



ISCC Webinar: Food Security Standard (FSS) Add-on

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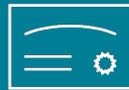




ISCC at a glance:

45000+

Total
Certificates
issued



130+

Total
Countries



8000+

Currently
valid
Certificates



1400+

Total ISCC
Auditors
trained



160+

ISCC training
courses
conducted



230+

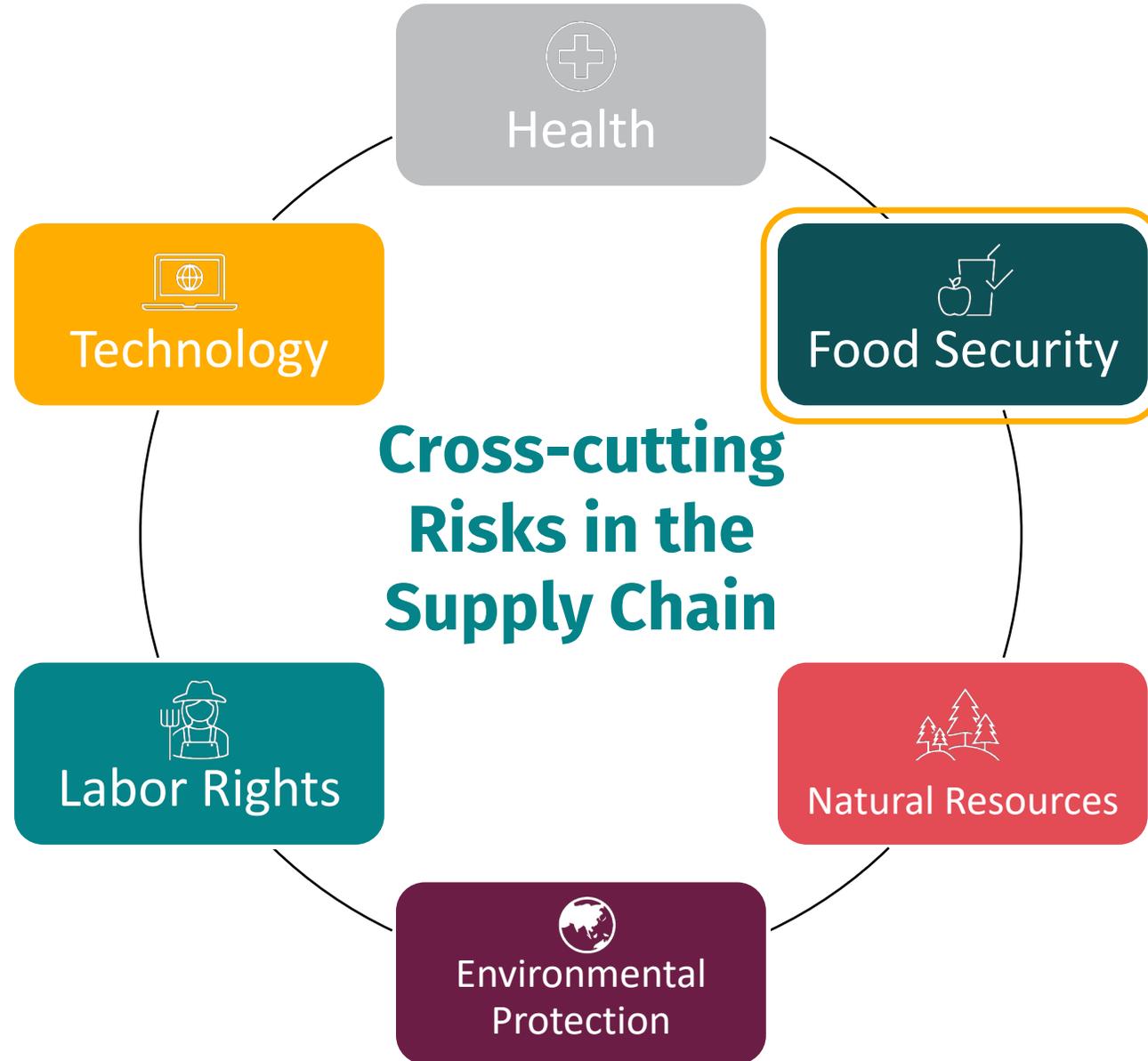
Current ISCC
association
members



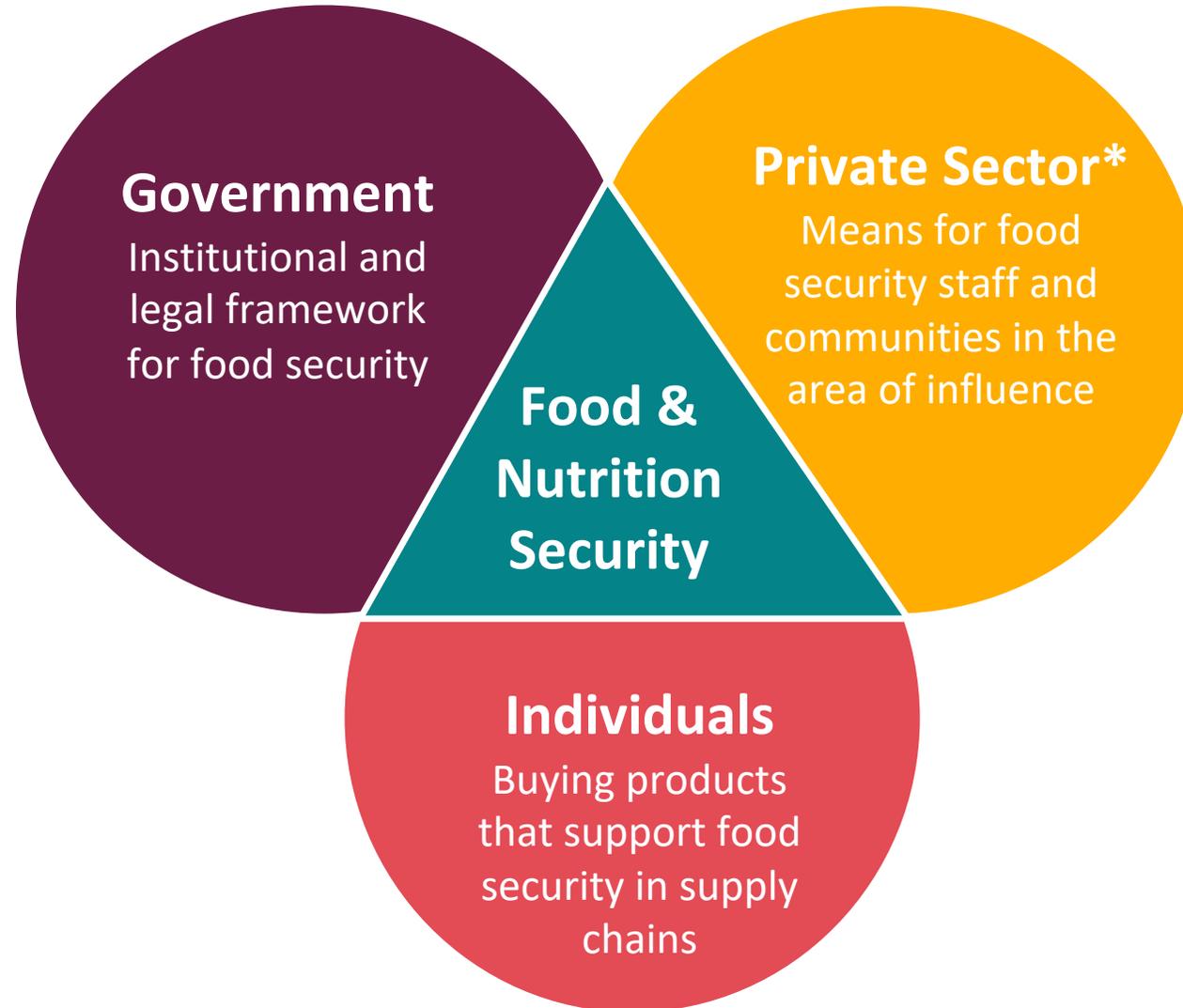
50+

Current
Cooperating
certification
bodies





Shared Responsibility for Food Security



* The FSS focusses on factors influenced by the private sector



FSS
FOOD SECURITY
STANDARD



ISCC
International Sustainability
& Carbon Certification

The FSS Add-on in the Context of Food Security

Closing gap in existing certification schemes

Certification scheme



- ✓ Safe working conditions
- ✓ Human and labour rights
- ✓ Land rights



FSS add-on



- ✓ Social security
- ✓ Health and nutrition
- ✓ Access to food



**Food Security
of farmers
and workers**

With support from



ISCC Food Security Standard (FSS) Add-on

- Voluntary extension of the ISCC core requirements
- Applicable to agricultural supply chains at First Gathering Point or individual Farm/Plantation scope
- Enables companies to demonstrate **human rights due diligence** at the agriculture production stage
- Project is funded by German Ministry of Food and Agriculture (FNR)

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Food Security Standard (FSS) Recognition

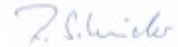
*ISCC EU and ISCC PLUS Audit Procedures
including the Food Security Standard (FSS)
for Farm/Plantation (v5.2)*

are in accordance with the requirements of
FSS Principles, Criteria and Indicators
V1.0 (2020).

Bonn/Cologne, 18 April 2023



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Agenda

- **Opening presentation:
FSS Add-on in the Context of Food Security**
Speaker: Jan Henke (ISCC, Meo Carbon Solutions)
- **ISCC in Agricultural Supply Chains & Social Sustainability Principles**
Speaker: Aleksandra Blazeusz (ISCC)
- **FSS services and steps to adopt the FSS Add-on**
Speaker: Kyu hee Do (Meo Carbon Solutions)
- **Q&A**
Moderator: Theresa Heering (Welthungerhilfe)





ISCC in Agricultural Supply Chains & Social Sustainability Principles



Aleksandra Blazeusz (ISCC)

ISCC Sustainability Principles



Principle 1

Protection of land with high biodiversity value or high carbon stock



Principle 2

Environmentally responsible production to protect soil, water and air



Principle 3

Safe workers conditions



Principle 4

Compliance with human and labour rights and responsible community relations



Principle 5

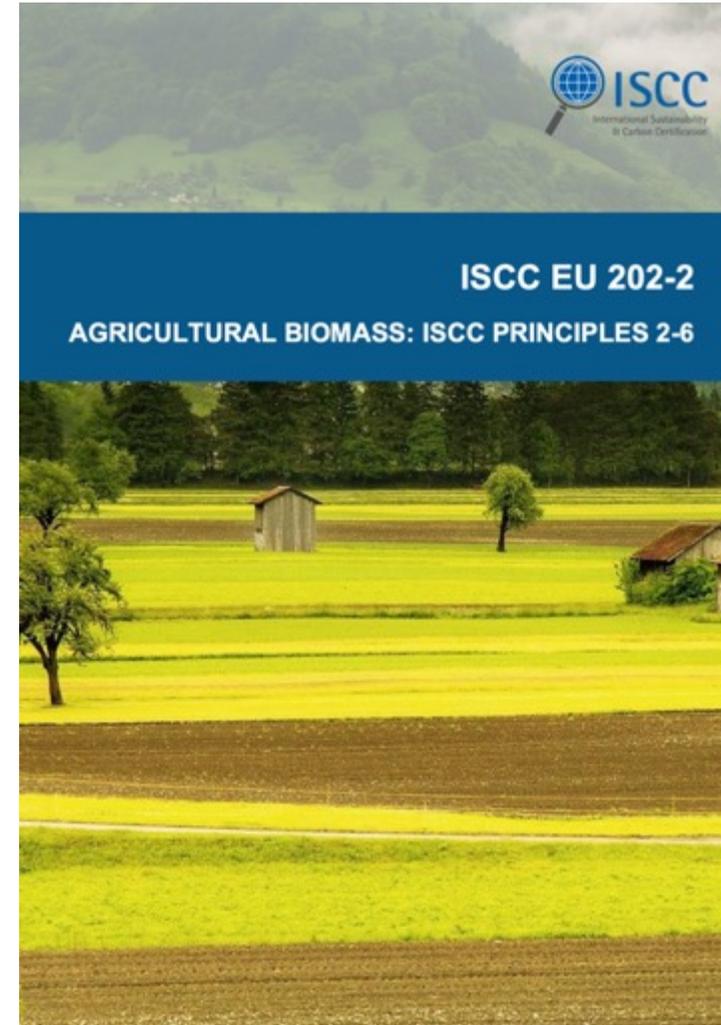
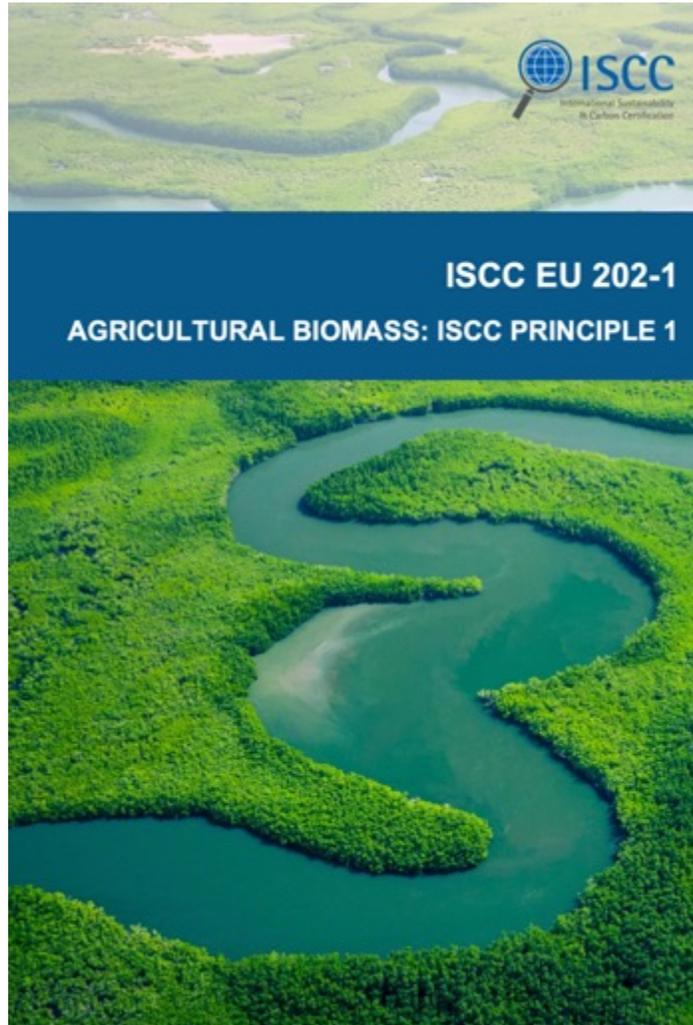
Compliance with land rights, laws and international treaties



Principle 6

Good management practices and continuous improvement

System Documents & Sustainability Requirements



Principle 3: Safe working conditions

Examples



Workers equipped with suitable protective clothing



Potential hazards are clearly identified by warning signs



Accident procedures and equipment are available



Adequate training to minimize health and safety risks



Health, safety, hygiene policy and risk assessment



Facilities to deal with accidental operator contamination

Principle 3: Safe working conditions

New requirements



Restrictions related to hazardous activities

Specific groups must not undertake hazardous work that jeopardizes health, safety or morals:

- Young workers (aged 15-18)
- Pregnant or breast-feeding women
- Disabled workers or workers who suffer from chronic diseases



Work-related accidents are covered by contracts or receive compensation

Relates to workers who are unable to carry out their regular activities due to an occupational/ work-related accident

Protection by contract or receive adequate compensation in case of work-related accidents

Principle 4: Compliance with Human and Labour Rights and Responsible Community Relations



Access to primary school education



No forced labour & no discrimination



Only competent and non-vulnerable workers do hazardous work



Fair contracts and farming arrangements



Payment of a minimum wage



Labour organisation and collective bargaining are allowed

Principle 4: Compliance with Human and Labour Rights and Responsible Community Relations

New requirements



Provision and disclosure of information

- Information on legal, social and environmental issues
- In appropriate language and must be accessible to stakeholders
- Comprising results of *Free Prior and Informed Consent* (FPIC)
- Available communication channels btw. farm/plantation and community



Respect and ensure gender equity

- Special attention shall be paid to women and minority groups
- Meaningful participation in meetings and negotiations
- Women and minority groups shall be included in stakeholder consultation processes incl. FPIC



Regular employment is available wherever possible

- Employment relationships shall be established through national law and practice
- For example: eliminations or reduction of pay and benefits shall not take place
- Supported by a regular assessment

Principle 5: Compliance with Land Rights, Laws and International Treaties

Examples



Legitimate use of land and secured traditional land rights



Awareness of & compliance with national and international laws/ treaties



Documents showing legal ownership/lease should be available



Legal requirements regarding GAP



Legal requirements land use (e.g. Forest Code in Brazil)

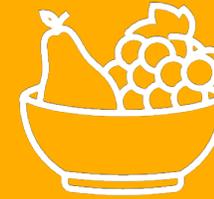


Identification of clear boundaries (e.g. markings and signs)

FSS Additionality



Food security awareness



Access to sufficient &
nutritious food



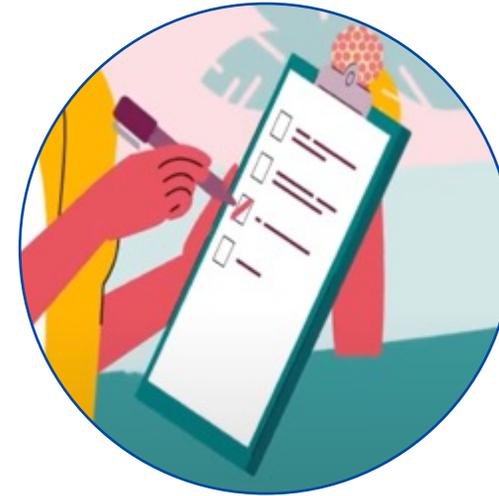
Training & capacity building

Social Auditing



National Food Security Assessment (NaFSA)

- Identifies human rights risks by country
- Provides targeted questions for the audit



Interviews of farmers, workers, and stakeholders

- Determines food security risks at local level
- More accurate assessment of food security status

ISCC/FSS audit checklist

No.	Requirements	Verification guidance	Evidence/ Documents	Category		
				IM	ST	MT
07.01.07 4	 <p>Has a self-declaration on good social practice regarding human rights been communicated to the employees and signed by the farm management and the employees' representative?</p>	<p>Check if the farm management and the employee's representative have signed and displayed a self-declaration assuring good social practice and human rights of all employees. The declaration contains commitment to the ILO core labor standards, respect for living wage, respect for the social environment, respect for legal land titles, sufficient compensation for communities, commitment to solve social conflicts, fair contract farming arrangements and commitment to reduce key economic, environmental and social impacts. (see ISCC 202-2 4.1.1)</p> <p>FSS: (1.2.1) The self declaration should include the human right to food, in all operations and transactions.</p>	<p>Self-declaration is available in appropriate language and complete</p> <p>FSS: Documentation of self-declaration including Human Right to Food, as well as integration in organisational process (contracts, general documentation).</p> <p>Interviews with farm management staff, trainers, service providers and contractors, worker representatives and workers in order to confirm the existence and implementation of self declaration. "</p>	X		

ISCC/FSS audit checklist

07.04	Food Security Standard (relevant for main and sample audits)					
No.	Requirements	Verification guidance	Evidence/ Documents	Category		
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07.04.01	(2.1.1) The management staff shall be aware of the overall food-security situation in the country.	<p>Ask staff in charge of food security issues the following questions about the country's food security:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the main drivers of food insecurity based on the results of the National Food Security Assessment (NaFSA) Tool? - What is the percentage of the population suffering from hunger, undernourishment, malnourishment and poverty in the country and the region where the farm is situated? - Are there vulnerable groups (e.g. poor smallholders, indigenous groups, single women, elderly people) in the vicinity of the farm? <p>Ask about attendance to events on food security and key information learned.</p>	Documentation on the food security situation of the country and, if available, on the local/regional situation. Proof of participation in events/training on food security.	X		



Thank you!



FSS services and steps to adopt the FSS Add-on

**Kyu hee Do
(Meo Carbon Solutions)**

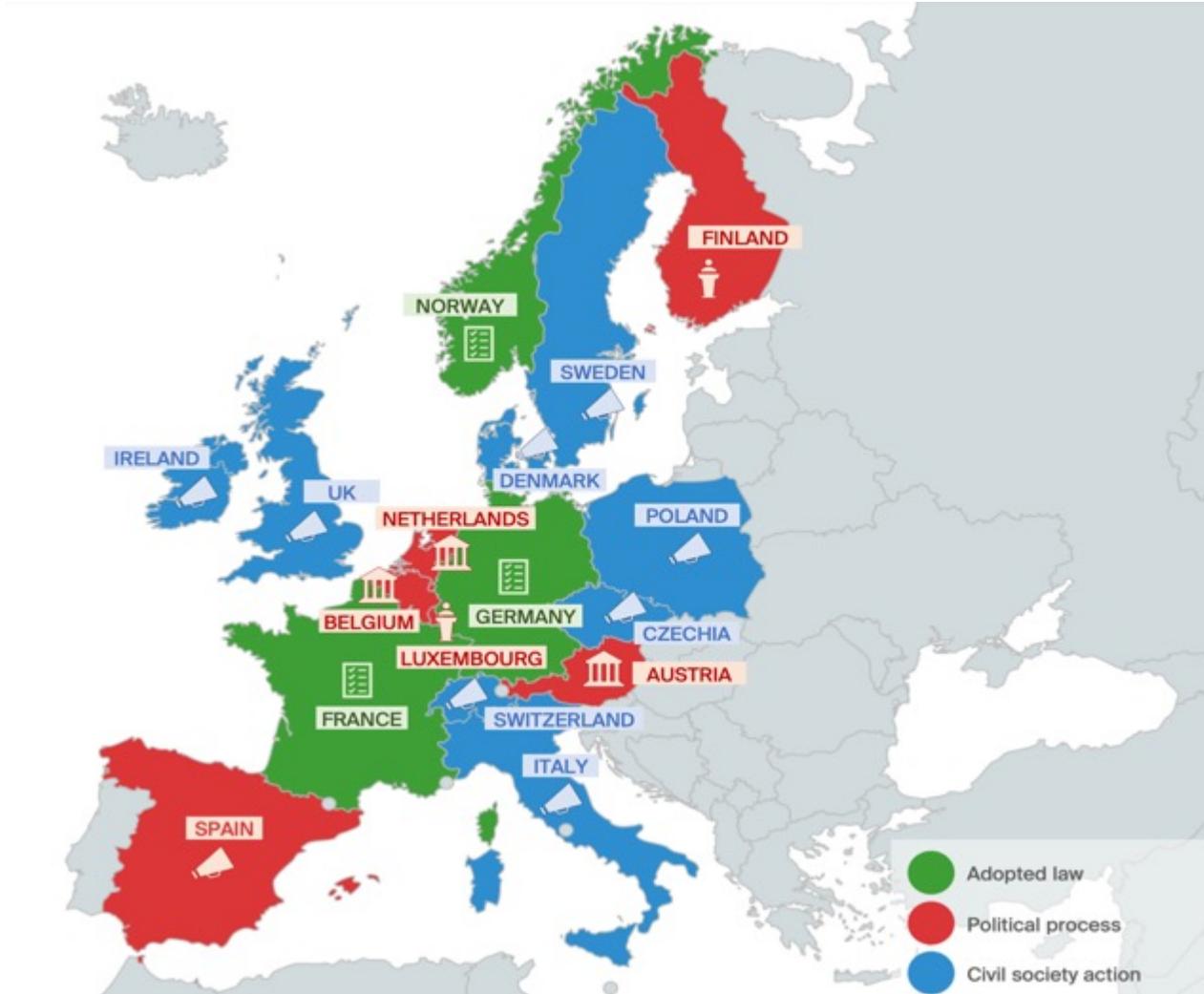




Approximately **1 in 10**
people suffer from
chronic hunger globally.

That's more than
825 million people &
that number is only
growing.

Current Supply Chain Regulations



- EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
- United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs)
- OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct

January 25th, 2022. European Coalition for Corporate Justice

Pillars of FSS Add-on



Stability



Accessibility



Availability



Utilization



Cross-cutting Elements

Human rights aligning with FSS pillars

- Child Labour
- Forced Labour
- Occupational Safety
- Soil, Land & Water Rights
- Fair Wages
- Freedom of association and collective bargaining
- Equality
- Chemicals

FSS Add-on Services



** Services currently offered for free through funding from the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture*

Why Use the FSS Add-on:



1. Food Security

Farmers, workers & local communities in agricultural supply chains become food secure

2. Corporate Social Responsibility

Aligning with more than 8 human rights



4. Consumer Trust

70% of consumers will choose certified products that ensure sustainable working conditions



3. Regulatory Compliance

Demonstrate due diligence in food security and related human rights



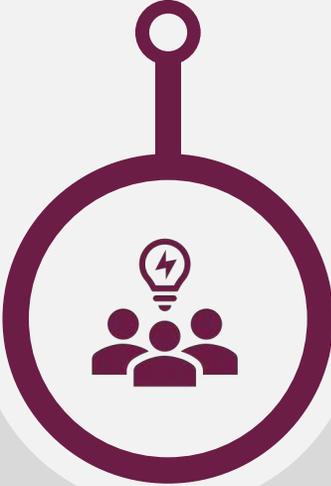
Steps to Adopt the FSS Add-on

Introduction Session
& Define Pathway

Audit Preparation



Audit Registration



Capacity Building



ISCC-FSS Audit



Palmeras de la Costa S.A.
¡Calidad a toda Costa!



Case Study: Palmeras de la Costa, Colombia

First ISCC FSS Add-on certification audit is planned for May 2023

The FSS team supported the farm management in:

- Gaining awareness on food security & nutrition in Colombia
- Complying with the FSS criteria
- Developing adequate documentation
- Organizing training sessions for their workers



If you are interested in becoming ISCC certified with the FSS add-on, please reach out to us



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The FSS team and ISCC are prepared to answer your questions and support you in the certification process

Let's go for it!



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Any Questions?