



Seminar

Natural Rubber Industry - Outlook and Sustainability Development

- What is the outlook for Natural Rubber Industry in FY2023?
- What are the latest developments on sustainability in the Natural Rubber Industry and what we have to do?

Date : Friday, 24 FEBRUARY 2023

Time : 2.30 PM - 5:30 PM (Registration starts at 2.00 pm)

Venue : CARLTON HOTEL SINGAPORE

Empress Ballroom 1 to 3 Level 2

76 Bras Basah Road S(189558)

RTAS Invited Panel of Speakers



Dr Lekshmi Nair

Head of Economics & Statistics,
International Rubber Study Group



Mr Jom Jacob

Chief Analyst & Co-Founder
WhatNext Rubber
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Mr Riaz Altaff Hussien

Sustainability Manager
Continental Tyres & Rubber
Singapore Pte Ltd



Mr Christian Bustamante

Senior Manager, Sustainability
Halcyon Agri Corporation Ltd



Mr Sathiya Muthiah

Managing Director
Cocoasource Singapore



Mr See Sang Lye

Executive Director
Institutional Banking Group
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RTAS is pleased to organise our inaugural seminar in conjunction with our RTAS Lunar New Year Dinner 2023 held on 24 February 2023.

The Covid-19 pandemic since 2020 had created massive challenges across various countries and industries, and this includes the Natural Rubber industry. The supply chain issues had seriously affected the industry in FY2021 and FY2022, and this disrupted the global demand and supply of Natural Rubber. The challenges continued into FY2022 with onset of Ukraine-Russia war, which caused the energy cost to spike and affected the cost of production. During FY2022, the financial tightening of US Federal Reserve to tame inflation has resulted to higher cost of borrowings globally and has raised the risk of recession.

What is the outlook for the Natural Rubber industry in FY2023?

With the increasing focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) by external stakeholders on business, one topic that affect the Natural Rubber Industry is on Sustainability. There has been ongoing activities and efforts by natural rubber industry stakeholders to develop a Sustainable Natural Rubber supply chain. **What are the latest developments on sustainability in Natural Rubber industry and what we have to do?**

As these two topics are emerging matters, RTAS decided to organise this seminar for our members' benefits. The seminar title is **"Natural Rubber Industry – Outlook and Sustainability Development"**.



Seminar Agenda:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
2.30 pm	Welcome Address	Ms Pearlyn Ng <i>President – Rubber Trade Association of Singapore</i>
2.35 pm	Presentation: Supply and Demand of Natural Rubber and Market outlook	Dr. Lekshmi Nair <i>Head of Economics and Statistics – IRSG</i>
		Mr Jom Jacob <i>Chief Analyst and Co-founder - Whats Next Rubber Media International</i>
3.15 pm	Q & A	
3.35 pm	Panel discussion: Sustainability Development in Natural Rubber Industry and other commodities	Mr Riaz Hussein <i>Sustainability Manager – Continental Tires Singapore</i>
		Mr Christian Bustamante <i>Sustainability Manager – Halcyon Agri Corporation</i>
		Mr Sathiya Muthiah <i>Managing Director – Cocoasource Singapore</i>
	Presentation: Sustainable Finance, Net Zero Transition and the Changing Nature of FinSancing	Mr See Sang Lye <i>Executive Director - Institutional Banking Group (Sustainability), DBS Bank</i>
5.10 pm	Q & A	
5.30 pm	Close	



Speakers' Profile