# PROMOTING THE PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL IN INDONESIA

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# INDONESIAN PALM OIL INDUSTRY

- IPOA represents growers and farmers
- Aspiration of rural society
- Stranger to urban society
- 1911: Commercial cultivation
- 2001: Initiative by world stakeholders
- 2003: IPOA supported and joined the formation of RSPO

#### SUSTAINABILITY ASPECTS

- 2005: 8 Principles and 39 criteria introduced.
- 2007: P&C endorsed.
   many companies improve management practices.
- 2008: National Interpretation approved, certification started.
  - More compaines joined RSPO.

#### TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY

- 2006-2007: Price increase; food versus fuel issue
- 2008: Q3 Price fell
  - US financial crisis
    - Followed by global ec. crisis
- Id PO Ind: toward more sustainable PO.
- RT6: Nov 2008 in Bali.
   Big efforts toward sustainability

#### GREEN PEACE

- Progress is too slow
- Immediately stop conversion of forest and peatland.
- RSPO only creating the illusion of SPO.
- RED Mechanism

### CONSEQUENCES

- Aspiration of rural society.
- Compare with economic crisis: bailout, stimulus packages.
- Why do the world leaders do that?
- To save jobs, to create jobs.
- No work, no pay, suffer.
- Not too bad: food stamps.
- We agree and praise bailout, stimulus.

## CONSEQUENCES - (Cont'd)

- Moratorium: Will cause chaotic condition.
- Some elements of society: have different understanding
- Sudden dissapearance of jobs
- No work, no pay!
- No food stamp
- Can cause starvation → so unacceptable

#### SOLUTIONS

- Intensify research → define new regulations
- Recently, new regulation on peatland
- Emission, partly not man made
- RSPO: to continue improving P&C (now: GHG, new planting)
- RED: need to be speeded up

# SOLUTIONS (Cont'd)

- Global warming mitigation: for all, by all
- Reduce emission and increase C- stock
- Greenpeace call on other vegetable oils ind: reforest part of cultivated area
- Fairness is key word.
- Together we achieve better result.

# THANK YOU