



**The RSB's comprehensive sustainability framework consists of 12 principles:**

1. Biofuel operations shall follow all applicable laws and regulations.
2. Sustainable biofuel operations shall be planned, implemented, and continuously improved through an open, transparent, and consultative impact statement and management process and an economic viability analysis.
3. Biofuels shall contribute to climate change mitigation by significantly reducing life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions as compared with fossil fuels (*at least 50%*).
4. Biofuel operations shall not violate human rights or labour rights and shall promote decent work and the well-being of workers.
5. In regions of poverty, biofuel operations shall contribute to the social and economic development of local, rural, and indigenous people and communities.
6. Biofuel operations shall ensure the human right to adequate food and improve food security in food insecure regions.
7. Biofuel operations shall avoid negative impacts on biodiversity, ecosystems, and other conservation values.
8. Biofuel operations shall implement practices that seek to reverse soil degradation and/or maintain soil health.
9. Biofuel operations shall maintain or enhance the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater resources and respect prior formal or customary water rights.
10. Air pollution from biofuel operations shall be minimized along the supply chain.
11. The use of technologies in biofuel operations shall seek to maximize production efficiency and social and environmental performance, and minimize the risk of damages to the environment and people.
12. Biofuel operations shall respect land rights and land-use rights.