

2026 REVISION ROADMAP

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FRAMEWORK

In 2026, **the Fair for Life and For Life standards are undergoing a revision process** marking a key step in strengthening their relevance, impact, and effectiveness standards.
Building on their respective theories of change and terms of reference, these two standards are rooted in complementary visions and missions. They aim to promote fairer trade and more responsible sourcing, while fully addressing today's social, economic, and environmental challenges.

FAIR FOR LIFE

Standard with a specific focus on **fair trade**, that aims to tangibly improve the economic and social conditions of producers and workers across supply chains.

FOR LIFE

Intended for companies seeking to demonstrate concrete commitments to **social and environmental responsibility** in their own organization and through responsible and sustainable supply chain management.



The revision process follows international good practices as outlined in the ISEAL Code.
More information at isealalliance.org.



SCOPE OF THE 2026 REVISION

The 2026 revision of both the Fair for Life and For Life standards will cover the adaptation and changes in:

- The **technical content** of the standards (criteria and structure),
- The **standards' processes** such as eligibility, certification, registration and recognition.

The 2026 revision will also redefine and clarify the scope of For Life standard and its complementary ambition with Fair for Life standard.

OBJECTIVES OF THE 2026 REVISION

The objectives of this revision were defined based on a thorough evaluation and assessment of the standards' performance and needs.

FAIR FOR LIFE

Strengthen the approach to current fair-trade and supply chain challenges, while consolidating the foundations around key issues such as living income and living wage, fair value distribution across the value chain, and shared responsibility among all actors.



FOR LIFE

Better adapt the standard to the current needs and challenges of organizations and supply chains, ensuring that CSR and responsible sourcing challenges are addressed separately and more effectively.



FAIR FOR LIFE & FOR LIFE

Facilitate standards adaptation to the diverse realities of sectors and operators, considering different economic structures, governance models, evolving supply chain risks, and the adaptation required by climate change.

Align with international regulations and frameworks: deforestation law, due dilligence laws, forced labour law, ...

Clarify the standard's didactic approach and methodology to make adoption and implementation easier: structure content clearly, provide targeted support to stakeholders, and develop practical tools to improve usability and compliance.



The overall direction of the revision is guided by the intention to integrate elements throughout the standard that strengthen **a risk-based approach**. It also aims to develop the standard as an **impact management tool** through the integration of performance indicators and promotion of active impact strategies.

REVISION PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE

Fair for Life & For Life revision procedure has been designed to comply with the requirements of the **ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Setting Social and Environmental Standards** (version 1.0 - December 2023).

This approach is part of a collaborative process that involves various stakeholders (certified operators, NGOs, institutional partners, forward-looking companies, etc.). Given our intention to allow these different stakeholders to express their perspectives before a draft standard is developed, the revision will be subject to a **preconsultation period** in addition to a **consultation period**.

The revision procedure is presented in detail below.

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30 DAYS

PRECONSULTATION

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

Objectives : Discuss and comment on proposed changes. Provide food for thought on suggested changes.

Targets: customers and external stakeholders.

Format: questionnaire and interviews / focus groups on priority topics.

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STANDARD WRITING

Q1-Q4 2026

Preparation of a **draft revised scheme by the project team in collaboration with the Scheme committee.**

Impact assessment & transition plan development.

3

30 DAYS

CONSULTATION

Q1 2027

Objectives : Discuss and comment on draft revised scheme.

Targets: All people without restriction. Identified stakeholder will be specifically targeted.

Format: questionnaire and interviews / focus groups on priority topics

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FINAL VERSION & TRANSITION

FROM Q1 2027 ONWARDS

Final version redaction and Scheme Committee validation.

Validation of transition plan.

Transition to the new standard.

GOVERNANCE BODIES

The revision process of the Fair for Life and For Life standards is carried out under the responsibility of two committees:

The **scheme committee**, makes technical recommendations on the revised scheme, seeks to find consensus on the content of the standard within the Terms of Reference.

The **steering committee** supervises the overall scheme revision process, and approves the final version of the scheme.

The review process and the role of the various committees can be found in the **dedicated document available on our website**.

CONSULTATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

All stakeholders are invited to participate in the revision process through:

Online comment submission via dedicated forms both during preconsultation and consultation periods.

Additional individual or group interviews, organized to explore priority topics. Stakeholders will be able to inform the standard team of their interest to be consulted in this manner during the pre-consultation.



Throughout the revision process the Fair for Life/For Life team will communicate with all groups and categories of stakeholders via various communication tools (emails, LinkedIn, etc.).

Apart from the regular consultation process presented above, any stakeholder may raise concerns by writing to: **revision@fairforlife.org**.

AFTER THE CONSULTATION

All feedback received will be reviewed and analyzed. The **final revised version** of the standards will be **discussed and challenged by the Scheme Committee**. The final recommendation will then be sent to the Steering Committee for validation.

A **public summary** of the consultation results will be published alongside the final version.

Aware of the changes and repercussions that this revision of the standards could have for operators already certified and/or integrated into an Fair for Life or For Life process (registration and recognition process), a **transition plan** will also be developed.



Once the standards are published, we will work on guidelines, translations and checklists.

Several options will be offered to those affected, and the 2022 standards will continue to be used for a certain period of time. **Sufficient time will be allowed for compliance.**