

**Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN)'s Secretariat:  
Standards & Policy Unit Work Plan 2010**

The Sustainable Agriculture Network Secretariat<sup>1</sup> is managing the following initiatives during 2010:

1. During 2010, the following documents will be launched:

- Standard for Sustainable Cattle Production Systems (bovine)
- Standard for Group Certification
- New version of SAN's Certification Policy

2. Development of a SAN Standard for Sustainable Cattle Production Systems (bovine)

- The ISEAL Alliance code compliant standard development process has started in January with its second 60-day-round of online consultation (<http://sanstandards.org/>) and additional local stakeholder workshops in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Colombia, Brazil, Kenya and Indonesia.
- The document will be published in July 2010.
- An additional guidance document will also be developed during the first semester.

3. Interpretation Guidelines<sup>2</sup> Development:

- Guidance Documents:
  - The SAN will publish a guidance document for its Sustainable Agriculture Standard by July.
- Local Indicators:
  - SAN will publish the following indicators during the first semester 2010:

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<sup>1</sup> The Standards & Policy Unit of the SAN Secretariat coordinates the development and review of SAN standards and related policies. Its role is to ensure the proper implementation of the policies and strategies defined by SAN.

<sup>2</sup> How the *Standard for Sustainable Agriculture* with its criteria is interpreted and applied to particular situations is determined by *Interpretation Guidelines*. Two types of guidelines exist: 1.) Generic interpretation guidelines and 2.) Local Interpretation Guidelines. Generic Interpretation Guidelines provide guidance for farmers and group administrators how to implement the Sustainable Agriculture Standard on their farms. Interpretation Guidelines – generic and local - only contain indicators. They are not binding for certification processes, but they are important for implementing good agricultural practices on farms and provide more detailed guidance during audit processes. Local Interpretation Guidelines interpret the binding criteria of the standard for local conditions or a specific crop and are developed by a local Workgroup.

- Indicators for Sustainable Coffee Production in Colombia, Peru and El Salvador
- Indicators for Sustainable Tea Production in Kenya
- SAN is currently developing the following documents for specific crops / countries:
  - Indicators for Sustainable Coffee Production in Guatemala and Kenya
  - Indicators for Sustainable Oil Palm Production in Colombia
- This year the following local indicator development initiatives will be started:
  - Coffee in Indonesia, Vietnam and PNG
  - Tea in India and Indonesia
  - Sugarcane in El Salvador and Guatemala

4. Revision and training on SAN's Certification Policy:

- As an input for our work with the accreditation body, the certification policy has been revised during 2009.
- The additional topics and changes will be subject of training activities with SAN technical teams during the first semester.

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