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1. Introduction

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) as the Standardising body, has prepared this report to meet the requirements of Clause 6.2 of PEFC ST 1001:2017, which deals with stakeholder identification. To be able to demonstrate during the PEFC assessment that the selection of stakeholders met the PEFC requirements, the Standardising body is required to document and keep records of organizations it contacted, as well as comments and/or inputs received during the initial engagement and subsequent public consultations.

Under the PEFC guidelines, stakeholder mapping requires that thorough consideration be given to identifying potential interest groups, to ensure they are suitable and appropriate for the standard development process. This requires ensuring that:

- organisations and their representatives selected are “truly” representative of the broad range of interests, views and values within the forest industry sector; and
- an appropriate, relevant and suitable communication strategy is developed and adopted, to encourage active and effective engagement and participation in the process by stakeholders.

2. Stakeholder identification

In 2012, the Guyana government and the European Union (EU) commenced negotiations on a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) under the EU's Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade's (FLEGT) Action Plan established in 2003. The FLEGT Action Plan aims to reduce illegal logging by strengthening sustainable and legal forest management, improving governance and promoting trade in legally produced timber. The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) managed the Guyana-EU VPA negotiations on behalf of the government of Guyana.

As part of the negotiation process, the GFC undertook a comprehensive stakeholder mapping to identify the key and relevant stakeholder groups to be invited to support Guyana's negotiations. Through the stakeholder mapping, the GFC established the national technical working group (NTWG) to guide the negotiations with the EU. Subsequently, the GFC established the national implementation working group (NIWG), to guide implementation of the VPA, following initialling of the Agreement. Representatives from the multi-stakeholder NTWG and NIWG included members from the private sector, Indigenous bodies and Government agencies as follows:

- Forest Products Development and Marketing Council
- Guyana Revenue Authority
- Forest Products Association
- Guyana Manufacturing and Services Association
- National Toshias' Council
- Indigenous Peoples' Commission
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Legal Affairs

- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Amerindian People's Association)
- Small Logger Representation
- Iwokrama
- National Insurance Scheme
- Ministry of Social Protection

As part of the stakeholder mapping for the National Certification System, the GFC in consultation with the PEFC Secretariat, decided to use the organisational membership of the VPA's technical working group and the implementation working group as the starting point.

The stakeholder mapping exercise commenced with a gap analysis of the membership of the national technical working group (NTWG) and the implementation working group (NIWG) for the VPA, against the requirements of PEFC ST 1001:2017. The gap analysis focussed on identifying affected and interested stakeholders, as well as those able to influence the Standard's implementation, not already included in the NTWG and the NIWG.

The gap analysis identified the absence of organisations representing women, youth, forestry workers and academia in the NTWG and the NIWP.

Based on the nine major stakeholder groups specified Clause 6.2.2 of PEFC ST 1001:2017, the GFC identified the stakeholder groups to be invited to discuss the merits of developing a national forest certification System for Guyana. The main stakeholder groups and their areas of interest identified by the GFC are as follows:

- forest owners
 - they are groups that produce wood products, and are likely to seek independent-third party certification under the system;
- business and industry
 - comprises individuals and entities involved in the wood products supply chain who may seek chain of custody certification under the system;
- indigenous people
 - some indigenous groups are both forest owners and also involved in the wood products supply chain. The main interest of indigenous stakeholders relates to how commercial forestry impacts on their cultural, economic and social well-being;
- non-government organizations
 - mostly environmental NGOs, who are interested in ensuring that the potential adverse impacts of any commercial forestry are minimised. The other group relates to the role of women in commercial forestry in Guyana. They are involved to ensure gender balance, as well as bring women's perspectives for consideration in the Standard's development.

- scientific and technological community
 - this group can influence the implementation of the Standard, as well as provide scientific and technological input and knowledge, to ensure the Standard remains dynamic to incorporate new knowledge based on science and research, as well as changing societal values on how forests should be managed for multiple use objectives.
- workers and trade unions
 - this group is involved to ensure issues related to the protection of workers' rights, including occupational, health and safety issues.
- government agencies
 - their main interest is to ensure that the Standards meet government policies.
- Civil society organisations
 - their main interest is to ensure effective governance and fair distribution of community benefits and impacts.

On 5th March 2021, the GFC organised the First Scoping Meeting online, to discuss with stakeholders the merits of developing a National Certification System for Guyana. Over 50 participants representing the key stakeholder groups the stakeholder mapping identified took part in the online First Scoping Meeting. A list and screenshots of the 53 participants at the First Scoping Meeting are at Appendices 1 and 7, and the 214 invitees is at Appendix 2. Public announcement of the online First Scoping Meeting, and invitation to key stakeholders within the Guyana forest and wood products sector are at Appendices 3, 4, and 5 respectively.

The Minister for Resources, Hon. Minister Vickram Bharrat, in his opening speech at the First Scoping Meeting, specifically informed participants that the objective of the meeting was to seek their views on whether they supported the development of the Standards and the National Certification System. A summary of comments from participants providing support to the proposal to develop the Standards and the national certification system are included in Appendices 6 and 8.

At the conclusion of the First Scoping Meeting, the GFC informed participants about the next steps, which included formation of the National Standard Setting Working Group (NSSWG), to guide the development of the Standards. The GFC invited each stakeholder group to nominate its representative for the NSSWG.

On 30th April 2021, the GFC held a second online First Scoping Meeting as part of the stakeholder mapping exercise. Twenty (20) participants took part in the Second Online Scoping Meeting. They comprised representatives nominated by the key stakeholder groups invited to participate in the First Scoping Meeting. The list of participants is at Appendix 9.

Prior to the Second Scoping Meeting, and as part of the invitation, the GFC sent to the stakeholders the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the NSSWG (Appendix 10), to assist stakeholders to select their representatives to the NSSWG. A draft of the ToR was discussed with the PEFC Secretariat, prior to finalisation.

At the conclusion of the Second Scoping Meeting, and subsequent discussions at the third stakeholder online meeting held on 8th May, participants agreed to the groups listed in Table 1 to constitute the NSSWG. There are twenty (20) stakeholder groups, representing five (5) sectoral interests.

Table 1 – Composition of the National Standard-Setting Working Group

Type of stakeholder	Sectoral Interest	Stakeholder organisation
	Private sector/Forest owners/	National Steering Committee for Community Forest Organization (NSCCFO)
		Guyana Manufacturing & Services Association (GMSA)
		Forest Products Association (FPA)
		National Toshias' Council* (NTC)
		Indigenous Peoples' Commission (IPC)
		Guyana Agriculture Workers' Union (representing workers/trade unions)
	Indigenous non-governmental organisations	Amerindian People's Association (APA)
		National Amerindian Development Foundation (NADF)
		Guyanese Organization of Indigenous Peoples (GOIP)
		The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)
Interested	Environmental non-governmental organisations	Conservation International Guyana (CI-G)
		World Wildlife Fund Guyana (WWF-G)
		Iwokrama (International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development)
	Government	Ministry of Amerindian Affairs (MoAA)
		Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)
		Forestry Training Centre Inc.(FTCI)
		Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) (Chair, Standardising, and National Governing Body)
	Civil Society	Women and Gender Equality Commission (WGEC) (representing the interests of women)
		Children and Youth (Ministry of Human Services and Social Security (MoHSSS)) (representing the interests of youth)
		Guyana School of Agriculture (GSA) (representing academia) (as a stakeholder with potential to influence standards implementation)

3. Disadvantaged stakeholders

The stakeholder mapping process identified Indigenous groups and other stakeholders living outside large urban centres as “disadvantaged.” This is because these group of stakeholders may lack ready access to electronic media.

To ensure disadvantaged stakeholders are able to participate effectively in the standard setting process, hard copies of documents will be made available to them through the network of GFC Forest Stations in all the forestry regions of the Country.

In addition, the GFC would facilitate access to Forest Stations, to enable disadvantaged stakeholder groups and/or their representatives, to use computers and other appropriate electronic devices to take part in online discussions and/or consultations.

Television, radio, newspapers, emails, radio and social media platforms will be used to inform all stakeholders about impending meetings, and also provide updates and progress on the standard development process.

4. Balanced representation

Under the PEFC guidelines, “balanced representation” does not only mean that the standard development process involves a lot of different interests around the table. It also means that the different interests receive balanced emphasis.

The GFC ensured balanced representation of interest groups was achieved by ensuring that representatives were drawn from the key stakeholder groups from Guyana’s forest and wood products sector as follows:

- Forest owners and forest managers at all scales;
- Supply chain from harvest to end users;
- Local environmental organizations;
- International environmental organisations;
- Government agencies whose statutory responsibilities impact on the forests and forest products sector in Guyana;
- Research and academia;
- Workers’ Union; and
- Community interests, including youth and women.

The GFC also ensured that the membership of the NSSWG included stakeholders with expertise relevant to the subject matter of the standard (e.g. academia and scientific community), those affected by the standard (FSOs), and those that can influence implementation of the standard (environmental organisations, indigenous organisations, workers’ representatives and community interests, including youth and women). The affected stakeholders shall be represented in an appropriate proportion among participants.

The GFC has also ensured gender balance in its membership. At least, 14 primary and alternate women representatives are included in the overall membership of the NSSWG.

Members of the NSSWG will be required to consult with their relevant constituencies, and to bring forward the views and comments of their constituencies, which shall inform the decisions the NSSWG shall make.

The NSSWG will ask for evidence of consultation with constituencies by members on all issues central to the Standard setting process.

Given the PEFC’s standard setting process is based on a balanced representation of all stakeholders who are related to sustainable forest management, the process will ensure that all these stakeholders have the same strength of voice, so as to avoid overruling of underrepresented interests.

The NSSWG will continually review its composition and membership, to ensure it meets the standard setting requirements of PEFC ST 1001:2017 (i.e., gender balance and balanced representation of affected and interested stakeholders, as well as stakeholders able to influence the standard's implementation).

5. Effective participation by stakeholders

The role of the standard setting working group is to build consensus on Guyana's forest management standard. To achieve this will require incentives, and appropriate and relevant support, so as to garner the effective involvement, commitment and active participation of individuals from the different interest groups.

While sometimes it could be challenging to convince individuals to invest their time in the process, the GFC has agreed to invest the necessary resources and provide required incentives, to ensure effective engagement and participation by all stakeholders.

Through the PEFC secretariat within the GFC, stakeholders will be provided with the necessary administrative and financial support, to participate in NSSWG meetings. While stakeholders will participate on a *pro bono* basis, the GFC will provide a small honorarium to members of the NSSWG, to cover out of pocket expenses incurred as a result of participating in the standard setting process.

It is important to ensure that all the relevant stakeholder groups and or their representatives participate, as well as invest their time in the process, so they can feel ownership of the outcome.

6. Achieving consensus

The PEFC guidelines define consensus building as "a group activity that forms agreement considering the views of all the stakeholders." In this context, stakeholders will ensure that no interest group dominates.

To achieve consensus and transparency, the standard setting process will utilize a range of approaches, including:

- face-to-face meetings, where a verbal yes/no vote, a show of hands; a formal balloting process; a secret ballot; or a statement from the Chair accompanied/unaccompanied by dissenting voices or hands;
- email conversations, in which agreement on an issue is sought, or objection by a written response (proxy vote);
- telephone conferences at which a verbal yes/no vote is taken; or
- combinations of the above or other suitable means.

7. Consultations with stakeholders

Because of restrictions due to COVID-19, stakeholder discussions and consultations will be done through online First Scoping Meetings and emails. Face-to-face meetings will resume once COVID-19 restrictions no longer apply.

Appendix 1: List of participants, including stakeholder group representatives at the First Scoping Meeting on March 12, 2021

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52	Veetal Rajkumar	Ministry Natural Resources	
53	Hon. Minister Vickram Bharrat	Ministry Natural Resources	

Key of Participants	
	Minister MNR
	Presenter
	Guyana Forestry Commission Heads
	Chairperson GFC-Board
	Moderator
	Other Participants

Appendix 2: List of 214 invitees for the First Scoping Meeting on March 12, 2021

Stakeholder invitation on consultation on the scope of Guyana's national forest management standard and certification system			
List of invitees:			
No.	Organisations	Representative	Contact information
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53.	Lumber Master Guyana Inc.	Deonarine Ramsaroop, Director	Lot 40 Block 3, Craig Milne, Cove and John. ECD
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163	Loretta Fiedtkou	Loretta Fiedtkou	fiedtkouloretta@gmail.com
164	Cummings Wood Products	Andre Cummings	Tract 'AC' being part of lot 37 being portion of State land situated at Yarrowkabra on the Left Bank of the Yarrowkabra Creek on the Eastern Side of Soesdyke Linden Highway
165	Jettoo's Lumberyard & Sawmill	Jettoo's Lumberyard & Sawmill	Lot 34-38 High Street, Werk-en-Rust, Georgetown, 225-5341/ 641-1204

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169	P&N International		
170	PS Timbers	Chandi Samlall	
171	Royal Timbers Incorporated		
172	Superior Woods	K Jaikarran/Denish Bisessar	superiorwoods.gy@gmail.com
173	Barama Company Limited		
174	Singh and Daughters Lumberyard		
175	Moraikobai	Collin Adrian	
Forest sector operators of small concessions, including community organisations			
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			r.L_sukhram@yahoo.com
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Appendix 3: Public announcement of the online First Scoping Meeting

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) is developing a national forest management standard for endorsement by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). This will lead to the establishment of a national forest and wood products chain of custody and forest management certification system for Guyana.

The Guyana national forest and wood products certification system, when established and endorsed by the PEFC, will enable Guyanese wood producers to access markets that require evidence for both sustainability and legality.

It builds on the work Guyana has done on the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union.

The initiative will also support two key initiatives in Guyana:

- the national Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS); and
- Guyana's international arrangement with the Kingdom of Norway related to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation Plus (REDD+).

A Draft Standard Setting Procedure will be developed and published on the GFC's website: <https://forestry.gov.gy/> for feedback for finalisation. A Preliminary Meeting will be held on March 12, 2021. If you require additional information regarding this initiative, please contact Basmatee Mohabeer, FLEGT Secretariat, Guyana Forestry Commission.

Appendix 4: A copy of the press release issued after the First Scoping Meeting on March 12, 2021

<https://dpi.gov.gy/a-national-forest-management-standard-and-certification-system-being-examined/>

Appendix 5: Sample invitation letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stakeholder invitation on a preliminary engagement on Guyana's proposed national forest management standard and certification system

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) is pleased to invite you to participate in an upcoming engagement to discuss a proposed national forest management standard and certification system for the endorsement by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

This event will be held via Zoom during 9:00-11:00hrs (GYT) on Friday, March 12, 2021.

The proposed Guyana's national forest management standard and certification system, (established and endorsed by the PEFC), will enable Guyanese forest sector operators to access markets that require evidence for both sustainability and legality.

It builds on the work Guyana has done on the Voluntary Partnership Agreement with the European Union.

To better manage this virtual meeting, GFC seeks your urgent feedback on participation by March 8 2021.

Kindly contact the GFC's focal point: Ms. Basmatee Mohabeer (telephone number 223-5135; email address guyanaforestrypec@gmail.com for any further clarification.

The link to join the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958260457?pwd=UU5Jay9FbE1RTXZaWUF2NVMxSIIZdz09>

With best regards,

GUYANA FORESTRY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Singh". Below the signature is a dotted line.

James Singh

Management Consultant

Appendix 6: Participants of the First Scoping Meeting, and their feedback and comments on the advancement of the PEFC programme in Guyana based on a follow-up email sent to them

No	Name of Participant	Entity	Email sent for feedback or comment	Type of feedback or comment			
				Endorsed		Objected	Comments
				No response to email indicated a 'no-objection'	Endorsed by feedback		
1.	Anne-Marie Ford	Iwokrama	Sent	√			
2.	Anya Cornette	FPDMC	Sent	√			
3.	Ashley Barakat	Guyana Manufacturing and Service Association	sent	√	Endorsed through the GFC Board of Directors. GMSA is a member of the GFC Board of Directors.		
4.	Avinash Ganesh	Guyana Forestry Commission-MIS	Sent	√			
5.	Basmatee Mohabeer	FLEGT Secretariat	Sent	√			
6.		Builders Lumberyard	Sent	√			
7.	Chandi Samlall	PS Timbers	Sent	√			
8.	Charles Chong	Vaitarna Holding Limited	Sent	√			
9.	Colin Timmerman	Guyana School of Agriculture	Sent	√			

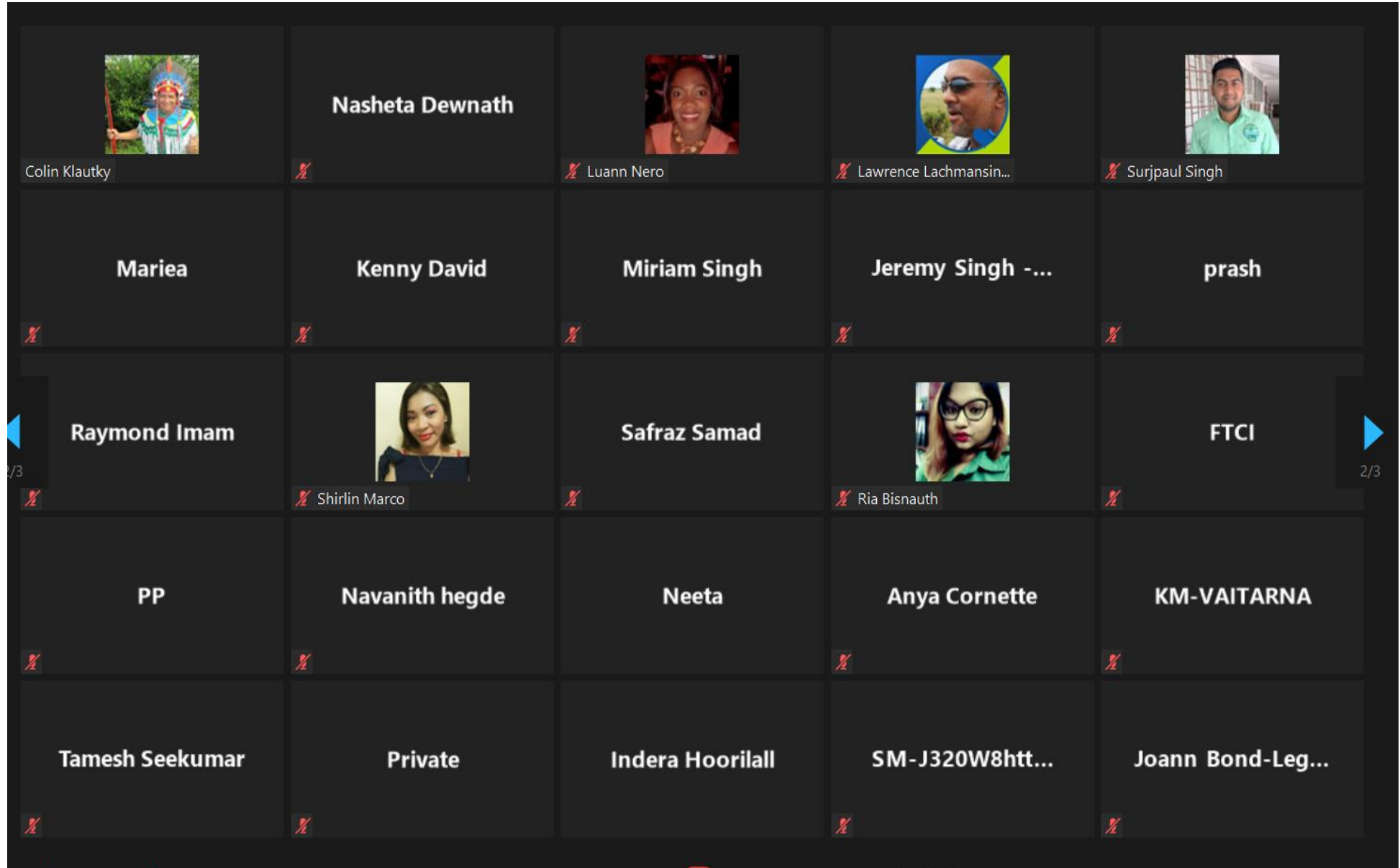
10.	Colin Klautky	Guyana Organisation of Indigenous People (GOIP)	Sent	√			Unable to give endorsement. Will be able to do after elections in June/July when new Village Tosaos are selected.
11.	Chris Davis	Forestry Training Centre Incorporated (FTCI)	Sent	√			
12.	Daniel Jaisignh	Barama Company Limited	Sent	√			
13.	Edward Goberdhan	Guyana Forestry Commission-Finance	Sent	√			
14.	Emil Jahan	A.Mazaharally and Sons Ltd.	Sent	√			
15.	Eric Singh	Vaitarna	Sent	√			
16.	Hamish Crawford	Presenter					
17.	Jainel Bowen	Guyana Forestry Commission-FMD	Sent	√			
18.	James Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission	Sent	√			
19.	Jean Francois Gerin	AMCAR	Sent	√			
20.	Jeremy Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission -REDD	Sent	√			
21.	Joann Bond	Legal Affairs Guyana	Sent	√			

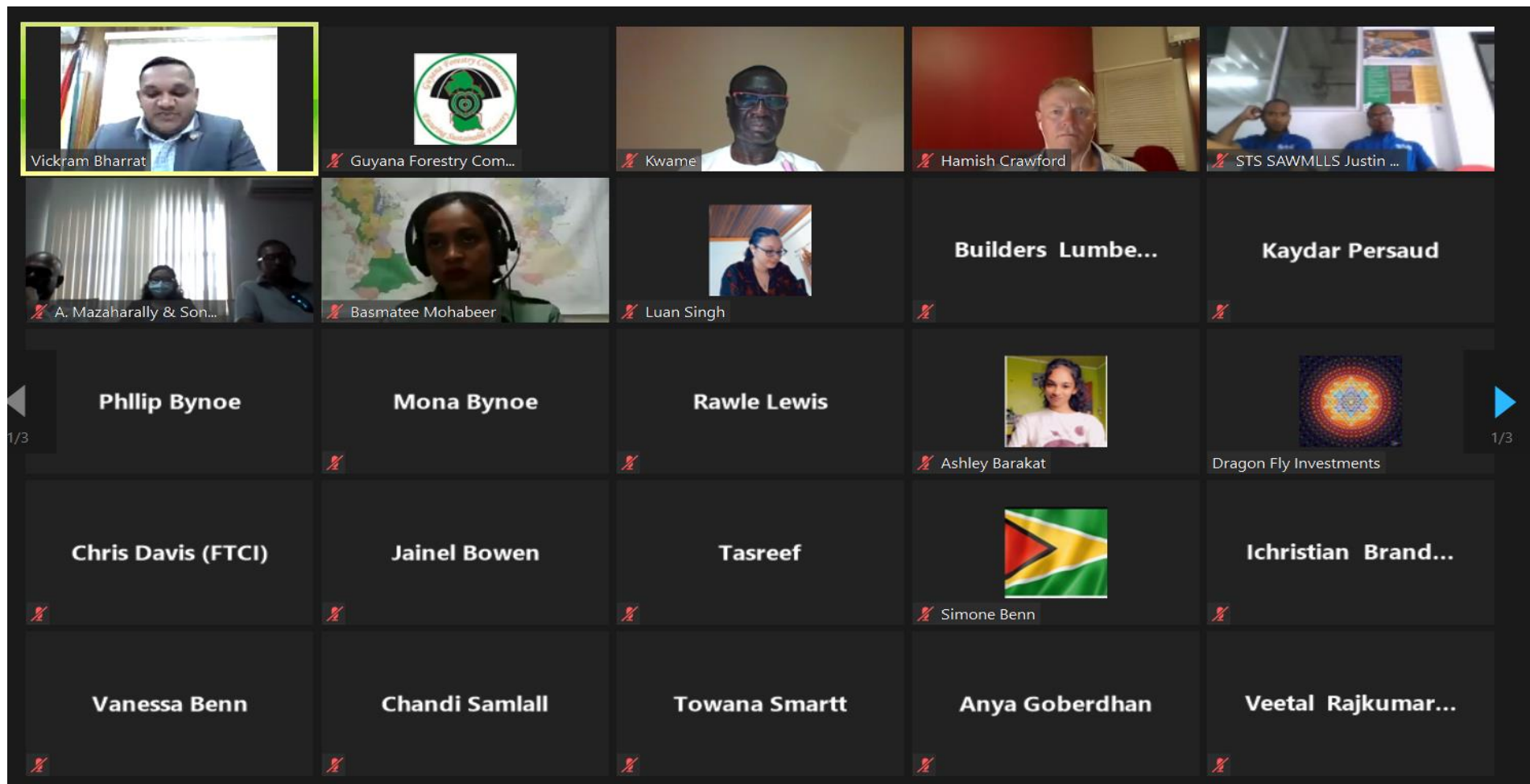
22.	Jonelle Nedd	Guyana Forestry Commission-FRM	Sent	√			
23.	Justin Neil Victor	Sts. Sawmills	Sent	√	Endorsed at the preliminary meeting		
24.	Kaydar Persaud	National Steering Committee for Community Forest Organisation	Sent	√	Endorsed at the preliminary meeting		Encourages public and participation consultations
25.	Keisha Prashad	Royal Timber Inc.	Sent	√			
26.	Kenny David	FPDMC	Sent	√			
27.	Kishiba Higgins	Guyana Forestry Commission	Sent	√			
28.	Kwame Asumadu	Presenter					
29.	Lawrence Latchmansingh	FLEGT- Facilitator	Sent	√			
30.	Miriam Singh	J. Singh Lumberyard	Sent	√			
31.	Mona Bynoe	Forest Producers Association	Sent	√	Endorsed through formal letter		
32.	Nasheta Dewnath	Guyana Forestry Commission -REDD	Sent	√			
33.	Navanith Hedge	Vaitrana	Sent	√			
34.	Olivia Rodriques	A.Mazaharally and Sons Ltd.	Sent	√			

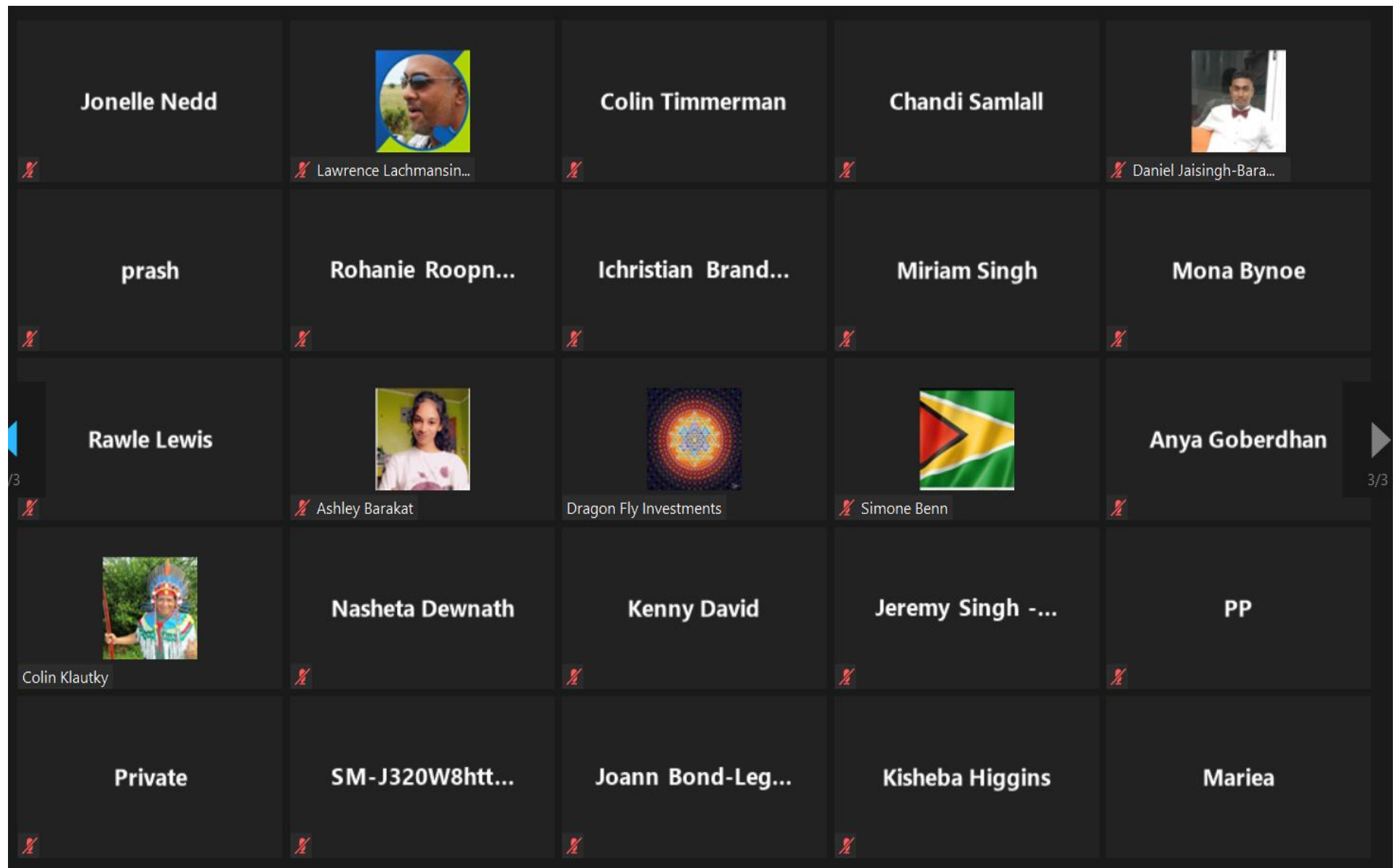
35.	Emil Jahan	A.Mazaharally and Sons Ltd.	Sent	√			
36.	Ganesh Singh	A.Mazaharally and Sons Ltd.	Sent	√			
37.	Quacy Bremner	Forestry Training Centre Incorporated (FTCI)	Sent	√			
38.	Dr.Racquel Thomas	Iwokrama	Sent	√			
39.	Rawle Lewis	Guyana Forestry Commission-FRMD	Sent	√			
40.	Raymond Imam	Prestige Timbers Inc.	Sent	√	Endorsed at the preliminary meeting		
41.	Ria Bisnauth	Guyana Forestry Commission-FRMD	Sent	√			
42.	Safraz Samad	Guyana School of Agriculture	Sent	√			
43.	Simone Benn	Guyana Forestry Commission-Communities	Sent	√			
44.	Surujpaul Singh	Environmental Protection Agency	Sent		Endorsed through email		Encourages public and participation consultations
45.	T. Seekumar	T. Seekumar and daughter Sawmill	Sent	√			
46.	Tasreef Khan	Guyana Forestry Commission- FMD	Sent	√			












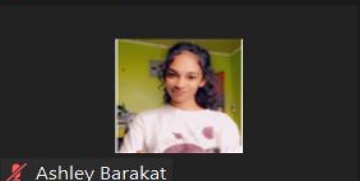
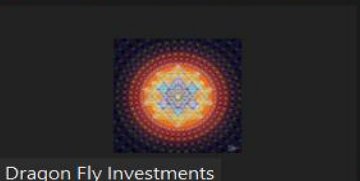
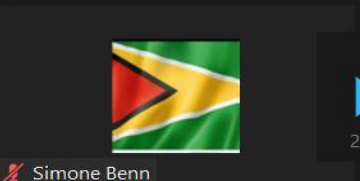
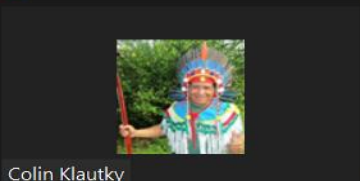
47.	Towana Smartt	Guyana Forestry Commission-FAAU	Sent	√			
48.	Uma Madray	Guyana Forestry Commission-REDD	Sent	√			
49.	Vanessa Benn	Chairperson Guyana Forestry Commission Board	Sent	√	Chairperson of the GFC Board of Directors		
50.	Veetal Rajkumar	Ministry Natural Resources	Sent	√			
51.	Hon. Minister Vickram Bharrat	Ministry Natural Resources					

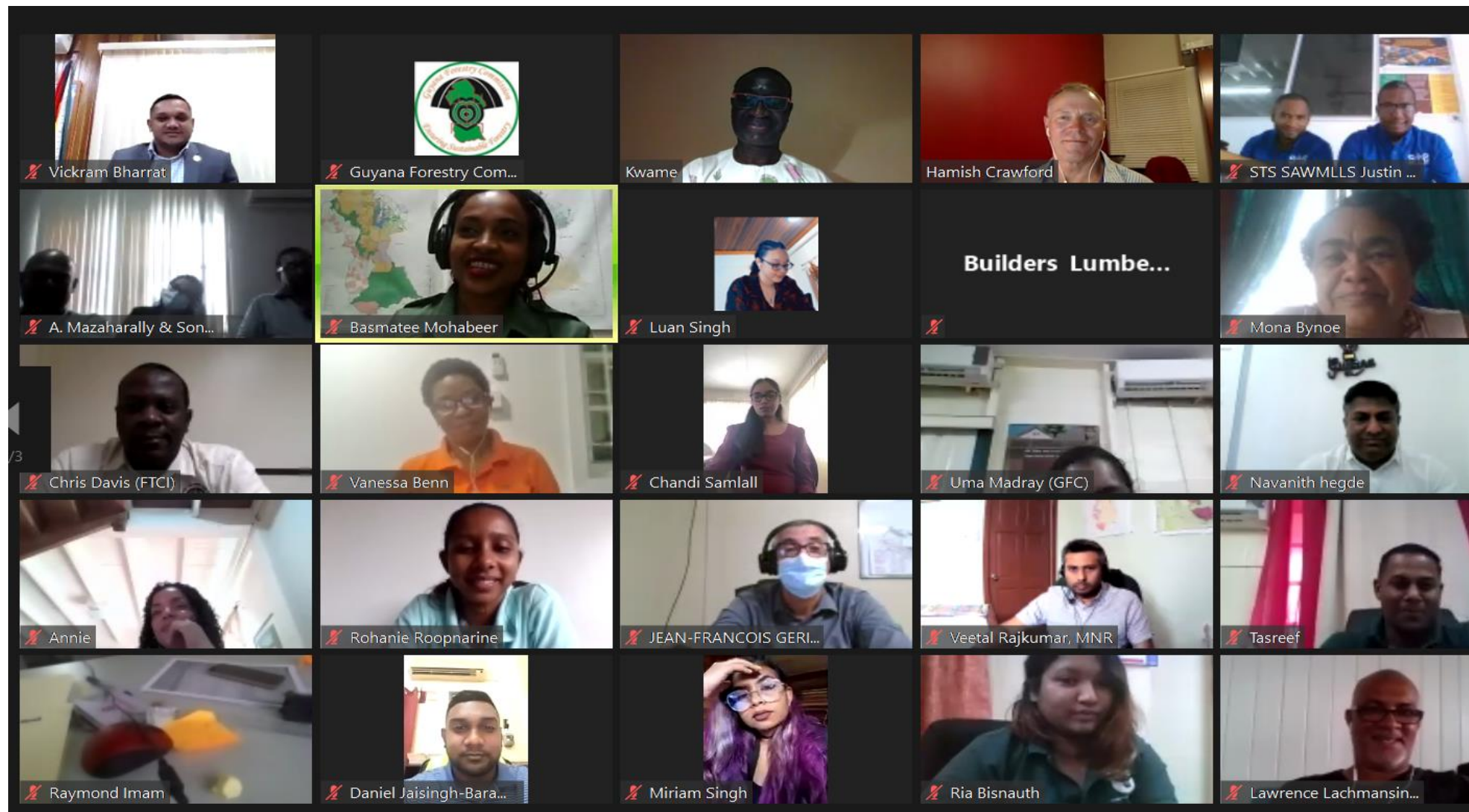
Appendix 7: Screenshot of participants at the First Scoping Meeting on March 12, 2021







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Anya Goberdhan	 Colin Klautky	Nasheta Dewnath	Kenny David	Jeremy Singh -...
PP	KM-VAITARNA	Private	SM-J320W8htt...	Joann Bond-Leg...



Guyana Fores...

Vickram Bharr...

A. Mazaharall...

Basmatee Moha...

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Hamish Crawf...

Recording...

TS From Tamesh Seekumar (T Seekumar & BISSARUNI Sawmill) to Everyone

Bibi Khan for T Seekumar & Daughters Sawmill and Bissaruni Sawmill *

Appendix 8: Screenshots of participants' discussions at the First Scoping Meeting on March 12, 2021

09:15:58 From Luann Nero : Good morning everyone - Luann Nero - Forestry Training Centre Inc.

09:18:57 From FTCI : Thank you keeping your microphone muted.

09:23:55 From FTCI : Please state your name and organization you represent if you haven't done so as yet. Thank you.

09:24:55 From Miriam Singh : Miriam Singh for S.Singh lumberyard and R&D lumberyard too

09:25:51 From Private : Charles Chong Vaitarna

09:26:00 From KM-VAITARNA : Eric Singh for Vaitarna Holding

09:26:39 From Raymond Imam : Raymond Imam -Prestige Timbers Inc

09:28:24 From Colin Klautky : Colin Klautky, GOIP. Morning all. Please note I'm forced to use 2 devices, cell phone for audio & desktop for video, FYI.

09:28:55 From FTCI : noted thanks

09:31:00 From Tamesh Seekumar (T Seekumar & BISSARUNI Sawmill) : b for T Seekumar & Daughters Sawmill and Bissaruni Sawmill

09:31:42 From Tamesh Seekumar (T Seekumar & BISSARUNI Sawmill) : Bibi Khan for T Seekumar & Daughters Sawmill and Bissaruni Sawmill *

09:32:27 From A. Mazaharally & Sons Ltd. : Good morning everyone, Ganesh Singh, Emil Jahan and Olivia Rodrigues from A. Mazaharally & Sons Ltd.

09:33:15 From FTCI : Dear all, please put your questions/comments for Dr Asumadu and Mr Crawford in this chat box and indicate who the question is for.

09:38:43 From Kaydar Persaud : Good morning everyone
Kaydar Persaud National Steering Committee for Community Forest Organization

09:43:44 From Dr Raquel Thomas : Raquel Thomas from Iwokrama

09:56:52 From Uma Madray (GFC) : If you have questions/comments for Dr Asumadu and Mr Crawford please post in this chat box and indicate who the question is for.

09:57:11 From Uma Madray (GFC) : Thank you so much

10:01:28 From Ashley Barakat : Good morning. Ashley Barakat, Guyana Manufacturing and Services Association

10:02:57 From Dr Raquel Thomas : FSC has a new requirement for IFLs which has been influenced by organization such as Greenpeace. It is very impractical for forest operators, and in fact requires even more special expertise to be hired for regular companies. I would like to know if PEFC has similar requirement. IFL- Intact Forest Landscapes

10:03:52 From JEAN-FRANCOIS GERIN, AMAZON CARIBBEAN GUYANA LTD. : Good morning, WE produce food product from NTFP and are certified WILD ORGANIC from Ecocert International since 1997. They certify the sustainability of our operation. Will that certification be recognized by PEFC ?

10:03:54 From Kaydar Persaud : we endorse this

10:06:39 From Dr Raquel Thomas : Global Forest Watch... have not seen any forest managers involved and this is a huge issue.

10:07:36 From Mona Bynoe : In the early 2000 Guyana was looking at national standards for forest certification (GNIFC). Would this work be reviewed instead of beginning the national standards from the ground level?

10:08:31 From Dr Raquel Thomas : Thank you so much Hamish and Kwame

10:09:29 From Luan Singh : The VPA currently has a broad based Technical Working Group which has a lot of experience in the standard development process. Would it be useful for this group to form the nucleus of the PEFC Technical Group

10:09:36 From Dr Raquel Thomas : Good question Mona... so many of us were involved in this and that work is of value

10:11:04 From Luan Singh : That is assuming that the stakeholders agree that Guyana goes forward with the PEFC

10:14:49 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor : we support the PEFC initiative.

10:16:00 From Dr Raquel Thomas : Maintaining certification takes commitment and is a long term if operator is serious

10:21:46 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor : Will the whole of Guyana be PEFC certified or just have a country standard.

10:23:17 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor : FSC already has a country standard.

10:25:30 From Luan Singh : just to clarify. Everyone is expected to meet the GFC guidelines/standards. Entering into the PEFC is purely voluntary but they must comply with GFC standards

10:26:38 From Lawrence Lachmansingh : Can operators be certified as a group and share the cost of certification, to reduce the cost burden on individual operators?

10:27:32 From Kaydar Persaud: we endorse but asking for full participation in the consultation as we are from across Guyana and hoping that mechanisms be put in place so we can be well informed

10:31:12 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor: Problem is that the new FSC Standard eliminated a lot of the SLIMF criteria which forces the small concessions to do the same stuff as big concessions. Economies of scale will not result in small concessions which make up a substantial area of our State Forest unattainable. Will PEFC do the same?

10:31:43 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor: If it does then it doesn't make sense as most of the State Forest will not be able to afford any certification. None of the SFAs or Amerindian areas.

10:36:27 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor: SLIMF means Small and Low Intensity Management Forest

10:38:14 From Dr Raquel Thomas: It is tough for operators, Iwokrama has expertise for example that other operators may not have and we find it difficult - so for smaller concessions and communities it will be a hurdle

10:41:47 From Colin Timmerman : Endorsed your point Dr. Raquel Thomas

10:43:51 From Dr Raquel Thomas : -More practical contributions are needed in FSC standard changes. I am an ecologist but I have been involved in forestry for 26 years and see this a limiting issue for FSC

10:43:56 From STS SAWMLLS Justin Neil Victor : If PEFC could encompass a more accommodating criteria for smaller operators then definitely it would be a better option for Guyana.

10:44:39 From Raymond Imam : We at PTI endorse this

10:45:12 From Dr Raquel Thomas : Iwokrama looks forward for more information and consultations. Appreciate the presentations.

10:47:54 From Colin Klautky : With no proper FPIC in place in most indigenous areas of Guyana, the GOIP isn't in a position to endorse PEFC at this time. But this position could be under review again June/July, when new Toshias will be elected & have a new mandate on this issue.

10:48:00 From Uma Madray (GFC) : Thank you everyone for participating in this session.

10:48:23 From Lawrence Lachmansingh : Thank you Basmatee and team.

10:48:25 From Mona Bynoe : Thanks all. Continue to be safe

10:48:39 From Luann Nero : 👍

10:49:13 From Vanessa Benn : Thank you all

Appendix 9: List of Twenty (20) participants that took part in the Second Online Scoping Meeting on April 30, 2021



GUYANA FORESTRY COMMISSION

Date: 30th April, 2021

Time: 09:00 hrs- 11:00 hrs

Mode: Virtually via Zoom

Facilitators: Kwame Asumadu, Hamish Crawford and Basimatee Mohabeer

- 1. Objective of Meeting:** This session aimed to form the National Standard Setting Working Group (NSSWG) for Guyana's national forest and wood products certification system

1.1 Attendees:

Government

- 1) James Singh-GFC
- 2) Edward Goberdhan-GFC
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Appendix 10: Structure and Terms of Reference for the National Standard Setting Working Group

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PEFC

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a. PEFC Structure in Guyana

The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) is the governing body to develop a national forest management standard and certification system for endorsement by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). As part of the process, a National Standard Setting Working Group is required. The primary role of the standard-setting working group is to build consensus on Guyana's forest management standard.

The GFC will provide routine updates to the **Ministry of Natural Resources** on the work of this NSSWG and overall coordination efforts on the development of the standard and certification system.

Collectively all work done by the NSSWG will inform the **Reports** that will be drafted by the PEFC Secretariat of the GFC, and will be submitted to relevant bodies (including the Ministry of Natural Resources) for purposes of providing updates, seeking policy level advice and guidance and for formal decision making at the policy level.

As outlined below, the **Terms of Reference** aims to provide additional details on the scope of work and modalities of the NSSWG.

b. Terms of Reference for the National Standard Setting Working Group

Scope:

The NSSWG will be responsible for developing a national forest management standard and certification scheme which will cover forest management on all timber sources where forest management for commercial purposes is permitted by law, including:

- individual forest management organisations and potential group schemes involving multiple forest management entities;
- non-timber forest products as well as timber products; and
- entities purchasing, processing and/or trading in forest products.

Composition of the NSSWG:

The PEFC requires that in selecting stakeholder organisations, consideration should be given to ensure that, to the extent possible, the following key sectors, based on the UN Agenda 21, are covered:

- Business and industry;

- Large concession holders
- Small concession holders
- Processors
- Traders and retailers
- Exporters

- Non-governmental organisations;
- Scientific and technological communities;
- Farmers and small forest landowners;
- Workers and trade unions;
- Local authorities;
- Indigenous people;
- Women;
- Children and youth.

The following organisations have expressed an interest or have been suggested to be involved in the NSSWG and have been invited to nominate their representatives.

Membership:

1. Guyana Forestry Commission
2. Ministry of Natural Resources
3. Guyana Manufacturing and Services Association
4. Forest Products Association
5. National Steering Committee for Community Organisation
6. Guyana School of Agriculture
7. Environmental NGO representative
8. Indigenous NGO representative
9. Ministry of Amerindian Affairs
10. National Toshias' Council
11. Guyana Agricultural and General Workers' Union
12. Women and Gender Equality Commission
13. Ministry of Human Services and Social Security

Quorum:

50% + 1 of permanent members are required for a quorum to be met.

Administrative Coordination:

The GFC, through the PEFC Secretariat, will perform all administrative and coordination functions involving the work of the NSSWG.

Duration of Work:

The work of the NSSWG as guided by the Terms of Reference will be for the duration of the development of the standard and certification system.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The roles and responsibilities of the NSSWG include the following:

- developing the national standards and the certification system documentation, with executive support from consultants and the GFC;
- ensuring the national standards and system meet all relevant legal/statutory requirements and the unique structural settings and characteristics of forestry in Guyana;
- ensuring the standards and system meet the requirements of forestry users in Guyana:
 - large concession holders
 - small concession holders
 - processors
 - traders and retailers
 - exporters
- ensuring continuity of process through availability for meetings
 - if unavailable, brief alternate representative/substitutes fully to ensure continuity;
- building consensus on Guyana's forest management standard through incentives and appropriate and relevant support, to garner effective involvement, commitment and active participation of individuals from the different interest groups through a range of approaches, including:
 - face-to-face meetings, where a verbal yes/no vote, a show of hands; a formal balloting process; a secret ballot; or a statement from the Chair accompanied/unaccompanied by dissenting voices or hands;
 - email conversations, in which agreement on an issue is sought, or objection by a written response (proxy vote);
 - telephone conferences at which a verbal yes/no vote is taken; or
 - combinations of the above or other suitable means.

- ensuring that the standard-setting process is balanced in representation, transparent and participatory in approach;
- developing and keeping all documentation relevant to the standard-setting and review process to provide evidence of compliance with standard-setting requirements and internal procedures. These documents include:
 - standard-setting procedures,
 - stakeholder identification mapping,
 - contacted and/or invited stakeholders,
 - stakeholders involved in standard-setting activities, including participants in each working group meeting,
 - minutes of working meeting,
 - feedback received and a synopsis of how feedback was addressed,
 - all drafts and final versions of the standard,
 - outcomes from working group considerations,
 - evidence of consensus on the final version of the standard(s),
 - evidence relating to the review process, and
 - final approval by the standardising body.

Qualifications:

- While a formal qualification in the forest and wood products sector would be preferable, it is not required. However, members of the NSSWG would be expected to have an awareness and appreciation of critical environmental, social and economic issues within the forest and wood products sector in Guyana. In addition, members are expected to have the following skills and attributes:
 - proven ability to work effectively in a team environment;
 - commitment to transparency, collective accountability and consensus outcomes;
 - extensive networks within the stakeholder group they represent; and
 - demonstrated support for a sustainable commercial forestry sector in Guyana, including a commitment to manage and use the nation's forest resources to achieve multiple outcomes (environmental, social and economic).
- It is preferable for a member to represent one of the stakeholder organisations identified above based on the UN Agenda 21. However, an individual with unique skills, attributes and qualifications required and necessary for the Working Group's work may be invited to participate in their own right as individuals, even if they have no formal affiliation to a stakeholder group.

Working Approach/Style:

Working Group meetings may be arranged by the Chair of the WG or the PEFC Secretariat within the GFC.

- meetings can take place in person or via telephone/web conferencing facilities or a combination thereof;
- the agenda of an upcoming meeting and related papers would be distributed to the WG at least seven days before the meeting;
- members can submit to the Secretariat comments, requests for discussions, documents etc., with the request to be considered at the meeting, up to ten days before the meeting.

Confidentiality:

- WG members can communicate with their own stakeholders on topics arising within the WG, but they are not expected to do so in an inappropriately public manner, such as on websites, in newsletters, etc.; and
- any information that the WG requests to be kept as confidential by any WG members or the Secretariat must to be kept confidential.

Costs:

- Members of the NSSWG are expected to contribute their time *pro bono*. However, the GFC may pay a small honorarium to cover out-of-pocket expenses if a member is required to travel from their usual residence to Georgetown for meetings and/or consultations.