

FrieslandCampina, Olenex and Wilmar and partner for smallholder support program in Colombia (WISSCo2)

Palm mills that are under the small holder program

| Mill Name | Certification Status |
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| ACEITES S.A. | ISCC & RSPO |
| PALMACEITES S.A. | ISCC & RSPO |
| EL ROBLE S.A. | ISCC & RSPO |
| PALMAGRO S.A. | ISCC |
| FRUPALMA S.A. | ISCC |



FrieslandCampina, Wilmar and Olenex have launched a two-year smallholder support program for small farmers and small growers of palm oil in Colombia. The objective of the program is to empower mallholders and small growers¹ to conduct responsible palm oil production, in line with *No Deforestation* and *No Exploitation* commitment, in order to improve livelihoods, while taking care of nature. WISSCo2 is the continuation of a series of successful training and knowledge enhancement programs that Wilmar and Olenex have been implementing in Latin America since 2016: WISSH and WISSCo1. Through WISSCo2, the partners seek to engage five mills from the north zone located in Cesar and Magdalena departments. The five mills under the WISSCo2 program represent close to 10% of Colombia’s palm oil production, and 34% of the northern zone, which means close to 169.000 tons. As an integral part of WISSCo2 468 smallholders supplying the mills will be trained.



¹ Smallholders farm <50 ha; small growers farm 50-500 ha
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Replicating the successful *train the trainers* approach

WISSCo2 relies on the *train the trainers* approach that has already successfully been applied to WISSH and WISSCo1 programs. In order to reach a large number of program participants – the 468 smallholders and small growers – mill supervisors of the five mills are formed as trainers.

Step 1 – Train the trainers: Training of 20 supervisors on leadership skills for training capacity.

Step 2 – Train the smallholders/small growers: Training of 468 smallholders on six topics including Olenex's palm oil policy, and sustainable agricultural & environmental practices.



During the first training session 21 participants attended. At the training, the supervisors learned about the WISSCo2 program and were trained on strengthening their training skills.



The successfully formed supervisors proudly present their training certificates after an intense 2-day training workshop. They are now ready to go out and train smallholders and small growers supplying the five Biocosta mills in the Olenex and FrieslandCampina supply chain.