

# DBC Stimulation Program

**2019 – 2023**

Public Summary

27 June 2019



# Program History

2016 - 17



- **Design**

(pending confirmation by the NL government of the sustainability requirements and clarification over 'FSC or equivalent').

- **Scoping study** to define bottlenecks, drivers, intervention options and conditions for stimulating certification.
- Stakeholder consultation **Workshops** (Miami, Rotterdam) to collect feedback and suggestions from relevant stakeholders as input for the Stimulation Program.
- DBC Board **Strategy Meeting** to decide on a framework for the Stimulation Program, taking into account existing uncertainties.
- **Data Research Study** to optimize the design of a tailor-made and most effective program of activities under the Stimulation Program.
- **Legal review** of the draft Stimulation Program to verify compliance with antitrust regulations.

# Program History

2018



- **Implementation**

(pending approvals by the NL government of existing certification schemes).

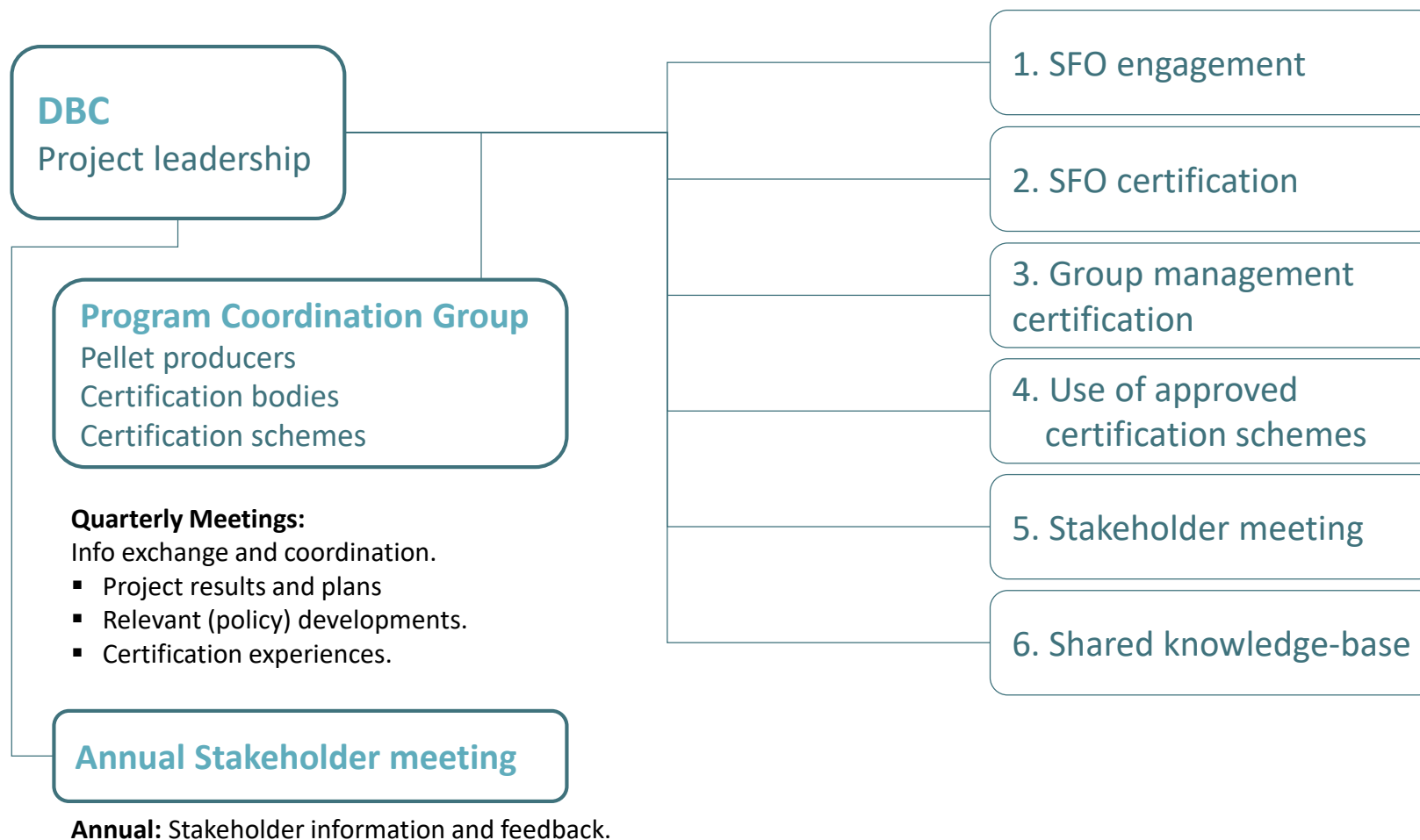
- **AFF Project** (American Forest Foundation) to promote SFO engagement and certification.
- **SFI Project** (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) to pursue group certification.
- **Certification Scheme Assessment** (Armstrong & Ass) to produce a conclusive analysis of the outcomes of the ADBE judgments and government approval of existing certification schemes.
- AFF and SFI **project visits** and (3-6 Dec 2018) to review the preliminary final results and for site visits demonstrating SFO land management and certification.
- **Pellet Producers Workshop** (5 Dec 2018) to inform US pellet producers in the Southeast on DBC's Stimulation Program, the 2018 results and the Dutch pellet market and policy developments.

# Program Targets

**The Program does consist of six Modules reflecting the DBC objectives:**

Module	Key Objective	Remarks
1. SFO engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase SFO awareness on sustainable forest management practices, forest and biodiversity conservation, and certification.</li> </ul>	Building on the outcomes and experiences with the 2018 AFF and SFI projects.
2. SFO certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerate the certification of SFOs.</li> </ul>	Building on the outcomes and experiences with the 2018 AFF and SFI projects.
3. Group management certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerate certification levels in key sourcing areas.</li> </ul>	Using approved certification schemes and CoC models
4. Use of approved certification schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate the coordinated use of approved CoC and forest management schemes to ensure full regulatory compliance for the sustainability criteria.</li> </ul>	Tapping into and enhancing existing tools and practices to promote SFO engagement and certification.
5. Stakeholder meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize annual multi-stakeholder events (pellet mills, certification bodies, NGOs).</li> </ul>	As a follow-up on the December 2018 Workshop.
6. Shared knowledge-base.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultivate a mutual understanding amongst key stakeholders in NL and US and improve the effectiveness of their interactions.</li> </ul>	Current communication between US and NL organizations and authorities is obstructive for efficient implementation.

# Program Structure



# Execution

## Promote SFO Certification

1. SFO Engagement
2. SFO Certification
3. Group Management Certification

## Support 100% certification

4. Use of approved certification schemes

## Communication

5. Stakeholder Meetings
6. Shared knowledge-base

Time →

## Execution

Projects under the Stimulation Program shall meet the following criteria:

- Scope:
  - Addressing the DBC objectives as detailed in the key objectives for each of the six modules
- Prioritization:
  - Group Management Certification
  - Use of approved certification schemes
- Other considerations:
  - Individual projects may relate to multiple modules; multiple projects may be executed in parallel.
  - Every individual project will be supervised by DBC and report to the Program Coordination Group.
  - Preferably, projects leverage existing funds.
  - Participation of third parties is encouraged when their expertise add value to the project success.

# Budget

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## Budget

- Budget allocation per module, and over time, will be detailed based on final project proposals and results obtained.

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# More information

## **DBC websites**

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