At a supplier engagement workshop held on 31 July 2019 in Selangor, Malaysia, participants from different supplier parent groups were present at Setia Convention Centre, to understand the ISF’s Sustainability (NDPE) and Traceability commitments. Approximately 50 CPO/CPKO suppliers and 10 ISF staffs attended the event.

The workshop aimed to raise awareness in these suppliers of the ISF’s Sustainability Policy and to gain commitment from them to comply with it. The event was facilitated by Proforest who presented the process of upcoming mill verification for the participating mills: objectives, methodology, process and preparatory requirements. Proforest is also the independent verifier of the ISF’s work to review progress against its stated targets and sustainability policy.

The second half of the day, participants were briefed on traceability, forced labour and social requirements in the palm oil industry. Suppliers discussed their challenges and shared best practices in order to meet the requirements. At the end of the session, we were giving away the green plant in pot and also chocolate which contain ISF’s CSPO.

ISF believes in close cooperation and constructive dialogue with suppliers to integrate sustainable development principles with current business practices. ISF will work with them through training, capacity building programmes, and other continuous positive supports.