

PRESS RELEASE

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More transparency and better improvements through new impact goals

The Annual Together for Sustainability (TfS) General Assembly was held at the Bayer Crop Science site in Monheim am Rhein on 26 April 2018. The TfS General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the organization. It comprises one CPO representative from each of the 20 TfS member companies, who hold the voting rights in the Association.

One central discussion point was the measurement of sustainability related improvements in the supply chain. The main goals are to create transparency with new assessments and to ensure improvements through re-assessments and higher scores. Therefore, the Steering Committee approved three new Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as impact goals, to which each TfS member company needs to contribute. Synergies from individual and joint activities of TfS members will thus create a bigger impact. In 2012 already TfS decided to monitor the sustainability performance of its supplier base with the help of the assessment platform EcoVadis.

"Our main goal remains the same. We need to increase transparency and to improve sustainability along our supply chains regarding environmental and social standards. Our new KPIs will help us to achieve these goals and to increase the impact of the whole initiative", says Rüdiger Eberhard, TfS President and Chief Procurement Officer of Evonik Industries.

TfS' member base has grown steadily since the start of the initiative. Starting with six founding members in 2011, TfS numbered 20 full members in Europe and North America by the end of 2017. Collectively, TfS Members represent € 286 billion in spend (based on published financial reports).

About Together for Sustainability (TfS)

TfS AISBL is a joint initiative of chemical companies for sustainable supply chains. It was founded in 2011 to develop and implement a global program to assess, audit and improve sustainability practices within the supply chains of the chemical industry. Currently it has 20 member companies worldwide and intends to grow globally. TfS is a partner company of Cefic. The TfS Initiative strives to achieve mutual benefits for both its member companies and their suppliers. In doing so, social and environmental conditions are to be continuously improved for the benefit of all relevant stakeholders, including employees, neighborhoods, local communities and society as a whole. TfS consists of an assessment and an audit process. TfS members can individually and independently apply these processes for their sustainable sourcing activities. <http://www.tfs-initiative.com/>

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4. Shelley Stewart (Dupont)
5. Rüdiger Eberhard (Evonik)
6. Gabriele Unger (TFS)
7. Bertrand Conquéret (Henkel)
8. Gabriele Willenbrinck (Lanxess)
9. Joachim Christ (Merck)
10. Thales Crivelli (Borealis)

Second row (from left):

1. Mareike Klein (Henkel)
2. Cesare Guarini (Clariant)
3. Bernd Makowka (Lanxess)
4. Notker Bien (Syngenta)
5. Beatriz Mendez (Arkema)
6. Fried-Walter Münstermann (BASF)
7. Erk Thorsten Heyen (Wacker)
8. Dirk Jan deWith (Covestro)
9. Markus Mirgeler (Clariant)
10. Thomas Udesen (Bayer)
11. Arne Ott (Evonik)



Thales Crivelli, Sustainability Expert at Borealis (left) with Gabriele Unger, General Manager Tfs and Rüdiger Eberhard Tfs President and Chief Procurement Officer of Evonik Industries.