# MEADFA Sustainability Update

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# **Overview of Sustainability Position Paper**

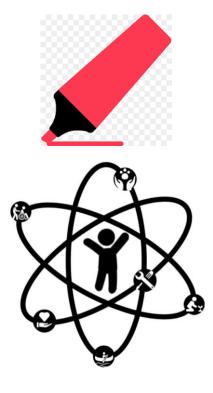
# **Purpose Statement:**

- MEADFA is taking a leadership position to regenerative business, beyond 'doing no harm', to restore and nourish the environment and to enable our society to flourish.
- MEADFA believes that the success of our member companies depends on responding positively to the challenges of sustainability of our planet and wellbeing of our society.



#### **Member Engagement Model**

- Highlight Inform Members of the need for change in our business practices, products, and services.
- 2. Catalyse Promote interaction with and within stakeholders to achieve new business model and action for living within planetary and social boundaries.
- **3. Convene** Co-ordinate interaction within and between stakeholders to build relationships, trust, and work towards a supporting our vision and agenda for change.





#### **Our Challenge**

Our challenge is simple to describe "How can we work together"

- Studies by our members companies continue to confirm that majority of our impact and risks in our ESG program are in our extended supply chain.
  - □ Carbon 90+% in our scope 3 extended supply chain
  - Employee wellbeing, no child labor, living wages, social equity

are more like to be an issue in our extended supply chain

Governance issues more likely to be in the indirect suppliers

We all realize that these issues and risks cannot be managed by any one company. We must find the best ways to work in collaboration, in a non-competitive ways.



#### Moving from Competition to Collaboration

Key principles of MEADFA Charter for ESG Action

- Today, we are trying to solve these problems as individual companies. Problem requires a different approach.
- □ From seeking Competitive Advantage to Collaborative Advantage (Paul Skinner)
- □ Two contradicting to business strategy.
- Not easy for us, we all have learned to compete in business, in life now we must change.

As a first step we encourage member companies to create **Social Purpose**. This social purpose could provide **a common objective to work together**.

- □ Key to the organizing principle of your strategy.
- Consumers increasingly expect brands to have not just functional benefits but a social purpose.

Our Charter for ESG Action is based on these principles and requests all member Companies to work together to achieve scale and impact of our actions.



#### Vision

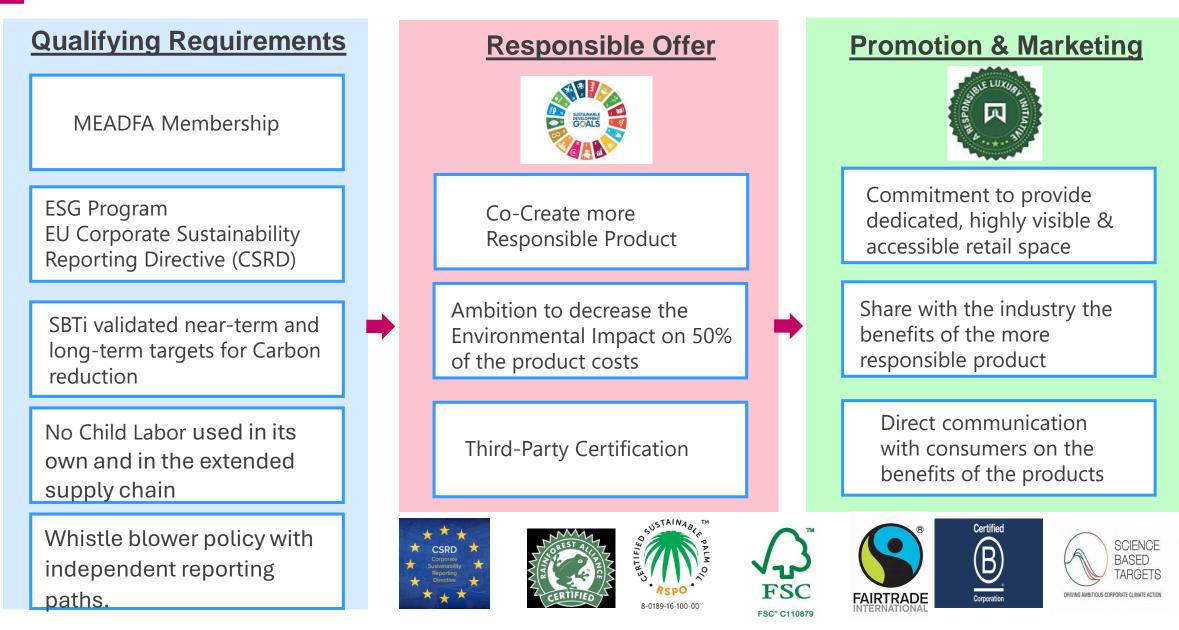
Our ambition is to create an ecosystem that can drive change towards a more responsible and sustainable industry.

- □ We know that when there is clear imperative to change and direct connect to the company strategy, the job gets done.
- We achieved stronger collaboration to overcome the unprecedented impact of the COVID19 pandemic.
- The plan is to strive to achieve stronger collaboration in our industry, lead by MEADFA as the primary industry association.
- Our business together has global coverage and can have global impact, creating the necessary change commensurate with the outcomes required in our industry.
- □ To ensure success of this program it is essential there is highest level support and commitment from our member organizations.

Working together brings global scale and impact







# **Key Benefits**

- □ MEADFA members working together, will provide global visibility and accessibility to all our members.
- Brands could create global programs that could be implemented by all retailers at all airports.
- With a global access to our members retail outlet, brands and suppliers would have wider distribution, providing the economies of scale to undertake significant change to products and services.
- Allow Brands and Suppliers to provide more responsible products
- MEADFA could be the platform to for Bands and Suppliers to share their commitment, plans and progress to inspire the industry to do better.



## **Next Steps**

MEADFA needs to create the MEADFA Charter for ESG Action. We are engaging legal counsel to write the Charter.

We will also need some external assistance to create marketing/communication document to share with our members.

The key element of the Charter is below:

- Commitment to work together as members of the MEADFA
- Co-create more responsible products
- Commitment from the Retail Operators to provide dedicated, high visible and accessible space for these more responsible.
- Working with suppliers to market, promote and share the benefits of these more sustainable products to Environment and Society.





