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WEBINAR

Engaging suppliers to achieve responsible supply chains



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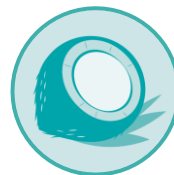
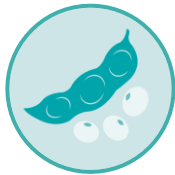
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The Accountability Framework initiative (AFi)

A collaborative effort to eliminate deforestation, ecosystem conversion, and human rights abuses from agricultural and forestry supply chains



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The Accountability Framework

A practical roadmap for responsible supply chains

The Framework includes Core Principles, Operational Guidance, and Definitions that are:



Global

All regions where production of forest and agricultural commodities poses risk of deforestation, conversion, and human rights abuses.



Cross-commodity

Soy, palm oil, beef and leather, timber, rubber, cocoa, coffee, and others.



End-to-end supply chain

Producer, processor, aggregator, trader, manufacturer, retailer.



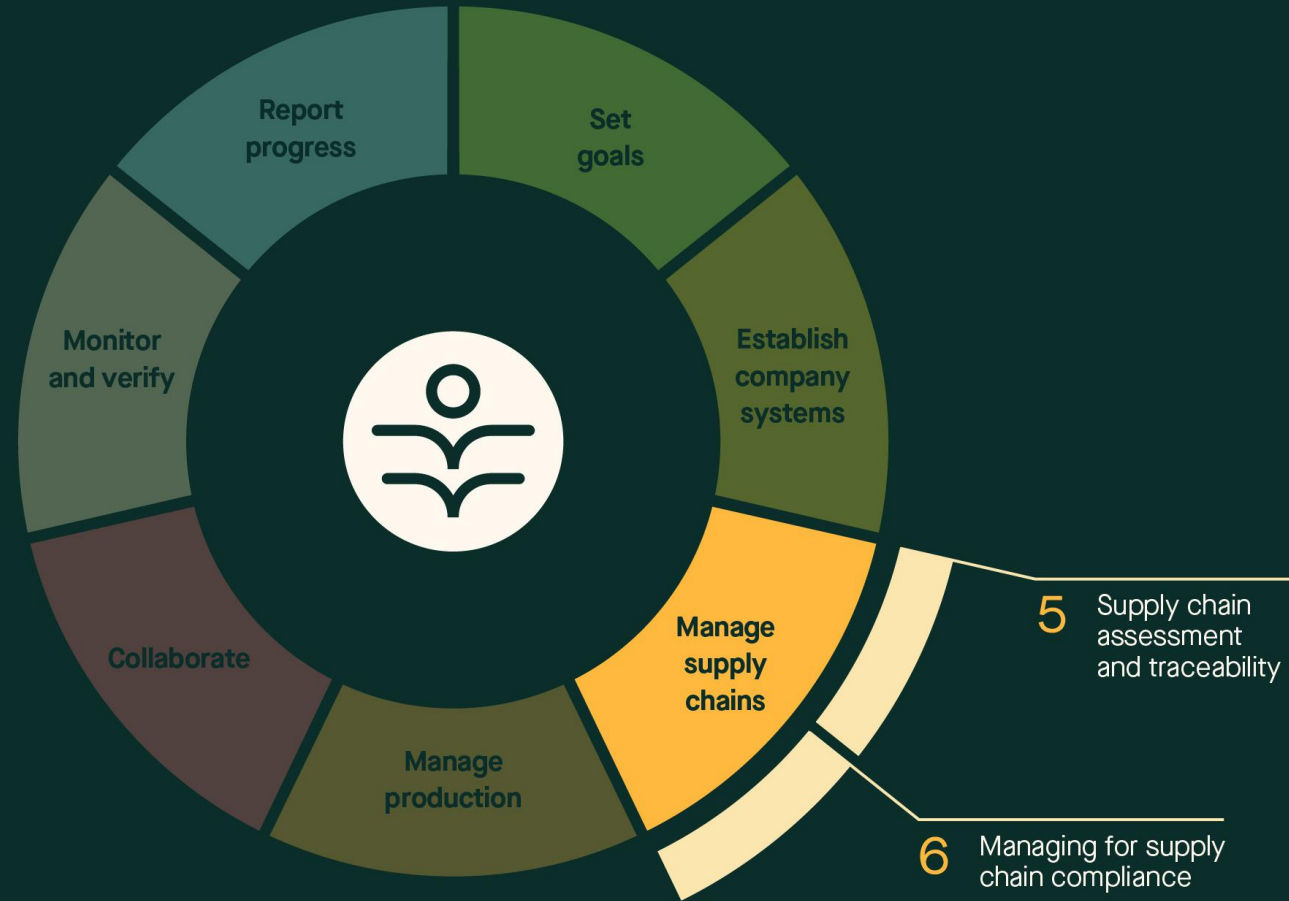
The Accountability Framework

Action areas and Core Principles





Managing supply chains

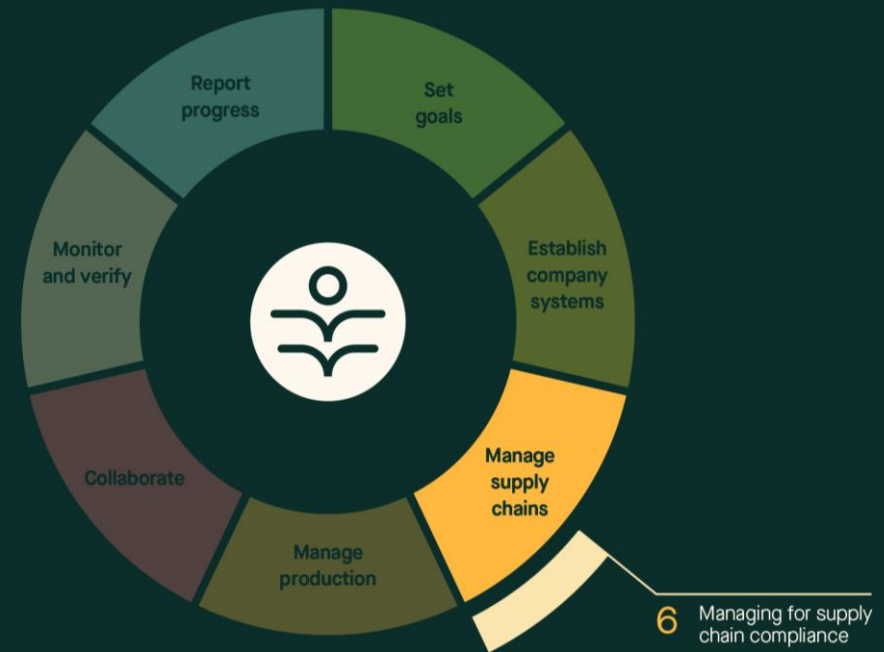




Core Principle 6

Managing for supply chain compliance

Companies manage their supply chains to proactively address deforestation, conversion, and human rights abuses, identify non-compliance, and resolve such issues expeditiously and effectively.





Managing for responsible supply chains

Managing for, and achieving, responsible supply chains generally requires a company to take action at three levels:



Product volume compliance

(13 September 2023 webinar)



Supplier performance

(The focus of today's webinar)



Sourcing area impact

(Upcoming in early 2024)



Managing for responsible supply chains

Engaging suppliers to ensure that:



Materials offered for purchase are produced, sourced, and controlled in accordance with the buyer's commitments and obligations related to deforestation, conversion, and human rights.



Suppliers have policies, systems, and processes in place that cover their entire business and supply base to ensure compliant production and sourcing, adequate monitoring, and can furnish information on compliance and performance to the buyer.



Supplier engagement

For downstream buyers, supply chain goals are implemented by cascading them up the supply chain, so that they can be fulfilled at the level of commodity production.

This requires buyers to have proactive and sustained engagement with their suppliers.

‘Supplier’ is a general term. Engagement approaches should be tailored to the type of supplier and their position in the supply chain. For example, consider:

- Does the supplier sell directly to the buyer? Or is it an indirect or intermediary supplier?
- Is the supplier the commodity producer? Or do they purchase directly from a producer?
- Are commodities sourced from smallholders or from larger producers?



Key elements of supplier engagement

1

Clear communication of expectations

- Buyers communicate to their suppliers that they will only accept materials produced and controlled in accordance with their commitments
- Includes documented and communicated criteria around thresholds for non-compliance

2

Support to strengthen supplier capacity

- Buyers engage suppliers to support compliance upstream
- Engagement with smallholders and others who may require more assistance to avoid exclusion from supply chains

3

Manage for non-compliance

- Buyers manage non-compliance with suppliers to resolve such issues expeditiously, with implement time-bound plans, including remediation
- Progress is monitored and reported on, with action taken in response



Discussion

Supplier engagement in practice



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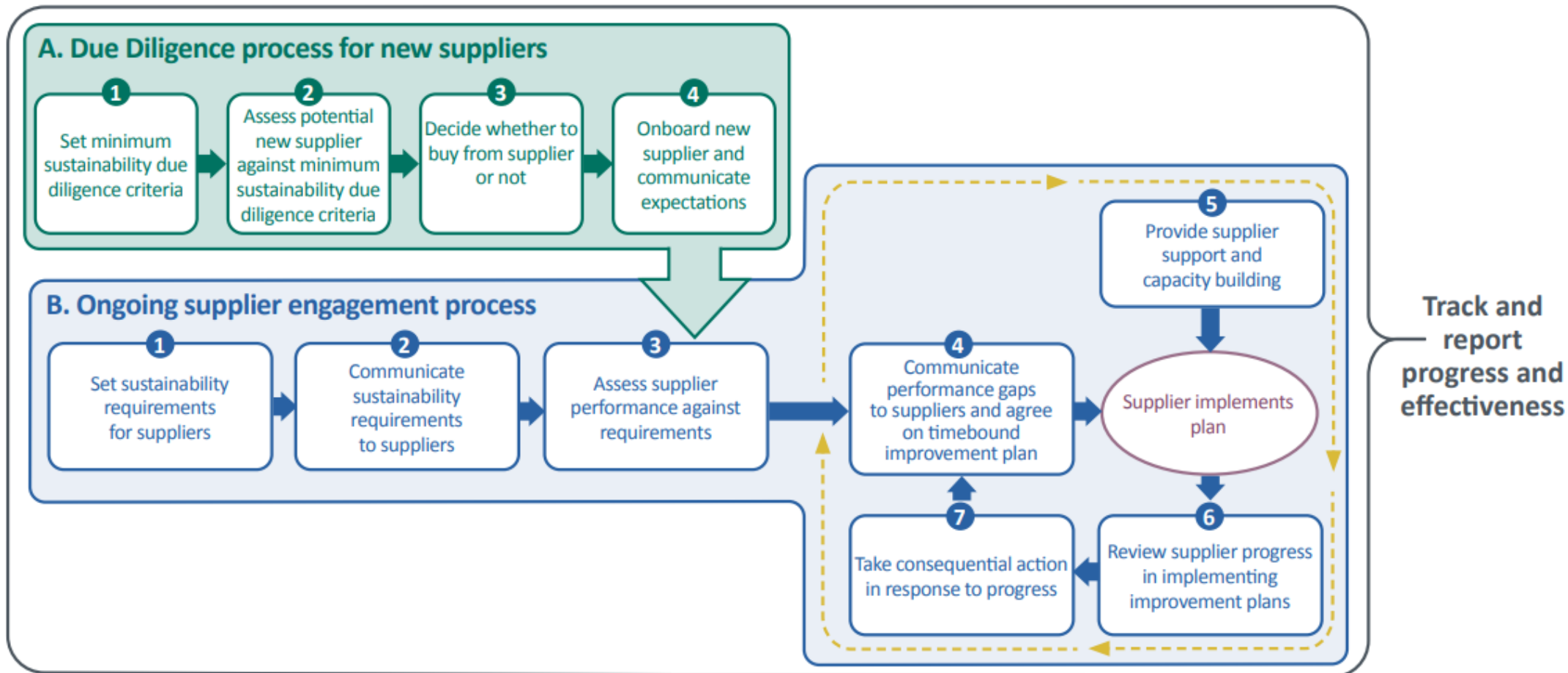


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Supplier engagement process





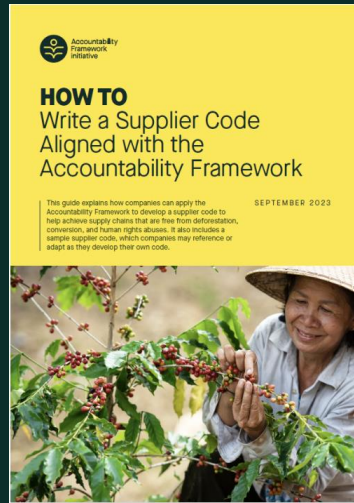
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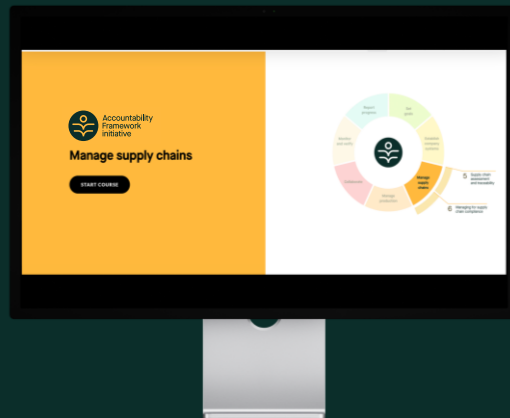


AFi resources



How to Write a Supplier Code Aligned with the Accountability Framework

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