wood** originating from these regions?



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4: PREPARE FOR THE GA

WHEN: May to September 2021

WHY: Public consultation for the second draft remedy procedure
Prepare for Conversion dialogue #4 and communication package



3: SHARPEN DISCUSSION

WHEN: February to April 2021

WHAT: Conversion dialogue #3 

WHY: Present case studies results and final draft policy
Explore the safeguards required for members to support the policy





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