

IPM Coalition Partnership Document (MoU)

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1. Introduction

This document aims to lay out the elements of the ISEAL Integrated Pest Management Coalition composed by ISEAL Alliance full members Better Cotton Initiative, Bonsucro, Fairtrade International, Global Coffee Platform, Golf Environment Organization, Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials, Sustainable Agriculture Network and UTZ. Members aim to work together towards the common goal of improving knowledge and sustainable use of pesticides including reducing or eliminating HHPs (Highly Hazardous Pesticides) consistent with each members' Theory of Change. The working group is of technical nature and open to all ISEAL members that share our common goal.

2. Problem we are addressing together

HHPs pose a high risk to human health and the environment, but are still widely used. As a working group, we are examining how we can collaborate to most effectively support relevant sectors. We will work towards eliminating the use of highly hazardous pesticides, reduce pesticide use and promote safer use of pesticides through our standards and collaborative work with our stakeholders. The working group will stimulate and assist in the search for alternatives to highly hazardous pesticides, including the promotion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and enhance the protection of workers' health and safety.

Overall Goal of the Partnership

The IPM Coalition's overall long term goal is to reduce or eliminate the use of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and to achieve a significant reduction of pesticide risks to health and the environment with effective standard and certification systems' tools.

Specific Outcomes of the Partnership

- Promote commonly agreed principles of Integrated Pest Management;
- Identify and assist relevant sectors in Integrated pest management approaches as an alternative to the use of highly hazardous pesticides;
- Explore effective mechanisms to further reduce pesticide use;
- Sharing concepts, ideas and strategies on hazard and risk approaches;
- Detect and connect with other initiatives and tools on safer pesticide use;
- Create a common manual on Protective Personal Equipment and worker health risk management with sectoral supplements;
- Create a reference database to provide information about prohibited or restricted pesticides and their current reference parameters of the ISEAL member's systems (Information tool); and to facilitate knowledge exchange on IPM.
- Agree on mechanisms to monitoring pesticide use.

3. Governance Arrangements

Steering Group

A Steering Group will be responsible for the organization and running of the IPM Coalition. The Steering Group is composed of at least three members, and is expected to:

- Convene the meetings and calls;
- Prepare the agendas for meetings and calls;

- Record and circulate the minutes from meetings and calls;
- Keep the ISEAL secretariat informed on progress.

Members

The members of the IPM Coalition are expected to:

- Attend the meetings (face2face or conference calls);
- Share and exchange knowhow on pesticides issues;
- Contribute to find solutions and be willing to share knowledge and expertise;
- Engage in and collaborate with agreed activities.

4. Decision-Making Procedures

Decision-making will reside with the IPM Coalition members. The IPM Coalition members shall seek consensus in its decisions. In the absence of consensus (in the case of sustained opposition), the proposed agreement should be revised until consensus is reached.

In case there is a lack of response or the member is absent, after two weeks, it is assumed that the member agrees with the proposal made by the IPM Coalition.

5. Resources

Each member commits to supporting the running of the working group by, at minima, dedicating in-kind resources (staff time). Additionally and on a voluntary basis, members might contribute to additional resources for the IPM Coalition which may include cash contributions from the partners, from donors, or in-kind support, such as staff time.

Signature Section

