



## Privacy Statement for FSC Consultative Forum for the Revision of FSC-PRO-60-002 and -002a

### Introduction:

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the FSC Consultative Forum. We at FSC Group<sup>1</sup> (“FSC”, “we”, “us”) respect your privacy and want you to understand how we collect, use and share personal data about you in compliance with applicable data protection laws in relation to your participation in FSC Consultative Forum for the revision of FSC-PRO-60-002 and -002a (hereinafter: Forum).

This Privacy Statement covers our data collection practices and describes your rights to access, correct, or restrict our use of your personal data. Except where we provide you a link to a different privacy statement or reference to other privacy documentation, this Privacy Statement applies when you submit your data through the application form when applying to the Forum and anytime when you visit or use the Forum.

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### 1. Service Description

The Forum is a suite of digital communication methods, which serves to enable sharing your opinion on and contributing to proposed changes to FSC-PRO-60-002 and -002a. The Forum is hosted in Microsoft Teams with a general channel accessible to all participants of the Forum, as well as a set of channels specialized for different working group members and FSC. Forum members are able to make posts, comment, and react to the posts of others as well as initiate and attend audio and video calls.

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<sup>1</sup> FSC Group stands for Forest Stewardship Council A.C., registered in Calle Margarita Maza de Juárez #422, Col. Centra, 68000 Oaxaca, Mexico, FSC Global Development GmbH, registered in Adenauerallee 134,53113 Bonn, Germany, FSC International Center gGmbH, registered in Adenauerallee 134,53113 Bonn, Germany, and ASI – Assurance Services International GmbH, registered in Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 69, 53113 Bonn, Germany



The duties of hosting, maintenance and data processing are conducted by FSC (FSC International IT Services of FSC Global Development GmbH). The information is maintained on servers located in Europe.

FSC is the ‘**controller**’ of the personal data you provide to the Forum, and Microsoft Office 365 acts in a function of a ‘**processor**’ of the personal data you provide to the Forum. The processing of personal data shared between FSC and Microsoft is regulated in the data processing addendum. The privacy policy applicable to the use of Microsoft is available at: <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-GB/privacystatement>.

## 2. What Personal Data We Collect

In order to provide the Services, we may need to collect or store some personal data. The personal data we process can include the following:

- Full name (first name, last name)
- Country of residence
- E-mail address
- Organization’s name you work for
- FSC membership status (including chamber and sub-chamber affiliation)
- Explanation on why you are interested in participating in the Forum
- Posts and comments posted by you on the Forum itself

We will not collect any personal data from you that we do not need to provide and oversee this Service to you.

## 3. How We Collect Your Personal Data

We process personal data provided to us directly by you. You as user of the Forum are responsible for providing accurate, complete and up-to-date information during and after your application to the Forum.

If the personal data you provided needs to be corrected, please indicate the changes by sending an e-mail to [chainofcustody@fsc.org](mailto:chainofcustody@fsc.org).

## 4. How We Use Your Personal Data

We are not using your personal data for anything else beyond the processing described in this Privacy Statement. Our technical staff will use the log files for purposes of trouble shooting, and for providing help to end users.

In detail, we use your personal data to evaluate your suitability to join the Forum, enable you the use of the Forum, improve and update it, communicate with you, secure against fraud and abuse, troubleshoot issues and as necessary for safety and integrity based on our legitimate interest (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR). In addition, we use your personal data as is required by law (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. c) GDPR).



## 5. Who We Share Your Personal Data With

Your full name, email address, posts and comments posted by you on the Forum itself will be accessible by all other members of the Forum.

All other personal data we process for the Forum is processed by FSC, e.g. by FSC staff strictly on a need-to-know basis for the purposes described under section 4 above as well as for the purposes of IT hosting and maintenance. The information gathered from the Forum will be stored internally by FSC and will not be published or shared on the internet or FSC intranet.

If the personal data that we collect from you needs to be transferred to and processed by a processor based outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), we will take steps, such as including contractual clauses into our contracts with such processors or controllers, that would ensure that your personal data is safe and treated securely and in accordance with this Privacy Statement. Other than that, we do not share the personal data with other third parties, unless described in this Privacy Statement or as required to do so by law.

## 6. How Long We Keep Your Personal Data

We will keep your personal data for maximum 7 years following the submission of your application form to join the Forum. Upon your request, we provide you with information about the personal data we hold about you. Furthermore, upon request we rectify or delete your personal data, as far as no statutory storage requirements apply. For details on your rights, please see the respective section below.

## 7. Security

We are committed to ensuring the privacy of your personal data. In order to prevent unauthorized access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the personal data we collect online.

## 8. Your Rights

We would like to make sure you are fully aware of all your data protection rights. You are entitled to the following:

- **The right to access** enables you to receive information on whether we process your personal data as well as a copy of the personal data we process about you.
- **The right to rectification** enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate personal data we hold about you corrected, though we may need to verify the accuracy of the new personal data you provide to us.
- **The right to erasure** enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal data where there is not a good reason or legitimate interest for us to continue to process it.
- **The right to restrict processing** enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of your personal data under specific circumstances.



- **The right to data portability** enables you to request that we provide you or a third party of your choosing with the personal data which you have provided to us (in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format).
- **The right to object** enables you to object to our processing of your personal data where we rely on our legitimate interest as legal basis. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your personal data which override your rights and freedoms.
- **The right to make a complaint** to the competent data protection authority. We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns so if you have any questions or concerns regarding our processing of your personal data please contact us at [privacy@fsc.org](mailto:privacy@fsc.org).

If you would like to exercise one of your data protection rights, please do not hesitate to contact us at [privacy@fsc.org](mailto:privacy@fsc.org) or our Data Protection Officer at the contact details set out below.

## 9. Cookies and Similar Technologies

Like many other websites, we also use "cookies". Cookies are text files placed on your computer, to help the website analyse how users use the site. This automatically gives us certain personal data, such as IP address, browser used, operating system from your computer and your connection to the Internet.

Only the people from within the FSC Network (which may include affiliates of FSC IC (collectively, "FSC")) will use this information. We do keep track of the countries and domains from which people visit us, the browser and/or Internet Service Provider used and other related data. We analyse this data for trends and statistics. We do not collect any personal data and user sessions are anonymous.

Please be informed that we collect the same cookies as when you visit a FSC international website on <https://fsc.org/en/page/legal-notice>, Section "3. Privacy Policy Statement", subsection "3.1.5 Cookies". This cookie list is being updated there regularly. "Necessary" cookies will always be active when you visit an FSC website as they enable the full functionality of the website. However, it is up to your decision to choose which further cookies should be activated via a cookies banner.

## 10. How to Contact Us

If you have questions about this Privacy Statement, the personal data we hold on you, or you would like to exercise one of your data protection rights, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Email us at: [privacy@fsc.org](mailto:privacy@fsc.org)

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## 11. Changes to our Privacy Statement

We reserve the right to unilaterally change this Privacy Statement from time to time to ensure that it complies with current legal requirements or to implement changes to our Services in the Privacy Statement, for example, when introducing new services.

Please regularly check this Privacy Statement for possible updates.

This Privacy Statement was last updated on 28 July 2021.