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TRANSITION REQUEST FORM - CPA

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Summary:

The CPA transitioning from **CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG)** shall submit the transition request form and VPA - DD (this document). The **Transition Request Form** is also to be completed for CPA that are already registered with GS4GG for CER labelling and seek to move to GSVER stream to issue Gold Standard VERs.

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The following table summarises how different sections of this document shall be filled to facilitate request for transition from other standard to GS4GG.

Section	Required for	How to complete the section
Transition Request Form		
TRF.1 Eligibility check for transition	All CPAs	Answer the assessment questions and provide supporting information as needed
TRF.2 Transition project information	All CPAs	Provide CPA information pertaining to the standard, the project is transitioning from (e.g. CDM)
TFR.3 Transition checklist	All CPAs	Answer the assessment questions and provide supporting information in the section in the VPA - DD section as needed
VPA – DD		
Key project information	All CPAs	Include VPA details pertaining to GS4GG
Section A to E	All CPAs	Provide information as needed. Any section/subsections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that requires information/justification or additional information as per transition checklist, AND - that involves update/revision to the information provided for registration with other standards. In such cases, the project shall copy and paste the information from registered VPA - DD (other standard) and mark the additional information in track changes.

SECTION – TRANSITION REQUEST FORM

TRF.1 ELIGIBILITY CHECK FOR TRANSITION


To be completed for all CPAs seeking transition to GS4GG from other standards.

Requirement	
The CPA must have a crediting period start date with CDM/other standard on or after 01 January 2016	CPA assessment (to be completed by CME) Is the CPA(s) crediting period start date after 01 January 2016? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (go to questions below)
The CPA that has a crediting period start date with CDM/other standard before 01 January 2016 shall demonstrate the risk of discontinuation without carbon revenue.	<i>Explain the risks/barriers that may cause discontinuation of CPA without carbon revenue. The carbon revenues are used to do the project management and after sales support and to enable the development of the overall project with further subsidized stove sales under further CPAs. CME constructed a local factory for the production of efficient cook stove to be deployed under this project.</i>
The CPA that has a crediting period start date with CDM/other standard before 01 January 2016 shall demonstrate how the project has been operational in the absence of carbon revenue, if carbon credits have not been issued to the project in recent years.	<i>Explain how the CPA has managed the operation in the absence of carbon revenue in recent years. The CPA had constant carbon revenues in the recent years.</i>
List of supporting documents	<i>Please list all supporting documentation. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted from being published</i>

TRF.2 TRANSITION PROJECT INFORMATION

CME shall provide CPA information (in grey rows), pertaining to the standard, the CPA is transitioning from (e.g. CDM) in the table below.

Name of the original standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<u>Add the standard name here</u>)	
CPA status with original standard	<i>The current status of CPA with CDM/other standard at the time of submission of this form.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active (registration status is valid) <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn (deregistered) <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional (awaiting guidance from the CMP at CMP 16, CDM CPAs only)	
CDM/ other standard reference ID	<i>The reference number/ID allocated to the CPA by CDM/other standard.</i> 5067-P1-0001-CP2	
CPA reference weblink	<i>The weblink of the project page of CDM/other standard.</i> https://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/cpa_db/MNGOBZ48UAI1T2E50JW6QCRHSYFV9P/view	
PoA reference ID and Title	Reference ID and Title For example 0457: Cooking stoves distribution programme in Uganda 5067: Improved Cooking Stoves for Nigeria Programme of Activities	
Title of CPA	<i>The title of the CPA used for registration with CDM/other standard.</i> CPA # 2 Improved Cooking Stoves for Nigeria	
New title of CPA (if applicable)	<i>The title of the CPA if it has been changed for registering with Gold Standard. (Follow GS4GG requirements Section 5, PoA requirements)</i>	
Methodology used	<i>Methodology title and the version number applied for registration with CDM /other standard.</i> AMS-II.G. ver. 3 - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass	
Amount of reductions	<i>Average annual emission reductions (tCO₂eq/year).</i> 11290	
Inclusion date	<i>The CPA inclusion date with CDM/other standard.</i> 11/07/2012	
Type of crediting period	<input type="checkbox"/> renewable crediting period <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fixed crediting period	
Crediting period	<i>The CPA registered crediting period start date and end date with CDM/other standard.</i> Start date: 15/07/2012 End date: 14/07/2022	
Total monitoring periods issued	<i>The total period that has already been issued by CDM/other standard.</i> Start date: 15/07/2012 End date: 31/12/2020	
Latest monitoring period	<i>The latest monitoring period that has already been issued or submitted for issuance to CDM/other standard.</i> Start date: 01/01/2021 End date: 30/06/2021	
	Issuance Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Issued <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awaiting issuance

	Date of Issuance, if issued.	dd/mm/yyyy
Declaration	<p><i>Click on the tick box to confirm.</i></p> <p>The Coordinating/Managing Entity hereby acknowledges that project developer;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 - has included information in this document that has not been validated/verified as part of CDM PDD OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 2 - has copied all validated information as it appears in the original and then used tracked changes to highlight any information that not been validated/or has changed - <i>Note if option 2 is selected the project developer shall fill all sections in the PDD template of this document.</i></p> <p>The Coordinating/Managing Entity hereby acknowledges that project developer;</p> <p>x is aware that for a given vintage, a registered Gold Standard CPA can request the issuance of the emission reductions under only one standard/certification scheme. (applicable to all projects).</p> <p>x is aware that all CPAs that transition to GS4GG shall demonstrate Ongoing Financial Need at the time of renewal of their crediting period following applicable GS4GG requirements. (applicable to all CPAs).</p> <p>x confirms that the project developer/representative will make a declaration, in writing, in the monitoring report submitted to Gold Standard that (applicable to CDM CPAs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPAs will/has not issue both a CER/other compliance units under Paris Agreement and a GSVER for the same vintage. - CME agrees to comply with all future UNFCCC COP/CMP decisions¹ including adjustment of GWP values 	
Coordinating/Managing Entity / authorised signatory	<p><i>Name and designation of CME/authorised signatory</i></p> <p>Nele Erdmann, Senior Project Manager </p>	

TRF.3 TRANSITION CHECKLIST

Coordinating/Managing Entity shall answer all assessment questions listed below and provide additional information/justification in the VPA-DD section, where required. Please note that the checklist is based on the [GHG Emissions Reductions and Sequestration Product Requirements](#).

¹ CDM clarification available on this topic as on date can be referred to [here](#).

The checklist also provides relevant requirements applicable to PoA/CPA transitioning to GS4GG for easy referencing. The CME shall refer to relevant GS4GG documents, as applicable, for further details. It is recommended that CME refers to Guidelines in the table below for more information on the requirements and flexibilities provided. This document (in word) shall be submitted to SustainCERT along with other required documents **for preliminary review** as listed below –

- [Cover Letter](#)
- [Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Official Development Assistance declaration](#)
- [Stakeholder Consultation Report](#)
- PoA Design Document (PoA-PDD) final version (CDM/other standard)
- CPA-DD registered with CDM/other standard
- Validation report submitted to CDM/other standard
- Last Monitoring and Verification report submitted to CDM/other standard

1 TRANSITION PATHWAY	
1.1 Option 1: Is CPA seeking registration with GS4GG to issue GSCERs while maintaining the CDM registration? (Ref: GHG Product Requirements)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.2 Option 2: Is CPA seeking registration with GS4GG to issue GSVERs only and/or conversion of issued CERs to GSVERs ? (Ref: Annex B, GHG Product Requirements) <i>Note – for conversion of issued CERs to GSVERs, the project must be registered with GS4GG.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.3 Option 3: Is CPA seeking registration with GS4GG to issue GSVERs only and/or conversion of emission reduction to GSVERs issued by standard other than CDM ? (Ref: Annex B, GHG Product Requirements)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Requirement:</p> <p>All CPAs submitting request for transition on or after 1/1/2021 must demonstrate compliance with requirements stated in Annex B, GHG Product Requirements.</p> <p>The CPA following option 1 above;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may seek registration under GS4GG based on provisional CDM EB decision - may seek issuance of GSVERs in exchange of provisional CERs based on CDM EB decision but must transfer issued CERs to the Gold Standard Swiss CDM Registry Account. If there are any implications for issued volume or project eligibility due to CMP decision regarding GWP, additionality or any other decision, the CME must address these issues, as applicable in consultation with SustainCERT/GS. <p>The CPA transitioning to GS4GG following option 2 above,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may convert issued CERs to GSVERs - are not required to deregister from CDM but shall not claim emission reductions under both GS4GG and CDM for the same vintage <p>The CPA transitioning to GS4GG following option 3 above,</p>	

- may convert issued emission reductions unit to GSVERs
- may issue GSVERs
- shall deregister project from other standard before registration with GS4GG

Guidelines:

PoA/CPAs already undergoing design certification for CER labelling can continue with their existing process. [SustainCERT](#) shall be notified of the intention to switch to GSVER stream, at the earliest possible opportunity.

PoA/CPAs already certified for CER labelling can switch to GSVER stream by completing this form and notifying [SustainCERT](#). Such project may leave the VPA-DD section blank as this information has been captured in GS4GG PDD version submitted earlier.

2| TRANSITION APPROVAL PROCEDURE

1.1	Option 1 - Is the project undergoing a preliminary review by sustainCERT , validation by VVB and design review by SustainCERT ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.2	Option 2 - Is the project undergoing a combined preliminary review, validation, and design review by SustainCERT ? (restrictions apply, see 5.3 below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.3	Option 3- Is the project undergoing preliminary review by SustainCERT , combined validation & verification by VVB , followed by combined design and performance review by SustainCERT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Requirement:

The PoA certification under GS4GG involves following key steps. Refer to Section 12. Project cycle [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) for details.

Preliminary review - Preliminary Review of the PoA is conducted once at the time of first submission to Gold Standard. It involves desk review of the Key Project Information and PoA-DD by SustainCERT. The PoA can only be listed once a preliminary review of PoA and each CPA submitted with PoA has been completed.

Design certification (validation + design review) - Design certification involves validation by VVB and design review by SustainCERT. With successful design certification the PoA will obtain 'Certified design' status that is equivalent to registration under CDM and other standard. The real case CPA-DD is required with PoA-DD for design review as per [Programme of Activity Requirements](#).

Performance certification (verification + performance review) - Performance certification involves verification by VVB and performance review by SustainCERT. The positive conclusion of the Performance Review period shall result in Gold Standard 'Certified Project status' and CPAs can issue GSVERs. The CME may opt for combined Design Certification, conducting both the first Verification and Performance Review under GS4GG at the same time.

CPAs/VPAs Inclusion – Once a real case CPA/VPA fully design certified, the CME may include CPAs/VPAs applying same technology measures following a simplified inclusion process. It involves, VVB's compliance check followed by SustainCERT design review (two weeks) or if selected for spot - check three week design review.

To minimise disruption and keep the transition review time and costs minimum, the PoA is provided with flexibilities as summarised in the table below;

Certification stage	Option 1	Option 2*	Option 3
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Certification outcome		Normal certification pathway	Combined Preliminary review + Validation + Design review	Combined validation + verification followed by combined design + performance review
PoA+ REAL Case CPA				
Listing	Preliminary review	SustainCERT		SustainCERT
Certified Design = Registration	Validation	VVB	SustainCERT	VVB
	Design review	SustainCERT		SustainCERT
Certified project = Issuance	Verification	VVB	VVB	VVB
	Performance review	SustainCERT	SustainCERT	SustainCERT
CPA/VPA inclusion				
CPA/VPA inclusion	Compliance check	VVB	SustainCERT	VVB
	Design review	SustainCERT		SustainCERT
	Verification	VVB	VVB	VVB
	Performance review	SustainCERT	SustainCERT	SustainCERT

For option 1, a validation/inclusion site visit by VVB is not required for CPAs proposed for inclusion as long as the VVB conducted a site visit as part of validation/verification in last three years (from time of first submission for preliminary review) and new/updated information can be audited based on desk review and/or using remote audit approaches.

For Option 2, SustainCERT conducts PoA/CPAs design elements desk based audit and approve PoA/CPAs transition, without VVB’s opinion. **Note that this option will involve additional review fee levied by SustainCERT. The project developer shall confirm the applicable fee and timelines with SustainCERT (help@sustain-cert.com) before submitting the request for transition.**

If transition PoA is applying a new/latest version of the methodology which requires full audit but VVB, option 2 cannot be applied.

CMEs may also directly include VPAs/CPAs in the registered PoA, without VVB compliance check

- a. If at least one VPA/CPA of the registered PoA has completed successful performance certification, and
- b. The VPA/CPA that has completed performance certification and the VPAs/CPAs that are included by CME without VVB compliance check shall,
 - involve same technology/measure and apply same methodology in case of single technology POA
 - involve same technologies/measures and apply same methodology(ies) combination in case of multi technology PoA

Refer to VPA/CPA INCLUSION REQUIREMENTS (RU 2020 P&R - PAR V1.2) for further details on applicability conditions and requirements.

This option is not captured in the table above.

This option doesn’t involve additional fee levied by SustainCERT as mentioned in option 2 above.

3 | CPA ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Is the CPA eligible project type under Gold Standard for the Global Goals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Requirement: The transitioning project shall be one of the eligible project types for issuance of Gold Standard VERs (Ref: [GHG Product Requirements](#)).

Guidelines: Typical eligible activity types are Renewable Energy Supply, End-Use Energy Efficiency Improvement, Waste Handling & Disposal, Land Use and Forests.

- Afforestation/Reforestation project registered with CDM/other standard may transition to GS4GG for issuance of GSVERs only but are not eligible for labelling of issued emission reduction units.
- RE projects shall refer to [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements](#) for eligibility check.
- RE projects for example - · Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements. Refer to Annex – A of [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements](#) for further details.
- Community Services Activities projects for example - Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal · Relighting · End-use fossil switching are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements. Refer to Annex – A of [Community Services Activity Requirements](#) for further details.

COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

1.2	Does the CPA conform to the relevant Activity Requirements (CSA/RE)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.3	Does any specific eligibility criteria/requirement stipulated in Annex A of CSA/RE requirements apply to the CPA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.4	Does specific eligibility criteria/requirement stipulated in Annex A of CSA/RE requirements that apply to the CPA, lead to any change in the registered PoA -DD or VPA -DD? If Yes, please provide a full explanation in section A.1.3. below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Requirement:

(Ref: Section 4.1.1 of [GHG Product Requirements](#))

CPA shall conform to the relevant Activity Requirements and Gold Standard Approved Methodologies, including [eligible CDM Methodologies](#).

RE rule update / RE PoA rule update:

Grid connected Renewable Energy CPAs seeking to transition from another carbon crediting scheme to GS4GG or labelling of emission reductions under GS4GG are exempted from eligibility requirements listed in para 2.1.3 of the RE Activity Requirements. This exemption is only allowed to projects that started the first crediting period with the original carbon crediting scheme from 01/01/2016 or later but before 24/01/2020. (Ref: Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of [RU 2020 AR –RE V1.2](#))

Specific [Renewable Energy Activity requirements](#) (refer to Annex A): Hydropower, biomass resources, landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues, Waste Heat/Gas recovery, Fossil co-generation, Waste incineration and gasification, Waste handling and disposal.

Specific [Community Service Activity requirements](#) (refer to Annex A): Hydropower, biomass resources, landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues, Waste Heat/Gas recovery, Fossil co-generation, Waste incineration and gasification, Waste handling and disposal, Relighting, End-use fossil switching.

5 APPLICABILITY OF THE METHODOLOGY/TOOL VERSION		
1.5 	Does the CPA apply an eligible GS methodology? Refer to list of the eligible methodologies here .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.6 	Does the CPA apply the version of the methodology and applicable tools applied for CDM/other standard registration or renewal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.7 	Does the CPA apply the latest version of the methodology and applicable tools applied in registered PoAs for inclusion of new VPAs after transition to GS4GG? If Yes, please provide a full explanation in section B below. And note that the CPA cannot opt for option 2 mentioned transition approval procedure, above.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Requirement: (Ref: Annex B of GHG Product Requirements)</p> <p>Transition CPA shall</p> <p>a. conform to the relevant Activity Requirements and Gold Standard Approved Methodologies, including eligible CDM Methodologies referring to the inclusion criteria of registered PoA.</p> <p>b. also meet the additional GS4GG methodology eligibility requirements, where applicable. Refer to CDM Methodologies for Gold Standard Eligibility Requirements, referring to the inclusion criteria of registered PoA.</p> <p>Transition CPA shall apply the version of GS approved CDM methodology or methodology tool for transition to GS4GG as follows;</p> <p>a. version applied for inclusion in the registered PoAs with other standard, OR</p> <p>b. latest version applied by the registered PoAs for inclusion of new VPAs after transition to GS4GG.</p> <p>Note that The Transition PoA may include the latest version of the methodology and applicable tool for inclusion of new VPA(s), at the time of first submission (preliminary review) or at any later stage of certification cycle, but before submitting the request for inclusion for new VPAs. In such cases, VVB shall validate the updated PoA and VPA documents as per applied version of the methodology and or methodology tool before or with the request for inclusion of new VPAs.</p>		
6 DEMONSTRATION OF ADDITIONALITY		
1.8 	Are you aware that the transitioning CPA will be required to demonstrate Ongoing Financial Need as per the relevant GS rules and requirements available at the time of renewal of crediting period? (Refer to para 4.1.51 – 4.1.53 of Principles & Requirements .)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.9 	Does CPA meet the PoA inclusion criteria with respect to the additionality justification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CDM PoA/CPAs are not required to carry out additional assessment for demonstration of additionality over and above what has been done for registration/determination with the CDM unless the project falls into a category that is deemed non-additional in an applicable Gold Standard Activity Requirement. In such cases the relevant Activity Requirement shall take precedence. Ref: Annex B GHG Product Requirements. - Transition PoA/CPAs registered with standards other than CDM are required to undergo additionality revalidation to re-establish the validity of the underlying assumptions applied in the demonstration of additionality at the time of registration with the other standard. - The PoA/CPAs seeking combined transition and renewal of crediting period with GS4GG are not required to demonstrate OFN at the time of transition but must demonstrate OFN at the time of 		

Crediting Period renewal after transitioning to GS4GG.

7| SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

7.1 	Does the CPA positively contribute towards minimum three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - SDG13 (mandatory) + two other SDGs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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7.2 	Have you identified the monitoring parameters linked with selected SDGs and corresponding SDG targets? For example – the monitoring parameter <u>Amount of GHGs emissions avoided or sequestered</u> is linked with SDG 13. Climate action, SDG target 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Fill section B.6. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) outcomes and B.7 Monitoring plan, below for SDGs monitoring parameters not covered in registered CPA-DD with other standards.

Fill Table 1 – Estimated Sustainable Development Contributions below.

Requirement:

The transitioning CPA shall demonstrate a clear, direct contribution to sustainable development, defined as making demonstrable, positive impacts on at least three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of which must be SDG 13 (Ref: Section 4.(c) of [Principles and Requirements](#))

Refer to Annex B, [GHG Product Requirements](#) for further guidelines for transition projects.

Guidelines:

Selected SDG impacts must not result from a one-off from design/construction/distribution/ start-up or decommissioning of the project.

You may refer to /use the SDG impact Tool (under consultation currently) to identify the relevant monitoring indicator, SDGs and corresponding SDG targets and design monitoring plan for identified indicators.

8| START DATE AND DURATION OF THE CREDITING PERIOD

8.1 	Has the crediting period of the transitioning CPA registered with other carbon standard/certification scheme changed and/or extended?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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8.2 	Is the total duration of the crediting period of CPA (i.e. including period that had been issued under the host standard) less than/equal to the maximum crediting period allowed under relevant GS4GG activity requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Complete the section C.2.2 Total length of crediting period below.

Requirement:

- The crediting period of the transitioning CPA registered with other standards or certification schemes cannot be changed/extended.
- Maximum crediting period allowed under GS4GG are as
CSA – 15 Yrs, RE – 15 Yrs, if not defined in activity requirement or applicable methodology – 10 Yrs.

- The start date of the GS crediting period shall be same as the start date of the CDM crediting period. (Annex B, [GHG Product Requirements](#))
- For a transitioning CPA the total duration of the crediting period, including the period that has been claimed under the host standard, shall not exceed the maximum crediting period allowed under relevant GS4GG activity requirements.

If a given CPA transitioning to GS4GG, was registered under Standard X with -

- fixed crediting period (10 years): The total crediting period (Standard X + GS4GG) must remain 10 years. The CPA can only claim remaining years of its 10-year crediting period after transitioning to GS4GG.
- renewable crediting period (7*3 year): The total crediting period (Standard X + GS4GG) must be equal to that allowed under relevant GS4GG activity requirements. The CPA can only claim remaining years of the maximum allowed crediting period after transitioning to GS4GG. For example; the maximum crediting period allowed for renewable energy project is 15 years. A renewable energy CPA that has already claimed 5 years under Standard X can only claim remaining 10 years of the total 15 years of its allowed crediting period after transitioning to GS4GG
- For a transitioning CPA, the start date of the Gold Standard Crediting Period starts with crediting period start date with other standard or maximum two years before the date of first submission (submission for preliminary review), whichever occurs later.. (Ref: [GHG Product Requirements](#))
- All transition CPAs shall be renewed every 5 years. The first crediting period renewal under GS4GG takes into account the crediting years that has already been issued by other standard. For example, if a CPA start date with standard X is 01/01/ 2019, the CPA shall renew its crediting period with GS4GG on or before 1st Jan 2024, irrespective of date of transition approval with GS4GG.

9| SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES ASSESSMENT

9.1 	Does the CPA conform to the Gold Standard Safeguarding Principles and Requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.2 	Is there any risk and/or likely adverse outcomes of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.3 	If answer is yes for Q Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. , can the project achieve requirements with regards to the relevant principle through design, management or risk mitigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.4 	If answer is yes for Q Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden. , have the Mitigation Measures added to the Monitoring Plan (if required)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Complete the Annex 1 and section D. Summary of Safeguarding Principles below.

Requirement: The transitioning project shall conform to the [Gold Standard Safeguarding Principles and Requirements](#). (Ref: Section 4.1.19 of [GS4GG Principles and Requirements](#))

Guidelines: The detailed Safeguarding Principles and Requirements checklist is available in Annex 1 of this document.

10 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS	
<p>10.1 Has the CPA conducted a Stakeholder Consultation in accordance with the requirements of Gold Standard Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements?</p> <p>The answer to Q 10.1 is "No", if any of the questions below is answered as "No". The project should take the question(s) into account and address the gap when conducting supplementary stakeholder consultation to comply with GS4GG requirements.</p> <p>Please answer the below question with regards to the stakeholder consultation conducted to comply with CDM/other standard requirements?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.2 Did you conduct the stakeholder consultation before the CPA start date?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.3 Did you discuss identified direct positive and negative impacts of the CPA with stakeholders?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.4 Does the invited stakeholder covers all stakeholder groups (a to g) listed in paragraph 3.1.1. of STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.5 Did the invitation methods solicit input from women and marginalised groups?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.6 Were the stakeholders invited at least 30 days before the stakeholder meeting?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.7 Did a local language version of the non-technical summary with information required as per paragraph 5.1.1. of STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS, shared with stakeholders?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.8 Was a physical meeting conducted?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.9 Was a gender lens applied to assessing comments? (for example, if only men provided comments on household device project, was this taken into consideration when assessing the relevance of the comment?)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.10 Were any serious, reasonable and proportional concerns raised and taken into account and satisfactorily addressed?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.11 Were any points that warrant 'Mitigation measures' marked as such and monitoring plan has been designed and included in the PDD?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.12 Is the mandatory Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book's location clearly stated (and therefore usable)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>10.13 Does PDD include a summary report of the comments received from local stakeholders?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p style="background-color: #00A651; color: white; padding: 5px;">Complete the section E. Summary of Local Stakeholder Consultation below.</p> <p>Requirement: Ref: Section 4.1.25 of GS Principles and Requirements.</p>	

Guidelines: CPA that conducted a stakeholder consultation meeting to comply with CDM/other standard requirements, should conduct, at minimum,

- one round of consultation for identified gaps i.e., gaps due to differences in stakeholder consultation requirements of GS4GG and CDM/other standard. For instance, if original consultations only involve one physical meeting, CME/PD should conduct a stakeholder feedback round covering all the identified gaps. The additional stakeholder consultations may involve a physical meeting or stakeholder feedback round, as necessary.

If COVID interim measures are applicable (currently till 30/06/2021), the physical meeting and stakeholder feedback round may be postponed, and a draft SCR shall be mandatorily submitted to cover the consultation activities carried out till date.

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[**TEMPLATE GUIDE Key Project Information & VPA Design Document v.1.1**](#)

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KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

GS ID of Project	
Title of Project	
Time of First Submission Date	
Date of Design Certification	
Version number of the VPA-DD	
Completion date of version	
Coordinating/managing entity	
VPA Implementer (s)	
Project Participants and any communities involved	
Host Country (ies)	
GS ID and Title of applicable Design Certified VPA	
GS ID and Title of applicable Performance Certified VPA	
Activity Requirements applied	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Forestry Activities/Risks & Capacities <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Scale of the project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Micro scale <input type="checkbox"/> Small Scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large Scale
Other Requirements applied	

Methodology (ies) applied and version number	
Product Requirements applied	<input type="checkbox"/> GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Label <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Project Cycle:	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Retroactive

Table 2 – Estimated Sustainable Development Contributions

Sustainable Development Goals Targeted	SDG Impact (defined in Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.)	Estimated Annual Average	Units or Products
13 Climate Action (mandatory)			

SECTION A. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

A.1. Purpose and general description of project

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A.1.1. Eligibility of the project under approved PoA

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No.	Eligibility Criterion	Description/ Required condition	Means of Verification/Supporting evidence for inclusion
1			
2			
3			
...			

A.1.2. Legal ownership of products generated by the project and legal rights to alter use of resources required to service the project

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A.2. Location of project

>>

A.3. Technologies and/or measures

>>

A.4. Scale of the project

>>

A.5. Funding sources of project

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SECTION B. APPLICATION OF APPROVED GOLD STANDARD METHODOLOGY (IES) AND/OR DEMONSTRATION OF SDG CONTRIBUTIONS

B.1. Reference of approved methodology (ies)

>>

B.2. Applicability of methodology (ies)

>>

B.3. Project boundary

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Source	GHGs	Included?	Justification/Explanation
Baseline scenario	Source 1	CO ₂	
		CH ₄	
		N ₂ O	
		...	
	Source 2	CO ₂	
		CH ₄	
		N ₂ O	
		...	
	
	Project scenario	Source 1	CO ₂
CH ₄			
N ₂ O			
...			
Source 2		CO ₂	
		CH ₄	
		N ₂ O	
		...	
...		...	
...		...	
...	...		

B.4. Establishment and description of baseline scenario

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B.5. Demonstration of additionality

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Specify the methodology, activity requirement or product requirement that establishes deemed additionality for the proposed project (including the version number and the specific paragraph, if applicable).	
Describe how the proposed project meets the criteria for deemed additionality.	

Use this table for Automatic Additionality Only – delete if N/A

B.5.1. Prior Consideration

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B.5.2. Ongoing Financial Need

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B.6. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) outcomes

Relevant Target/Indicator for each of the three SDGs

Sustainable Development Goals Targeted	Most relevant SDG Target	SDG Impact
		Indicator (Proposed or SDG Indicator)

B.6.1. Explanation of methodological choices/approaches for estimating the SDG Impact

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B.6.2. Data and parameters fixed ex ante

Copy the table for each piece of data and parameter; use headings to group parameter tables by SDG

SDG13

Data/parameter	
Unit	
Description	
Source of data	
Value(s) applied	
Choice of data or Measurement methods and procedures	
Purpose of data	
Additional comment	

(SDG n ...)

B.6.3. Ex ante estimation of SDG Impact

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B.6.4. Summary of ex ante estimates of each SDG outcome

Year	Baseline estimate	Project estimate	Net benefit
Year 1			
Year 2			
Year 2			
Year 4			
Year 5			

Year n (delete if N/A)			
Total			
Total number of crediting years			
Annual average over the crediting period			

B.7. Monitoring plan

B.7.1. Data and parameters to be monitored

(Copy the table for each piece of data and parameter; use headings to group parameter tables by SDG)

SDG 13

Data / Parameter	
Unit	
Description	
Source of data	
Value(s) applied	
Measurement methods and procedures	
Monitoring frequency	
QA/QC procedures	
Purpose of data	
Additional comment	

(SDG n...)

B.7.2. Sampling plan

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B.7.3. Other elements of monitoring plan

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SECTION C. DURATION AND CREDITING PERIOD

C.1. Duration of project

C.1.1. Start date of project

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C.1.2. Expected operational lifetime of project

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C.2. Crediting period of project

C.2.1. Start date of crediting period

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C.2.2. Total length of crediting period

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SECTION D. SUMMARY OF SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES AND GENDER SENSITIVE ASSESSMENT

D.1. Safeguarding Principles that will be monitored

A completed Safeguarding Principles Assessment is in [Appendix 1](#), ongoing monitoring is summarised below.

Principles	Mitigation Measures added to the Monitoring Plan
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Principle x.y

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D.2. Assessment that project complies with GS4GG Gender Sensitive requirements

Question 1 - Explain how the project reflects the key issues and requirements of Gender Sensitive design and implementation as outlined in the Gender Policy?	
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Question 2 - Explain how the project aligns with existing country policies, strategies and best practices	
Question 3 - Is an Expert required for the Gender Safeguarding Principles & Requirements?	
Question 4 - Is an Expert required to assist with Gender issues at the Stakeholder Consultation?	

SECTION E. SUMMARY OF LOCAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The below is a summary of the 2 step GS4GG Consultation for monitoring purposes. Please refer to the separate Stakeholder Consultation Report for a complete report on the initial consultation and stakeholder feedback round.

E.1. Summary of stakeholder mitigation measures

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E.2. Final continuous input / grievance mechanism

Method	Include all details of Chosen Method (s) so that they may be understood and, where relevant, used by readers.
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)	
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org
Other	

APPENDIX 1 - SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES ASSESSMENT

Complete the Assessment below and copy all Mitigation Measures for each Principle into [SECTION D](#) above. Please refer to the instructions in the [Guide to Completing](#) this Form below.

Assessment Questions/ Requirements	Justification of Relevance (Yes/potentially/no)	How Project will achieve Requirements through design, management or risk mitigation.	Mitigation Measures added to the Monitoring Plan (if required)
Principle 1. Human Rights			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Project Developer and the Project shall respect internationally proclaimed human rights and shall not be complicit in violence or human rights abuses of any kind as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 2. The Project shall not discriminate with regards to participation and inclusion 			
Principle 2. Gender Equality			

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Project shall not directly or indirectly lead to/contribute to adverse impacts on gender equality and/or the situation of women 2. Projects shall apply the principles of nondiscrimination, equal treatment, and equal pay for equal work 3. The Project shall refer to the country's national gender strategy or equivalent national commitment to aid in assessing gender risks 4. (where required) Summary of opinions and recommendations of an Expert Stakeholder(s) 			
Principle 3. Community Health, Safety and Working Conditions			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Project shall avoid community exposure to increased health risks and shall not adversely affect the health of the 			

workers and the community			
Principle 4.1 Sites of Cultural and Historical Heritage			
Does the Project Area include sites, structures, or objects with historical, cultural, artistic, traditional or religious values or intangible forms of culture?			
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Principle 4.2 Forced Eviction and Displacement			
Does the Project require or cause the physical or economic relocation of peoples (temporary or permanent, full or partial)?			
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Principle 4.3 Land Tenure and Other Rights			
a. Does the Project require any change, or have any uncertainties related to land tenure arrangements and/or access rights, usage rights or land ownership? b. For Projects involving land use tenure, are there any			

uncertainties with regards to land tenure, access rights, usage rights or land ownership?			
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Principle 4.4 - Indigenous people			
Are indigenous peoples present in or within the area of influence of the Project and/or is the Project located on land/territory claimed by indigenous peoples?			
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Principle 5. Corruption			
1. The Project shall not involve, be complicit in or inadvertently contribute to or reinforce corruption or corrupt Projects			
Principle 6.1 Labour Rights			
1.1 The Project Developer shall ensure that all employment is in compliance with national labour occupational			

<p>health and safety laws and with the principles and standards embodied in the ILO fundamental conventions</p> <p>1.2 Workers shall be able to establish and join labour organisations</p> <p>1.3 Working agreements with all individual workers shall be documented and implemented and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Working hours (must not exceed 48 hours per week on a regular basis), AND b) Duties and tasks, AND c) Remuneration (must include provision for payment of overtime), AND d) Modalities on health insurance, AND e) Modalities on termination of the contract with provision 			
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<p>for voluntary resignation by employee, AND</p> <p>f) Provision for annual leave of not less than 10 days per year, not including sick and casual leave.</p> <p>1.4 No child labour is allowed (Exceptions for children working on their families' property requires an Expert Stakeholder opinion)</p> <p>1.5 The Project Developer shall ensure the use of appropriate equipment, training of workers, documentation and reporting of accidents and incidents, and emergency preparedness and response measures</p>			
<p>Principle 6.2 Negative Economic Consequences</p>			
<p>1.1 Does the project cause negative economic consequences during</p>			

and after project implementation?			
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Principle 7.1 Emissions			
Will the Project increase greenhouse gas emissions over the Baseline Scenario?			
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Principle 7.2 Energy Supply			
Will the Project use energy from a local grid or power supply (i.e., not connected to a national or regional grid) or fuel resource (such as wood, biomass) that provides for other local users?			
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Principle 8.1 Impact on Natural Water Patterns/Flows			
Will the Project affect the natural or pre-existing pattern of watercourses, ground-water and/or the watershed(s) such as high seasonal flow variability, flooding potential,			

lack of aquatic connectivity or water scarcity?			
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Principle 8.2 Erosion and/or Water Body Instability			
a. Could the Project directly or indirectly cause additional erosion and/or water body instability or disrupt the natural pattern of erosion? b. Is the Project's area of influence susceptible to excessive erosion and/or water body instability?			
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Principle 9.1 Landscape Modification and Soil			
Does the Project involve the use of land and soil for production of crops or other products?			
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Principle 9.2 Vulnerability to Natural Disaster			
Will the Project be susceptible to or lead to increased vulnerability to wind,			

earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding, drought or other extreme climatic conditions?			
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Principle 9.3 Genetic Resources			
Could the Project be negatively impacted by or involve genetically modified organisms or GMOs (e.g., contamination, collection and/or harvesting, commercial development, or take place in facilities or farms that include GMOs in their processes and production)?			
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Principle 9.4 Release of pollutants			
Could the Project potentially result in the release of pollutants to the environment?			
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Principle 9.5 Hazardous and Non-hazardous Waste			
Will the Project involve the manufacture, trade, release, and/ or use of hazardous and			

non-hazardous chemicals and/or materials?			
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Principle 9.6 Pesticides & Fertilisers			
Will the Project involve the application of pesticides and/or fertilisers?			
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Principle 9.7 Harvesting of Forests			
Will the Project involve the harvesting of forests?			
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Principle 9.8 Food			
Does the Project modify the quantity or nutritional quality of food available such as through crop regime alteration or export or economic incentives?			
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Principle 9.9 Animal husbandry			
Will the Project involve animal husbandry?			

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Principle 9.10 High Conservation Value Areas and Critical Habitats			
Does the Project physically affect or alter largely intact or High Conservation Value (HCV) ecosystems, critical habitats, landscapes, key biodiversity areas or sites identified?			
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Principle 9.11 Endangered Species			
a. Are there any endangered species identified as potentially being present within the Project boundary (including those that may route through the area)? b. Does the Project potentially impact other areas where endangered species may be present through transboundary affects?			
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APPENDIX 2- CONTACT INFORMATION OF VPA IMPLEMENTER

Organization name	
Registration number with relevant authority	
Street/P.O. Box	
Building	
City	
State/Region	
Postcode	
Country	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Website	
Contact person	
Title	
Salutation	
Last name	
Middle name	
First name	
Department	
Mobile	
Direct tel.	
Personal e-mail	

APPENDIX 3-SUMMARY OF APPROVED DESIGN CHANGES

Please refer to [Design Changes Requirements](#) for more information on procedures governing Design Changes.

Revision History

Version	Date	Remarks
1.0	01/04/2021	Initial adoption