



Responsible Sourcing Initiative Annual Convening 2024 **Photo Book**

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Key insights

- ▶ The harmonized framework was presented at the convening and the feedback was that the framework is robust and comprehensive and needs to be “right sized” to be applicable to different geographies, local contexts, and the maturity of the recycled plastics value chain. Participants observed that to implement the framework it is important to prioritize the most critical indicators.
- ▶ A standard and certification for responsibly sourced recycled plastic could be a long term goal for the Responsible Sourcing Initiative and needs to be considered carefully in view of existing practices by recyclers.
- ▶ It is important to pay attention to the embedded power dynamics in the recycled plastics value chain. For example, asking for information and data from waste workers is an example of the existing power dynamics.
- ▶ The elephant in the room was who will pay for the adoption of responsible sourcing practices, as this is likely to add to the costs of recycled plastics.
- ▶ As we aspire for more transparency in the value chain, the feedback from the participants was that we need to be cognizant that the majority of the waste workers' work is intellectual property and safeguards need to be built to protect them.
- ▶ As we move to implement the harmonized framework we need to start with the waste workers and listen to what they need to improve their livelihoods.















