

Accelerating Progress on Deforestation- and Conversion-Free (DCF) Soy and Cattle Supply Chains in the Amazon, Cerrado, and Chaco Biomes

Background on Company Stakeholder Briefings

What is the goal of this effort?

- The goal is to facilitate the delivery of clear and consistent inquiries from a diverse and influential range of stakeholders to motivate and support company action toward deforestation- and conversion-free (DCF) soy and cattle supply chains.
- The effort seeks to equip investors, banks, downstream customers, and civil society organizations with credible, useful, and consistent information for constructive engagement with company leaders regarding their activities to accelerate progress toward DCF supply chains.
- The focus is on supporting the transition to DCF for major soy traders and meatpackers operating in the Amazon, Cerrado, and Chaco regions of South America.

What information is (and is not) in the briefings?

- The briefings reflect the input of a leading group of experts regarding the actions each of the companies needs to take to fulfill and/or strengthen their existing DCF-related commitments and achieve impact at scale in the biomes of concern. The briefings will be updated on a rolling basis to account for new developments.
- They share a common structure with the content tailored to each company. Each briefing summarizes the company's market position and current DCF-related commitments and highlights recommended priorities for company action.
- The briefings do not address commodities other than soy or cattle, nor do they address other regions in which the focal companies may be operating. Given their specific focus on deforestation and conversion, the briefings also do not address social dimensions or human rights issues.
- The briefings are intended to complement and be used in conjunction with other publicly available benchmarks, ratings, and disclosures that shed light on the performance and plans of the companies.

How were the briefings developed and how are they being distributed?

- Leading experts on soy and cattle supply chains collaboratively developed the stakeholder briefing(s), the substance of which aligns with established accountability frameworks. The draft briefings were shared with sustainability leaders from the companies, and their insights were incorporated where appropriate.
- The briefings are being shared with a range of stakeholders interested in engaging these companies on DCF issues to help inform and focus those conversations. The completed briefings have also been shared with leaders within the companies for their awareness.
- Recipients are encouraged to share the briefings in a targeted, thoughtful manner with others who may find them useful. Please do not circulate broadly via email, social media, or website posting.
- Any information on how stakeholders are using the briefings to guide engagement with focal companies would be beneficial for understanding their impact and informing future refinements. Please contact Brad Spangler at bradrspangler@gmail.com with any feedback, comments, or questions.