

Announcing: First public consultation for the revision of the FSC Policy for Association's Due Diligence Procedure and the Evaluation Procedure

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Dear FSC colleagues,

FSC International invites your participation in the first public consultation of the revised two procedures used to implement the *FSC Policy for Association*: the *PfA Due Diligence Procedure* and the *PfA Evaluation Procedure*. Your review and input into this process is essential for a successful outcome, so please take some time to share your perspectives with us.

The 60-day consultation period will close on 16 December 2016.

Overview

The *FSC Policy for Association (PfA)* is an expression of the values shared by organizations formally associated with FSC, and defines six unacceptable activities that they commit to avoid. The PfA is supplemented by two procedures that put the PfA into practice:

- FSC-PRO-10-004 *Due Diligence Evaluation for Association with FSC* (PfA Due Diligence Procedure).
- FSC-PRO-01-009 *Procedure for Evaluating Compliance with the FSC Policy for Association* (PfA Evaluation Procedure), which is currently called the PfA Complaints Procedure.

Together, these three documents comprise the FSC Policy for Association normative framework.

Since October 2014, the sub-chamber-balanced PfA working group has been leading a revision of the FSC PfA normative framework. This started with the PfA itself, which has already undergone two public consultations. In April 2016, FSC initiated a revision of the PfA's Due Diligence Procedure and the Evaluation Procedure.

How to participate

The two draft procedures and a comment form can be found on the [PfA webpage](#)

To facilitate your review, you can also find the following on the PfA webpage: a) the latest draft of the PfA; b) a stakeholder's guide to the PfA; c) the Consultation Report from the second public consultation of the PfA; and d) current versions of both the PfA Due Diligence Procedure (an internal FSC procedure) and the PfA Complaints Procedure.

The stakeholder's guide to the PfA includes a summary of the key changes proposed for both these procedures.

For more information, or to discuss your perspectives verbally, please contact Karen Steer, coordinator for this revision, at k.steer@fsc.org

Thank you!