



## Marieke Leegwater

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Marieke Leegwater coordinates the global Solidaridad Palm Oil Program, that works on sustainable and inclusive palm oil production and consumption. Within the programme Solidaridad supports farmers across all major palm oil producing regions to raise yields & incomes and cooperates with companies and other stakeholders throughout the value chain to build sustainable palm oil value chains. Marieke is actively involved in various RSPO committees. She chairs RSPO Standing Committee Smallholders and is member of RSPO Complaints Panel. Presently she is also managing the Sustainable Palm Oil Choice Initiative, an initiative to promote the uptake of sustainable palm oil in Europe. Before Marieke joined Solidaridad, she worked for the Dutch Product Board for Margarine, Fats and Oils (MVO), the industry association of the Dutch Oils and Fats Industry. In that role she facilitated the set up of the Dutch Task Force Sustainable Palm Oil and contributed to various RSPO and RTRS Working Groups. Marieke holds a master degree in Public Law.

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