



Dear trustea member,

At the outset, we would like thank you for your continued interest in the trustea program and commitment to the certification program as a guide to best management practices for the sustainability of the tea sector in India.

We are happy to report that the program membership and volumes demonstrate growth year on year and we are confident on meeting our long term program goals with your support. Till end of November 2018, trustea has certified 592m kg of tea (about 45% of India's tea production) covering 569 estates and factories, 45,700 small tea growers and 541000 workers.

We have always recognised our responsibility to accompany our certification system with a training and technical assistance program that guides the estates and Bought Leaf Factory management with special emphasis on the small tea growers in the practices and prepared them for the certification audit.

In order to ensure that the training and technical assistance provided to the producers is of high quality, trustea extends and make available the training and handholding assistance through trustea implementing partners.

We would like to bring to your attention that Solidaridad is no longer an implementation partner in the program w.e.f 10th October, 2018. We understand that you may be encountering some issues towards handholding support on view of this. In case the certification is coming up for renewal or you are in the midst of preparing for a new certification, support can be obtained through our other handholding partner.

Please do get in touch with the concerned persons from the program partners as below to enable them to help you to move ahead.

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Please also feel free to reach out to the trustea secretariat for any guidance or clarification to enable continuation of your certification.

I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward to further collaboration in 2019.

With best regards
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