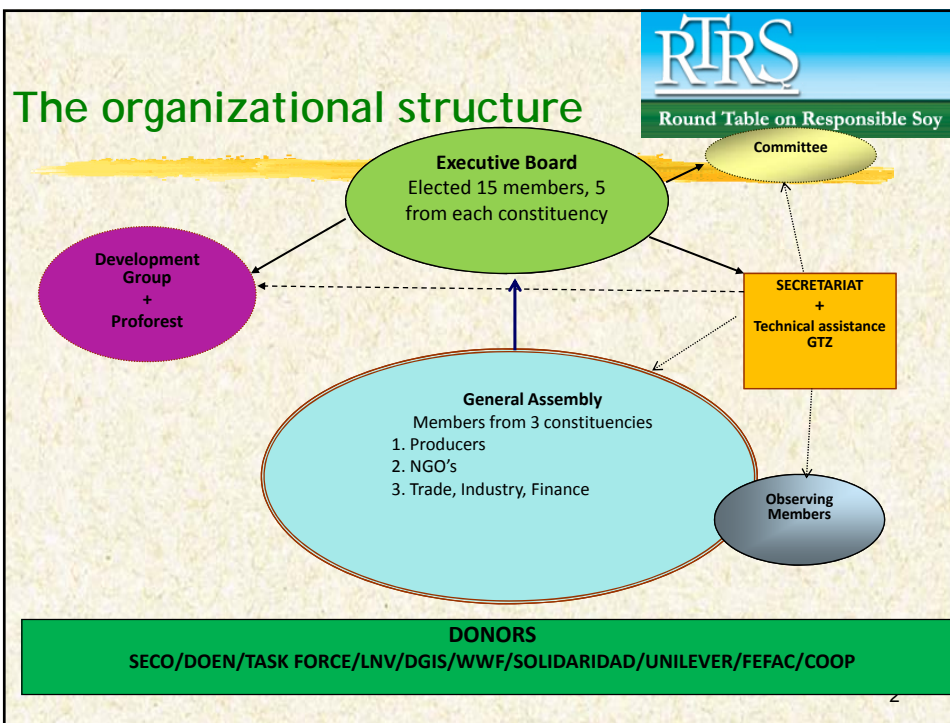


## Round Table on Responsible Soy Association

### Estructure, working process and timetable

1<sup>st</sup> Seminar on responsible soy production.

Brussels, 2008



## History 2004-2008



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DATE / PLACE	ACTIVITY	MAIN RESULTS
May 2004 / United Kingdom	Kick off meeting	Organizing committee 6 members
March 2005 / Brazil	1st Roundtable Conference	Governance structures and first discussion on social, economic and environmental aspects
August 2005 / Argentina	Invitation to join organizing committee	From 6 members to 12 and decision on a technical workshop
April 2006 / Brazil	Technical workshop	Agreed on 9 key impacts (social and environmental)
August 2006 / Paraguay	2nd Roundtable conference	Goal, common basis, objectives and Criteria development process
November 2006 / Switzerland	Foundation RTRS Association	International membership association under Swiss law, Interim Executive Board, President and Treasurer elected
May 2007 / Brazil	First General Assembly	Bylaws, first ideas for a Development group and election of new Executive Board

## Present



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- Secretariat: Temporary in Argentina, Executive Secretary, program officer and assistant officer.
- Legal registration: Brazil for main office and Argentina for a representation office.
- Monthly conference call with the Executive Board for guidelines, feedback and critical decisions.
- Development group agenda (24 members), two meetings (Brazil and Argentina) for development of Principles and Criteria.
- Outreach strategy for China, India, USA, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Bolivia

## Membership



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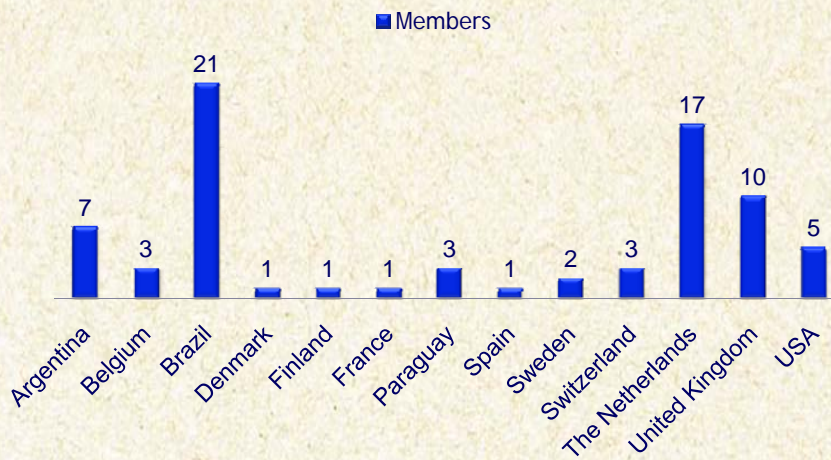
- 75 members from 13 countries
  - North America: USA (1)
  - Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay (3)
  - Europe: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom (9)

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## Membership 2008



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## Constituencies

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## Development group for principles and criteria

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- Proforest for general coordination
- 24 members representing Producers, Industry/trade/finance and Civil Society
- Countries: The Netherlands, Brazil, Belgium, Argentina, India, Paraguay, China (7)
- Two main objectives:
  - To develop a set of normative baseline requirements or standards for responsible soy value chains
  - To develop a verification system for the responsible soy value chain

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## Outcomes Development group



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- October - December 2007
  - First meeting and first draft document Principles and criteria
  - Public consultation from October 30 until December 22
- February 2008
  - Second meeting, second draft document Principles and criteria and first draft ideas for a verification model
  - Public consultation from March 27 until May 30

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## Challenges and important dates



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- Challenges
  - To implement outreach strategy and increase awareness: China, India, USA, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina
  - To engage smallholder producers
  - To raise funds to continue with the Principles and criteria development and to enhance the governance structure of the RTRS
  - To launch the responsible soy principles and criteria (standard) General Assembly 2009
  - To grow keeping the balance among the constituencies

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## April 2008 Agenda



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- April 22  
Executive Board meeting
- April 23 and 24  
Third RTRS Global Conference
- April 25  
Second General Assembly (morning)
- April 25  
New elected Executive Board meeting

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## Important dates



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- Third roundtable conference
  - Buenos Aires, Argentina 23 and 24 of april
  - Responsible soy: Feed, food and fuel to a future world
  - Inscription and documents available in [www.responsiblesoy.org](http://www.responsiblesoy.org) find the link to RT3 conference
- Public consultation Principles and criteria
  - Starting march 27 until may 30
  - Documents and guidelines available in [www.responsiblesoy.org](http://www.responsiblesoy.org) find the link Development Group

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