



## Invitation

### Bonsucro Production Standard Training: Agriculture New version 5.1

**23 May and 9 June 2022**

*Central African Time: 11:00 – 14:00*

*Mauritius: 13:00 – 16:00*

As you might be aware, Bonsucro launched its new Production Standard for sugarcane earlier this year. We would like to invite you to participate in two training and support sessions on 23 May and 9 June 2022.

We have a series of [training videos](#) that are free to access on our website. But these live training sessions aim to gain a better understanding of the standard and the indicators to measure, as well as to support you with the implementation process. In between the two sessions, we invite you to work on collecting the information needed to complete the Bonsucro calculator..

Although the Standard includes the milling process, these sessions will only focus on sugarcane production, the agricultural section of the standard. The new version, 5.1, is an update of version 4.2. Version 4.2 remains valid for audits carried out before 1 September 2022. For more information on the transition period, please refer to our [policy](#). Revising the standard on a regular basis is necessary to stay relevant as new sustainability themes become important and new technology or knowledge becomes available. The training will include:

#### **Monday 23 May 2022**

- Process to get certified and certification scope options
- Introduction to the [Production Standard](#) for farms
- Explanation of how the [Bonsucro calculator](#) works for farms
- Explanation of how the Bonsucro calculator links to the standard
- Q&A session

#### **Homework**

- Study the Production Standard
- Watch the standard [training videos](#)
- Complete the Bonsucro calculator for your farming operations, as far as you can
- Take notes of any questions and/or non-conformities

#### **Thursday 9 June 2022**

- Q&A based on the Bonsucro calculator, discussing key indicators
- What support is needed?



The training will be facilitated by myself and presented by Miguel Tejada Iraizoz who was part of the working group managing the standard revision. Miguel will present in English and he is fluent in French as well.

We encourage you to participate in these sessions and learn more about sustainability in sugarcane production. Particularly, farms and estates that aim to implement sustainable practices will benefit from attending, even if Bonsucro certification is not the ultimate ambition. The sessions are open to all African sugarcane producers and producer support organisations.

Please note that this training is based on the new Production Standard Version 5.1, which differs somewhat from the [Bonsucro Smallholder Standard](#). Nevertheless, there are many similarities and smallholders can still benefit from participating.

We hope to welcome you to the training.

To register, please click [here](#) or go to our website [www.bonsucro.com](http://www.bonsucro.com)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. Goossens'.

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