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SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

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Session 1

Understanding downstream processing and its palm-based products

Mr. Dario Altera
*Head of Oleochemical &
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Session 5

Empowering oil palm smallholders - Examining outcomes of RSPO, and overcoming challenges across Southeast Asia and beyond

Dr. Sutonya Thongrak
*Associate Professor,
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and Agribusiness
Faculty of Economics
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Session 2

Safeguarding High Conservation Value areas in oil palm landscapes: Challenges, approaches, and lessons learned

Dr. Sarah Scriven
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Session 6

Shaping the future of sustainable palm oil: Exploring emerging trends and evaluating RSPO's role

Dr. Karen Lawrence
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**Independent
Consultant for RSPO**



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Prof. Ir. Chan Eng Seng
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Forging a sustainable path: Navigating labour challenges, RSPO certification and roadmap to a resilient palm oil industry

Kamini Visvanathan
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Dr. Rosa de Vos
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