

Trustea Code Revision 2021 – 22

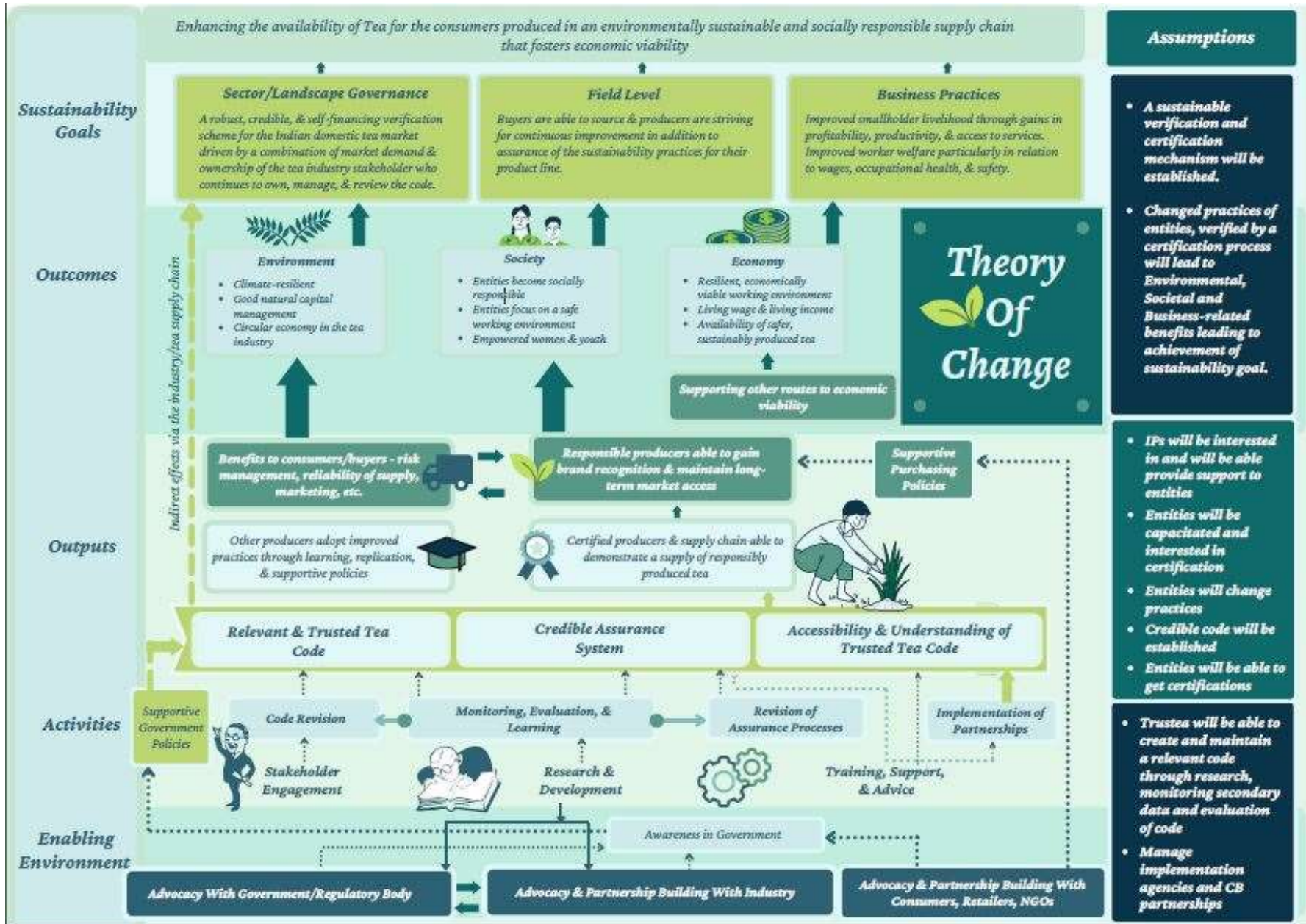


Standard Setting and Revision Procedure Project Period – 2021-2023

In order to keep the trustea code abreast with the current practices & requirements, it is imperative to review the code for its ongoing relevance, adequacy & continued suitability. The CDC plays a very important role in periodically reviewing & advising on the technical & regulatory aspects of the code keeping in line with the current business environment, and changes to the regulatory framework as well as upholding the intent of the code which is sustainability & livelihood of the persons associated with the tea sector. In line with the same, we are in the process of reviewing the code to determine the need for any revisions and also to broad-base the code.

In this context, the Standard Setting and Revision Procedure is established and will be followed while revisioning the trustea codebook.

Trustea will be consulting with the stakeholders in the process and will be reaching out directly as well as public notices in the website. The public consultation is planned to commence in the first quarter 2023



Outline of the approach

- Create a sharper focus on key deliverables and less text-intensive
- Address emerging challenges in sustainability and trustea long-term strategic goals
- Ease of compliance- look at converting into a smart graphics and flash card-based format.
- Bring in top Management roles and accountability to ensure ongoing compliance.
- Make the requirements generic and have country-specific legal requirements as annexures that can be easily revised based on changing requirements, without carrying out a code revision.
- Clear collation of the requirements into the three buckets of environment, safety, and livelihoods.
- Self-assessment review of standard basic documentation to free up assessment resources to carry out a meaningful review of fundamental compliances of the three key pillars of trustea.
- Compliance with the three ISEAL codes
 - ISEAL Standard-Setting Code of Good Practice Version 6.0
 - ISEAL Assurance Code of Good Practice Version 2.0
 - ISEAL Impacts Code of Good Practice Version 2.0

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As a process for revising the standards trustea shall

- Focus on –
- Each chapter that could be explicitly linked to the desired outcome in the Theory of Change.
- A significant strengthening of climate change considerations – not just climate resilience, but minimising emissions.
- Women safety
- Deforestation - how to strengthen the compliance framework
- Enforcing legally approved chemicals for tea

The updated list of sectors that have an interest in the standard and key stakeholder groups within those sectors, based on the standard's scope and its social, environmental, and economic outcomes.

Make publicly available a summary of the process that shall include steps in the standard-amendment process, including timelines and clearly identified opportunities for contributing; and decision-making procedures, including how decisions are made and who makes them. This will be generally done by the CDC.

Code revision Workplan



Activity	Plan
Code change Kick of	Q4 2021
2 nd CDC on environment & General Management	Q2 2022
CDC on Safety & Livelihood	Q4 2022
Final CDC on the complete draft	
Council approval on the draft and public consultation for 60 days	Q4 2022 – Q1 2023
Review underrepresentation in feedback and reach out directly	Q1 2023
Decision Making and Final approval of the Standard by the council	Q2 2023
Release of the trustea standard 2023	
Transition rule enforcement	Q2 2023
Training to the CBs & IPs	
Training and webinar to provide step-by-step guidance for certificate holders to transition between the current version and the 2022 new trustea code version	Q2 – Q3 2023
Registration for certification on new standard opens	Q3 2023
The trustea 2023 new version of the Standard requirements come into effect	
Auditing can start against the transition period version of the new standard	
Continue to engage in dialogue with our partners to make the standard even more practical and flexible in different contexts	Q2 – Q4 2023
Industry feedback (Feedback from CPs, CBs & Ips & Users on the circulated code)	Q4 2023

Reference Documents & Contact details

Internal Reference

Trustea Code Book – Version 2

External reference

Fairtrade

Bonsucro

URSP

RA

ISEAL Code of Good Practice

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