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POST-EVENT REPORT

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TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE REJUVENATION

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It was the fourth time the Sustainable Coconut Roundtable convened a growing membership, partners, industry leaders, government officials, civil society groups, and farmers for the yearly roundtable, and what a Roundtable it was in Bali!

As usual now, the week included a Field Trip, a Sustainable Coconut Charter Training, our Conference Day where many company showcased their move from shared ambition to practical action, and our Member and Partners Day where we advanced the agenda of the Partnership, a full day of workshops and active networking. The week-long program connected field realities and farmer perspectives with responsible sourcing, investment, supply resilience, climate action, and value-chain collaboration with more than 150 practitioners gathered in Bali, Indonesia for the second roundtable in Indonesia.

A clear message emerged across the program: **“The table is set”**, **tools to advance the responsible rejuvenation of the sector are now fully functional and available to members: Sustainable Coconut Charter, SCP-Links, SCP Impact Fund with match funding from the public sector and more**. A more resilient and sustainable coconut sector averting the looming social and supply crisis is in sight with a responsible rejuvenation agenda. Investment models that work were presented and discussed, credible sustainability systems, farmer representation, and collaboration that delivers productive, measurable outcomes.

The SCP membership is growing, with about 15 new members per year for three years, this year saw major industry players joining the membership. The Sustainable Coconut Charter is now creating markets for organizations willing to work together on responsible rejuvenation and securing supply chains and the SCP Fund receiving match funding from the Philippines Coconut Authority for its programmes in the country is just the start of the impact that can multiply through our membership.

The table is set, the responsible rejuvenation agenda is in motion.



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Key Takeaways

1. **The Sustainable Coconut Charter showcased its advantage:** First movers showed what becomes possible when investments aligned with the charter: demand is created, buyers can invest with confidence, processors can finance and scale programmes, and both can work together to grow responsible rejuvenation across the supply chain, enabled by the Sustainable Coconut Charter Assurance System. Credible sustainability needs practical implementation and assurance. The Sustainable Coconut Charter and its Assurance System provide a solid framework for responsible sourcing, together with standards, verification, traceability, and making credible claims.

2. **Landmark public-private agreement between SCP and the Philippine Coconut Authority:** SCP signed an MOU with the CEO and Administrator of the Philippine Coconut Authority Dr. Dexter R. Buted to establish a joint match funding, for the comprehensive development and empowerment of coconut farmers in selected sites of the **Sustainable Coconut Partnership Fund**.



3. **SCP is becoming a growing platform for impact:** With a growing membership, the conference is increasingly shifting towards sharing market signals and best practices, lessons and challenges that matter to experts and practitioners. Solutions that work on the ground farmers' realities, assurance, responsible rejuvenation and climate action all reinforced the need to connect ambition with implementation.

4. **Indonesia has moved its coconut Hilirisasi agenda:** From a general industrial-policy ambition last year, the agenda moved to an explicit government program with concrete strategies and investments behind it. 3 Ministries came to Bali to present their activities to SCP Members.

5. **Responsible rejuvenation must address farmer income, productivity, climate resilience, and future supply together:** Replanting alone is not enough; farmers need viable financing and practical support to make the transition work. Low farm productivity, limited replanting, and young people leaving the sector also risk reducing future coconut supply, making farmer livelihoods and long-term supply resilience inseparable.

6. **Mobilizing capital requires collaboration and workable market structures:** The Sustainable Coconut Fund shows a determined effort to obtain responsible rejuvenation capital. The Charter helps measure this impact and SCP-Links offers a unique platform for the sector to increase collaboration, transparency and unlock more value. More broadly, the sector can now step up using these mechanisms for sharing the costs and risks, planning investment, and for bringing the long-term sustainability objectives in line with the commercial circumstances of volatile commodity markets.

7. **Progress across the sector depends on coordinated joint action:** The industry can assist in moving beyond individual projects to achieve a wider transformation by enhancing cooperation between the public and private sectors and by strengthening the connections among companies, producers, investors, governments, and technical experts.

8. **Climate, productivity, and supply risks must be addressed together:** It is necessary to deal with climate issues, productivity problems, and supply risks as a single matter since the pressures associated with climate, the ageing of farms, limitations regarding labor, and the difficulties concerning productivity all feed one another. Achieving resilience will demand both immediate actions to deal with supply risks and longer-term investment in the farms, the farmers, and the supply chains.



9. **Farmer representation should influence decisions, not simply discussions:** SCP took steps to include meaningfully a farmer's dialogue within its conference through a field trip and participation of the farm leaders into the conference. SCP sets sight to move towards a true representation to set up reliable and inclusive methods by which farmers' views can influence SCP's priorities, the design of programs and dialogue within the sector.

10. **The number of PPPs, collaborations, and bilateral projects is increasing:** Over the last three years, SCP has enabled better collaboration, networking opportunities, improved data, reporting, and digital cooperation, enabling members to be connected and access more investment opportunities. SCP's shared Theory of Change was discussed and advanced in our members and partners day and the direction is positive, clear and focuses on the outcomes that both the SCP and its members want to achieve.

Learning from the Field

The visit to North Bali and Sidemen over two days linked the Roundtable's strategic discussions with the actual conditions on the ground, such as farms, rejuvenation projects, nurseries, community processing, trade and local value addition.









- The design of solutions for the sector should be based on farm-level conditions and the economic situation of the farmers.
- The rejuvenation measures adopted must be practical and feasible for the farmers who are expected to put them into practice.
- The ability of the community to carry out processing and to add local value can help to improve livelihoods and lead to more resilient value chains.
- The perspectives of farmers highlight the need to keep them at the heart of sustainability initiatives. Farmer perspectives shared across the Roundtable reinforced that sustainability initiatives must be shaped with them and not simply designed for them.

Increasing number of professionals from purchasing and supply trained to use the Sustainable Coconut Charter

The practitioner training focused on how the Sustainable Coconut Charter (SCC) and Assurance System supports responsible sourcing and credible sustainability claims for the coconut sector. In 2026, 39 professionals have become practitioners through the training to date.

- The Charter establishes a common framework for responsible sourcing within the coconut sector.
- The SCC Assurance System converts commitments into standards, verification processes, and claims.
- The Origin Standard and Supply Chain Standard both drive sustainability in coconut supply chains through efficient, sector-specific assurance that recognizes and rewards progress at each level of the journey.
- A clear understanding of the requirements is important for implementation and for communicating progress accurately.

Members & Partners Day: Advancing together

Transparency, traceability, and digital collaboration: Members and Partners workshopped on SCP-Links and transparency tools with Agridence: Better data and collaboration tools can help members track commitments, strengthen transparency and traceability, and move from fragmented information into actionable insights. A few proposals will be presented in an upcoming working group.

Sustainability investment in volatile markets: A market debate was organized for the first time in the sector with all sides of the supply chain discussing the central challenge of how to finance sustainability initiatives without relying exclusively on long-term offtake commitments. Cost-sharing, flexible commitment models and shared investments initiatives like the SCP Fund have been discussed as ways to help bridge commercial and sustainability priorities.

Farmer representation: SCP workshopped its ideal farmer representation and has an opportunity to shape a credible, inclusive, and practical approach that allows farmer perspectives to inform priorities, programme design and decision-making. Some of these proposals will make their way to an upcoming governance review.

A shared Theory of Change: A first group discussion allowed members to align on agreeing on long-term outcomes for SCP and giving lots of flexibility to members to navigate complexity. SCP Targets and Member contributions were discussed as necessary measures of progress to connect individual initiatives to collective impact. The proposals will be discussed in the next working groups.





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Closing: Three Immediate Priorities After Bali

- **Kick Off of the Sustainable Coconut Fund is near.** Private contributions from about 8 members will see their contributions matched through PCA in two regions starting this year.

- **Members are moving further towards practical uptake of the Sustainable Coconut Charter.** Building on company experiences such as DUCOM's first ever SCC verified production, demand for SCC verified coconut products is just getting started.

- **Establish how farmer voices will inform SCP's work and build even more industry collaboration.** SCP identified practical ways to bring more industry support and farmers' experiences into program design, member discussions and decisions, ensuring everyday hurdles stay central to decision-making.

The Sustainable Coconut Roundtable 2026 reinforced that the future of the coconut sector will be shaped by stakeholders' ability and commitment to work together: connecting farmer realities with investment, aligning sustainability ambitions with commercial models, and turning commitments into measurable action.

For SCP and its members, the next step is to build on the relationships and priorities developed further in Bali and continue strengthening coalitions, mobilizing capital, and accelerating the action needed for a more resilient and responsible coconut sector.





SEE YOU AT THE NEXT ROUNDTABLE!