



## RSB Newsletter

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### Newly Certified Operators

Congratulations to our newly RSB certified operators!

**ORKA NRG AG** in Switzerland (UCO trading, storage and distribution)

Third Quarter - September 2014

### RSB Highlights

#### Join us in São Paulo!



Join Amyris, Amigos da Terra, Boeing, and many others at RSB's Annual General Assembly in São Paulo on September 23. The meeting at the Tivoli Hotel in downtown São Paulo will be followed by a reception which will be an opportunity to network with industry, government, NGOs and local communities interested in the production of biofuel and other bio-products in Brazil and globally. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible (see details under Upcoming Events below).

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**MBP Group** in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the UK (Trading, storage and distribution for industrial wastes and residues)

For a complete list of RSB certified operators, [click here.](#)

### NRDC Report Ranks RSB Highest

A recent report by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) concluded that RSB is the best performing of the seven leading biofuel certification schemes which it examined. Biofuel Sustainability Performance Guidelines, notes that "third party certification systems vary significantly in stringency and protectiveness" and that "RSB ranked highest for helping to ensure



economic, environmental and social sustainability of biofuels production practices around the globe." [Read the full press release.](#)

### Traders MBP and ORKA Earn RSB Certification!

Congratulations to MBP Group and ORKA NRG AG who have both earned RSB sustainability certification in August. ORKA has been certified for their Used Cooking Oil (UCO) trading, storage and distribution. MBP Group has been certified for their waste material collection, trading and distribution activities.

[Read more about MBP Group...](#)

[Read more about ORKA NRG AG...](#)

### Sustainable Aviation (SA) Re-Commits to RSB

A report published by SA applauds RSB as the most robust global sustainability standard saying ". . . SA members remain committed to the highest possible sustainability standards, ensuring that the raw materials and processes used . . . are independently certified to the highest sustainability standards, such as the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB)."

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## RSB Southern Africa Day



Tobacco plants in the Solaris project in South Africa which is part of the RSB Smallholder Program supported by Boeing and South African Airways.  
Photo Credit: KLM/Sunchem

RSB and partners Boeing, South African Airways (SAA), and Solidaridad hosted a regional meeting which brought together more than 35 organisations including The Ministry of Energy, WWF, FSC, Scania, Blue World Carbon, and others at SAA offices in Johannesburg.

SAA reiterated their commitment to RSB-certified fuel in meeting their goals for biofuel expansion over the next decade. The South African Department of Energy presented national biofuel policy and Scania presented its approach to sustainable biofuels. The Moringa Group and Soliaris - projects that are part of the RSB's Smallholder Program - presented their innovations and progress with smallholder engagement.

Discussions focused on issues such as integrating RSB principles into green field projects from the outset and efforts to promote smallholder certification in the region by SAA, Boeing and RSB. Participants also found ample time to also network during breaks and learn more about each others projects in the region.

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**Auditor Training**

Southern Africa Day was followed by an auditor training from 5-7 August. The training was led by AB Training and attended by 10 participants including Maynard Nyirenda CEO of RSB member Sustainable Rural Growth and Development Initiative (SRGDI) Malawi and staff from Solaris, SAA and Control Union. Contact [Liviu Amariei](#) for information on other upcoming trainings around the world.



Participants relax after the Auditor Training August 5-7.  
Photo Credit: Liviu Amariei

## Standard Update

Three standard-related documents are currently being reviewed by RSB members for adoption at the RSB General Assembly in on 23 September:

- 1. Revised Standard on Traceability of Certified Material (Chain of Custody)** - several documents have been merged into a single standard.
- 2. Smallholder Standard and Group Certification** - RSB has adapted its Standard and certification process to facilitate the certification of smallholder farmers and producers.
- 3. Theory of Change** - this document is part of the RSB monitoring and evaluation system which is being developed according to the ISEAL Impact Code (RSB is a full ISEAL Member). The monitoring system should be in place by early 2015.



## Smallholder Update

RSB's Smallholder Program is moving forward in South Africa and Brazil. The Moringa Group and Solaris projects participated actively in RSB South Africa Day. RSB and Solidaridad staff also met with both groups to discuss moving forward with RSB certification and membership.

In Brazil, RSB has signed an agreement with the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) who will support the development of a project involving smallholders in the Montes Claros region. The focus of the collaboration will be the implementation of RSB standards in the production of

macaúba oil, extracted from fruits of macaúba palm tree.



Macaúba tree fruits in Brazil. Photo Credit: Aurea Nardelli, RSB

## RSB in the News

### **Global Coverage of Boeing and South African Airways Support for RSB Smallholder Project**

An announcement of support for Solaris - one of the projects in the RSB Smallholder Program - by Boeing and SAA was picked up world-wide featuring in the Washington Post and other major publications.

The project is working with tobacco farmers in South Africa to produce jet fuel from tobacco seeds. Solaris technology is a nicotine-free energy tobacco crop that's developed by the Italian company Sunchem. Sunchem and RSB-member SkyNRG have teamed up to roll out Solaris in Southern Africa at large scale to help power local sustainable jet fuel production. Solaris aims to demonstrate its sustainability by meeting the criteria of the RSB standard which has been identified by the WWF and other international NGOs as the strongest sustainability guarantee on the market.

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### **Biofuels International Article Supports Switch to RSB**

An article in the July/August Biofuels International publication asked the question "Would the biofuels community actually be best served by adopting the RSB standard more widely, to finally silence the NGO critical voice and underpin future political support?" The author compares RSB to ISCC and sums it up by saying that "the sweet spot for shifting to RSB looks like multi-site international supply chains with multiple feedstocks, where the shift to RSB is more likely to reduce the overall cost of compliance." [Read more...](#)

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### **Certification of Bio-Based Chemicals: RSB in Bioplastics Magazine**

Bioplastics Magazine recently published an opinion piece on

mass balance. Read RSB's Dr. Melanie Williams commentary and explanation of RSB's certification of bio-based chemicals and mass balance. [Read more...](#)

## RSB at Recent Events



- RSB's Aurea Nardelli gave her views on "NGO-Government Perspectives on Biofuel and Bioenergy Sustainability" at the [1st Conference on Pan American Biofuels and Bioenergy Sustainability](#) in Recife, Brazil, organized by the Pan American Research Coordination Network from 23-25 July.



- In July, Matt Rudolf represented RSB at the [1st IDB/BNDES Workshop on Financing Biofuels Investments in Latin America and Caribbean \(LAC\)](#) in Washington, DC as well as the [Biomass 2014: Growing the Future Bioeconomy Conference](#).

## Upcoming Events

Below is a list of upcoming (and ongoing) events that RSB staff are speaking at or attending. [Visit our events web page](#) for updates. Hope to see you soon!

### **23 September 2014 - Annual General Assembly of Delegates, Sao Paulo, Brazil**

RSB will hold its Annual Assembly in Sao Paulo ahead of WBM Brasil. The afternoon session from 14:00h to 17:00h is open to the public and is followed by a reception. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited so please register ASAP by sending your full name, organization, to [reet.sarnik@rsb.org](mailto:reet.sarnik@rsb.org). [Download agenda here](#). [More information...](#)

### **25-26 September 2014 - World Bio Markets (WBM), Sao Paulo, Brazil**

Join RSB's [Rolf Hogan](#) and [Aurea Nardelli](#) as they speak at the WBM Brasil. The annual conference will cover biofuels innovation in the ethanol and diesel industries as well as bio-based chemical innovation in feedstock flexibility, the green revolution and product design. RSB friends will receive a 20% discount on their delegate registration by quoting discount code RSB20. \*\*Please note that the discount applies to the price at the time of booking and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. [More information...](#)

### **30 September-2 October 2014 - European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology (EFIB) and the Biobased Economy 2014, Reims, France**

RSB's [Rolf Hogan](#) is speaking at the EFIB, the premier market place for the European Biobased economy that has over 800 professionals, working within the dynamic and sustainable biobased industries sector, in attendance. [More information...](#)

### **20-22 October 2014 - Argus Biofuels and Feedstocks Conference, London, UK**

RSB will be attending the Argus Biofuels and Feedstocks conference, now in its 9th year. It is an essential event for all those involved in the biofuels and feedstocks markets. This year, the event

logistics and storage companies and services firms. If you have any enquiries or suggestions for this year's programme, please contact Argus using the details below:  
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### **20-22 October 2014 - Sustainable Aviation Fuels Forum, Madrid, Spain**

The EU projects CORE-JetFuel, FORUM-AE and ITAKA are pleased to announce the Sustainable Aviation Fuels Forum. RSB's [Rolf Hogan](#) will be speaking about Feedstock and Sustainability at this conference. The Sustainable Aviation Fuels Forum will focus on recent progress and important steps forward in the field of sustainable fuels for aviation. This joint event consists of three workshops, each organized by one of the three projects CORE-JetFuel, FORUM-AE and ITAKA. For more information, please visit the websites [www.core-jetfuel.eu](http://www.core-jetfuel.eu), [www.forum-ae.eu](http://www.forum-ae.eu), and [www.itaka-project.eu](http://www.itaka-project.eu).

### **3-5 November 2014 - F.O. Licht's World Ethanol & Biofuels Conference, Budapest, Hungary**

RSB's [Dr. Melanie Williams](#) will be speaking at the 17th annual F.O. Licht's World Ethanol and Biofuels conference. Recognised as the best forum for in-depth analysis and as the biggest week of trade and business in the year, this is the annual global meeting place where fresh ideas, lots of business and new contacts are made. [More information...](#)

### **11-13 November 2014 - Ecochem, the Global Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering Event, Congress Center Basel, Switzerland**

Join RSB at this Ecochem conference, with an estimated 3000 attendees and over 150 exhibitors, representing the leaders and innovators of sustainable chemistry across the value chain. Some of the world's leading chemical and end user companies will be in attendance such as Dow, BASF, Clariant, Evonik, DuPont, INEOS, Nestle, Nike, Volkswagen, Levi's, Siemens, P&G, Novartis and L'Oreal. The meeting will aim to accelerate innovation, research, commercialisation and market uptake in design and production, as well as use of efficient, effective, safe and more environmentally benign chemical products and processes. For more information on participating, please contact [marketing@ecochemex.com](mailto:marketing@ecochemex.com) or visit [www.ecochemex.com](http://www.ecochemex.com).

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