

Gold Standard[®]

STANDARDS SETTING WORKPLAN 2026

April 2026

INTRODUCTION

The need to understand that the climate is becoming even more urgent, with temperatures already registering 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, a 50% reduction in emissions globally is required by 2030, including a cut of methane emissions by a third. The next few years are therefore critical, and we need near-term milestones and actions to help us get on track for long-term targets.

The carbon market is in a period of unprecedented development and evolution. New technologies are emerging that can improve accuracy and efficiency; new market opportunities are available at the international and jurisdictional level; while the focus on integrity and transparency is greater than ever before.

To support this shift and urgent need, we have made some important revisions to our standard development priorities. This document provides details of these changes as well as our plans to continue maximising market opportunities, mitigating risk, ensuring integrity, and delivering a clearer, more streamlined, and simpler application of our standard.

Summary of key updates include:

I. MARKET DRIVEN STANDARD DEVELOPMENT

Alignment with key emerging market policies, schemes, and requirements to maximise market opportunities for projects as well as mitigate the risk of inadvertently undermining government efforts.

- *Alignment with Paris Agreement.*
- *Alignment with Core Carbon Principles of ICVCM at program level and methodology level.*
- *Prioritise improving standard application and stakeholder outreach.*
- *Continued engagement with rating agencies.*

II. GOLD STANDARD FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS – REVIEW + UPDATES

To conform with ISEAL Alliance’s code of best practice for “Setting Social and Environmental Standards” and to support project development with clearer and more streamlined standard documents, tools, and templates.

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- Explore opportunities to improve timelines for certification process.
- Enhanced governance to support a quicker approval and decision-making process.
- Dedicated support for VVBs
- Digitization of tools/workflows and MRV approaches along with expansion of scope of existing digital tools
- Expanding the scope of identified monitoring indicators available for reporting impact towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Enhance the transparency of the standard

III. METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Gold Standard continues to develop new methodologies and revised existing ones to better support the market and the users of our standard.

- Pre-approved technologies, measures and scopes
- Methodology development priorities
- Methodology requirements and alignment with Paris Agreement

This document follows the ISEAL Alliance “Setting Social and Environmental Standards” Code of Best Practice. The next Gold Standard work plan will be published in April 2026, although please note that significant updates may be made during the intervening period.

STANDARD SETTINGS WORKPLAN 2026

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<p>Alignment with the Paris Agreement</p> <p>Post-2020 carbon market policies and requirements</p>	All	<p>Alignment with Paris Agreement principles.</p> <p>Proactive stakeholder engagement for aligning with the Paris Agreement</p> <p>Revisions to standard documents for alignment with Paris Agreement and also restructuring the information to make the standard more intuitive and consistent.</p>	<p>New requirements on PA alignment were released in December 2025.</p> <p>Paris Alignment updates and knowledge resources shared throughout the year.</p> <p>Documents operationalising alignment of standards and methodologies with PA requirements to be released throughout the year.</p>	<p>PA alignment requirements were released in December 2025. Its implementation will be carried out in 2026.</p>
<p>CORSIA</p> <p>CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units for the second phase (2027-2035 compliance period)</p>	All	<p>Provide guidance for eligibility of GS-VERs for use under CORSIA's Phase II (2027-29).</p> <p>Review and identify improvements to</p>	<p>Updated guidance document on the eligibility of GS-VERs for CORSIA published in December 2025.</p> <p>Labelling template for</p>	<p>As of January 2026, GS4GG is fully approved for supplying credits for Phase II (2027-2029 compliance period) in addition to the pilot phase and Phase I</p>

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		<p>procedures for approving insurance policies for CORSIA eligibility.</p> <p>Undertake further actions requested by ICAO.</p>	<p>projects seeking CORSIA labelling in Q1 2026.</p> <p>Review of insurance policy approvals in Q1-2 2026.</p> <p>Further actions through 2026.</p>	(with certain exclusions)
CRCF (EU Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming Certification Framework)	All	Review of GS4GG governance and documentation to ensure consistency with CRCF requirements, to enable Gold Standard approval as certification scheme	<p>Updates (if required) expected in Q2 2026.</p> <p>Application for approval as CRCF certification scheme in 2026.</p>	The EU published implementing regulations for the CRCF in November 2025, outlining requirements for certification schemes and certification bodies (VVBs) under the CRCF.
Standard applications and stakeholder outreach	All	Proactive outreach to project developers and other stakeholders in the market is a priority for Gold Standard.	Multiple levels of engagement throughout the year to be conducted	Numerous sessions to be conducted in 2026 for project developers and Validation/ Verification Bodies (VVBs) – including online training platform, face-to-face

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				<p>technical workshops and calibration sessions, roundtables, GS conference, and online live webinars</p> <p>Various opportunities /channels to provide stakeholder input/ feedback throughout 2026</p> <p>Specific support to be provided to the VVBs and GS4GG users on the Paris Agreement Alignment</p>
<p>Rating agencies</p> <p>Helping to provide more confidence in markets.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>To ensure ratings are as accurate as possible, Gold Standard will continue to work with rating agencies to deepen understanding and knowledge of the market, methodology and how impacts are quantified, including updates announced in 2025.</p> <p>Continued compliance</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>--</p>

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		with ISEAL Code of Good Practice		

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Principles + Requirements	Principles & requirements	<p>Throughout 2026 secretariat will review, update, simplify the following core documents:</p> <p>CORE DOCUMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles and Requirements - Safeguarding Principles and Requirements - Gender equality requirements + guidelines - SDG assessment requirements - Stakeholder consultation and engagement requirements - Glossary 	Review and update to the standard structure to make it easier for users of GS4GG to navigate and locate relevant standard documentation.	Consultations will be held where required.

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		<p>OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Microscale requirements - Programme of Activity requirements - Design change requirements - Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures <p>Procedure for handling erroneous/over-issuance issuance along with a corresponding credit cancellation form shall be released</p> <p>GS4GG Glossary shall be revisited</p>		
Activity Requirements	Activity requirements	<p>The existing activity requirements to be revamped to ensure all eligible technologies under GS4GG have a corresponding activity requirement.</p> <p>A rule update on the start date of removal projects shall be</p>	<p>Requirement updates will be released throughout the year for consultation and final publication.</p> <p>Agriculture Activity Requirements (New) published in December 2025.</p>	<p>Consultations will be held where required.</p>

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		released for public consultation.		
Standard Tools	Standard tools	Expansion of scope of the digital SDG Tool along with addition of other SDG monitoring indicators Case studies to be released guiding the project developers in monitoring, verifying and claiming the impacts made to the SDGs	More SDG monitoring indicators shall be added to the digital SDG Impact Tool along with inclusion of other technologies by Q2 2026	Public consultation of the proposed indicators concluded.
Methodology Tools	Methodology tools	Following tools (new/revisions) will be published (final or public consultation) in 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tool 3 – Projected Emissions and Monitoring Requirements for Geological Storage, V2.0. - Tool X- Sustainable Sourcing of Biomass. - Adoption of new Tools published under PACM. - Tool for the digital monitoring of cookstoves - Lock-in Risk Analysis Tool - Grid Emission Factor Tool - Technical Lifetime of Equipment Tool 	Tool 3: revision expected in Q1 2026. Tool X: expected in Q2 2026.	--

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Templates	Supporting documents	- The templates shall be revisited based on the changes due to new assurance model and PACM alignment in 2026. PAA PD Transition Package shall be introduced: 1. Gap Analysis Summary 2. Updated PDD/VPA-DD	Template updates will be released quarterly throughout the year.	--
Validation & Verification Bodies (VVBs) documents	VVB Documents	Introduce a PA-aligned version of VVB Requirements and related templates and enable better competence management and approval of auditors. Introduce standardised VVB reporting templates. Updated Validation and Verification Standard Revisions to: - Site visit and remote audit requirements and procedures - Validation and Verification standard	Q2 2026	-

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Deviations and clarifications	Deviations	Gold Standard will review deviation approval procedures to ensure consistency. Internal efficiency enhancement methods shall be implemented to improve timelines of the response.	Throughout 2026	Deviations and precedents Formal clarifications to also be available on website by Q3 2026
Digital innovation	All	Guidelines to design and develop digital methodologies. Continued support for DMRV Pilot Programme until Dec 2026. Exploration of how best to ensure interoperability of Gold Standard Registry with other host countries/global registries. Explore how GS4GG can be further digitised to increase efficiencies, usability and to drive more scale.	Guidelines for digital meths for adoption /piloting planned Q3/Q4 2026 DMRV pilot support, engagement and promotion throughout 2026 Exploration of digital opportunities Q2 2026.	SDG Impact Tool Assurance Platform DMRV Pilot Programme
CCP labelling procedure	All	Development of CCP labelling requirements aligning with developments at ICVCM	Ongoing	

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Dual Certification	Product Requirements	Requirements and Procedures for Dual Certification - Premium T-VER	Q3 2026	Public consultation was finished in 2025.
Policy Requirements & Procedures	Policy Requirements	To enable certification and crediting of mitigation outcomes achieved as a direct result of the introduction of new policies or regulations	Ongoing	Pilot for new policy requirements and procedures launched June 2024
Transition guidelines for A/R projects	Product Requirements	Transition Requirements for Afforestation and Reforestation projects to GS4GG	Q2 2026	
Restructuring of the standard documents	All	Restructure and reclassify the information between various standard documents to make it easier to understand and more intuitive for users to navigate.	Q2 2026	-
Productization of SLCF	All	Explore creating a product around Short-lived Climate Forcers (SLCFs)	Q3 2026	-

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<p>Paris Agreement Alignment (PAA)</p>	<p>Methodologies</p>	<p><u>Paris Agreement Alignment (PAA)</u> to all existing and new Gold Standard methodologies, which shall involve key changes in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baseline setting below BAU 2. Incorporation of the DAF 3. Additionality 4. Suppressed Demand 5. Leakage 6. Lifecycle emissions (e.g., embodied) <p><i>See Standard Documentation Updates for further details on the above.</i></p>	<p>Existing Gold Standard methodologies have been scheduled for PAA in batches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batch 1: Q4 2025 • Batch 2: Q1 2026 • Batch 3: Q2 2026 <p>Details of which methodology is included in each batch can be found here: GS4GG Paris Agreement Alignment</p> <p>New methodologies are currently undergoing PAA in collaboration between the developer and Gold Standard Secretariat. PAA shall be completed before the methodology proceeds to the next development step (e.g., public consultation).</p>
<p>PACM methodology adoption</p>	<p>Methodologies</p>	<p><u>PACM methodology adoption</u></p>	<p>PACM methodologies shall be assessed for potential</p>

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		<p>Direct adoption of PACM methodologies with eligibility and safeguard checks (as per the previous mechanism for adoption of CDM methodologies)</p> <p>A case-by-case approach should be followed, as mechanism 2 may be more appropriate for certain documents. If both GS4GG and PACM methodologies exist for the same scope, project developers may choose between them if the PACM methodology offers additional value; otherwise, only the GS4GG methodology will be eligible.</p> <p>The PACM first methodology, A6.4-AMM-001: Flaring or use of landfill gas, and associated tools have been adopted and will be submitted to ICVCM for CCP labelling.</p>	<p>adoption on a rolling basis upon their publication. Details to be included as a new tab in the list of Eligible Methodologies.</p>
<p>New methodology development priorities</p>	<p>Methodologies</p>	<p>Priority themes for 2026 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Low-carbon materials – displacing carbon-intensive materials with lower carbon alternatives. Includes recycling/ circular economy. Engineered CDR – expand into new scopes of engineered CDR, including biochar (methodology in development), scope expansion for geological storage options (e.g., geological mineralization and storage of slurries), scope expansion for capture of biogenic emissions (e.g., 	<p>Prioritization be considered upon rolling submissions of methodology concepts and for internally led methodology development (to be prioritized Q3-Q4, following PAA of existing methodologies)</p>

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- BECCS); enhanced rock weathering (ERW), ocean-based CDR, and direct air capture (DAC).
- 3. **Fossil fuel phase out** – expand the JUST methodology scope to include upstream, e.g., early decommissioning of oil & gas wells, and avoided extraction of coal.
- 4. **Sustainable buildings** – integrated approaches which encompass low carbon building materials, energy efficiency, and resource use (e.g., water).
- 5. **Food waste** – food preservation, recovery and redistribution.
- 6. **Product life extension** – repair instead of replacement of products (e.g., electrical appliances)
- 7. **Methane destruction** – biogenic methane oxidation at landfill sites.
- 8. **Super pollutants** – consider eligibility scope expansion to tackle super pollutants.
- 9. **Nature-based removals:** Revamping Afforestation & Reforestation Methodology and SOC Framework methodology.
- 10. **Agriculture:** Revamped methodologies on methane emission reduction from rice cultivation, livestock management.
- 11. **Blue Carbon and Freshwater Wetlands:** Methodologies on

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		interventions in wetlands and marine ecosystem.															
Methodology development pipeline (ongoing)	Methodologies	<p>Energy</p> <p><u>Draft development:</u></p> <p>NMC 110 Biochar</p> <p>NMC 150 Integrated SDG Methodology for Sanitation</p> <p><u>Secretariat review/ PAA redrafting:</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>NMC 119</td> <td>Alternative Materials to Displace Plastics (Production)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NMC 120</td> <td>Early Decommissioning of Marginal Oil and Gas Wells</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NMC 126</td> <td>Deployment of Energy Storage Systems</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NMC 141</td> <td>Food Recovery and Redistribution</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NMC 152</td> <td>Methodology for Methanotrophic Methane Oxidation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NMC 174</td> <td>Green Hydrogen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-</td> <td>Powering Universal Lighting via Solar Energy</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>In review:</u></p> <p>NMC 107 Low Carbon Concretes</p>	NMC 119	Alternative Materials to Displace Plastics (Production)	NMC 120	Early Decommissioning of Marginal Oil and Gas Wells	NMC 126	Deployment of Energy Storage Systems	NMC 141	Food Recovery and Redistribution	NMC 152	Methodology for Methanotrophic Methane Oxidation	NMC 174	Green Hydrogen	-	Powering Universal Lighting via Solar Energy	Public consultation/ publication of methodologies in pipeline in 2026 following PAA of respective drafts.
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		NMC 122	Low Carbon Nitrogen Fertilizers	
		<u>In public consultation:</u>		
		NPAA 1	TPDDTEC	
		NPAA 2	MMECD	
		NPAA 3	AWMS	
		NPAA 4	SMEC	
		NPAA 5	SDWS	
		<u>Final revisions/ PAA redrafting:</u>		
		NMC 29	Contrail Emissions	
		NMC 34	Emissions Reductions from Transportation through Behaviour Change	
		NMC 49	CCU for Cement – <i>revision to ACM0005</i>	
		NMC 58	Production of Green Ammonia	
		NMC 62	EV infrastructure	
		NMC 63	Just Coal Decommissioning	
		NMC 90	Just Fossil Fuel Generators	
		NMC 99	Digital cookstoves tool	

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Forestry:

PAA alignment:

- Afforestation, Reforestation and Revegetation

Planned for development:

- Module on bamboo cultivation
- Digital tools for forestry projects

Agriculture

PAA alignment:

- Reduction of methane from enteric fermentation in livestock
- Smallholder livestock methodology
- Sustainable rice cultivation
- Soil Organic Carbon Framework Methodology and Activity Modules

Under development

- Precision agriculture and delivery of fertilizers

Blue Carbon and Freshwater Wetlands:

PAA alignment:

- Sustainable mangrove management

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		Under development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Algal management in freshwater wetlands - Macroalgae in marine ecosystem 	
GS Eligible CDM Methodologies	Methodologies	The list of Gold Standard Eligible Methodologies will be revisited and updated at least quarterly.	Quarterly updates, or updates following new publications, whichever is more frequent.

Completed documents/projects (2025):

Document or project being developed	Document series (as per GS-SSP)	Objectives	Timeline + outputs	Remarks
I. Gold Standard for the Global Goals – Standard Documentation Updates				

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<p>Alignment with the Paris Agreement –</p> <p>Post-2020 carbon market policies and requirements</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Aligning GS4GG with Paris Agreement while using the latest scientific knowledge available and best practices</p>	<p>Finished public consultation on:</p> <p>Requirements for Suppressed Demand Accounting in Methodologies</p> <p>Final publication of:</p> <p>Requirements for Baseline Determination in Methodologies</p> <p>GS4GG Paris Alignment</p> <p>Downward Adjustment Factor (DAF) Determination Tool</p> <p>Common Practice Analysis Tool</p> <p>Requirements for addressing leakage in methodologies</p> <p>Requirements – Core Carbon Principles labelling of Gold Standard Verified Emission Reduction – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p>	

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Rule updates to meet CORSIA requirements	All	<p>Compliance with CORSIA rules</p> <p>Approved for second phase of CORSIA (2027-2035 compliance period)</p> <p>Developed and published mechanism/guidance for approving/using eligible insurance providers</p>	<p>New document released:</p> <p>CORSIA Criteria for approved insurance policies or related instruments – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p> <p>Deed of Undertaking Regarding GS VERs eligible for the first phase of CORSIA – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p> <p>Revised the existing document:</p> <p>GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p> <p>Article 6 Authorisation Checklist – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p>	
Alignment with core-carbon principles	All	Compliance with CCP-rules	<p>Released the Requirements – Core Carbon Principles labelling of Gold Standard Verified Emission Reduction</p> <p>Revised the CCP Labelling Request Form – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p>	

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II. Gold Standard for the Global Goals – Standard Documentation Review & Simplification

Principles + Requirements	Principles & requirements	<p>Streamlining and standardising the claim of contribution to SDGs</p> <p>Maintaining consistency of information</p> <p>Enhancing the implementation of standard</p>	<p>New document released:</p> <p>Requirements for selection of Monitoring Indicators in the SDG Impact Tool</p> <p>Revised Principles & Requirements – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p> <p>Released new document: Requirements and Procedures: Extension of crediting period of Land-use, Forestry and Blue Carbon activities</p> <p>Revised: Preliminary Review Submission – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p> <p>Risks and Capacities Assessment Report – LUF and BCFW – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p>
Activity Requirements	Activity requirements	Expanding the scope of GS4GG application and technology specific requirements	<p>New activity requirement</p> <p>Engineered Removals Activity Requirements – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p> <p>Agriculture Activity Requirements – Gold Standard for the Global Goals</p>

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Tools	Methodology tools	Enhanced robustness of additionality demonstration	Appendix to investment analysis Tool 27: Default values for the cost of equity (expected return on equity) for projects located in Turkey – Gold Standard for the Global Goals Soil Organic Carbon Model requirements and Guidelines – Gold Standard for the Global Goals
Templates	Supporting documents	Enhanced and transparent reporting	Preliminary Review Submission Template – Proposal for Monitoring Indicator(s) for inclusion in the SDG Impact Tool Risks and Capacities Assessment Report – LUF and BCFW Methodology concept note Article 6 Authorisation Checklist CCP Labelling Request Form
Methodological standards	Methodology standards	PA-alignment of the methodologies and streamlining the methodology development process for enhanced market alignment and efficiency	New methodological standard released: Requirements for additionality demonstration Requirements for methodology development – Gold Standard for the Global Goals Methodology concept note – Gold Standard for the Global Goals

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Validation & Verification Body Documents	VVB Documents	VVB Terms and Conditions updated in accordance with the performance assessment approach	Terms and Conditions for Validation and Verification Bodies – Gold Standard for the Global Goals
Deviations and clarifications	Deviations	<p>Multiple deviations and clarifications were managed throughout 2025.</p> <p>Internal processes implemented to streamline the deviations/clarification process and improve the timelines</p>	From January 2025 until March 2026, a total of 245 Deviation and 217 clarification requests have been received from Project developers and processed by the Secretariat and the TAC. Q1, Q2 and Q3 deviation decisions were all published on the GS4GG website for transparency.
Governance	Governance	<p>To reduce timelines, improve governance and better manage expectations, Gold Standard has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established working group(s) for methodology review energy, agriculture and forestry - Hired many roster of experts to enhance the methodology development process 	

III. Innovations / Programmes

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Potential scope expansions	SDG Impact Quantification Principles and Requirements	Further standardize and improve monitoring of SDG indicators Consolidate carbon market requirements	Finished public consultation on: SDG monitoring Indicators Requirements and Procedures for Dual Certification - GS4GG and Premium T-Ver
Digital innovation	All	Better support processes and engagement with stakeholders	Launch of the GS Learning Platform for VVB auditor trainings, approvals, and competence management Continuous improvement of the Gold Standard Assurance Platform
Oversight	VVB Requirements VVB Terms and Conditions	Strengthen the continuous learning for VVBs from the results of certification reviews	Launch of the updated VVB Performance Assessment Approach. Quarterly results of VVBs performance shared with VVBs
	VVB and auditor approvals	Ensure enough GS VVBs are available to cover the expanding portfolio Ensure enough GS VVBs are available to cover the expanding portfolio	Recognition of further accreditation bodies for ISO14065 accreditation of GS-VVBs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Accreditation Council - Qatar • ONAC – Colombia • EGAC - Egypt Total accreditation programs recognized: 7 Approval of 4 more VVBs to a total of 28.

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		Have enough competent, confident and motivated auditors approved for GS4GG validation and verification.	Approval of 96 new GS-approved auditors, to a total of 290.
VVB auditor training	All	Have enough competent, confident and motivated auditors approved for GS4GG validation and verification.	<p>9 online trainings for VVB auditors, including standard update trainings and calibration sessions</p> <p>A 2-day calibration workshop for VVB auditors in New Delhi.</p> <p>The trainings covered a wide variety of requirements, were very well attended and achieved high satisfaction scores.</p> <p>Training of local experts in Ghana to support the Ghana Carbon Market Framework implementation – 6 online sessions</p> <p>Updated frequently asked questions and information pages for VVBs</p>
Other Stakeholder outreach	-	Proactive outreach to project developers and other stakeholders in the market is a priority for Gold Standard	<p>Successfully conducted face to face workshops for project developers in January 2025</p> <p>Support provided to stakeholders following the new assurance model. Assurance platform, Paris Alignment and revision to approach for determination of fNRB</p> <p>Webinar on CCP labelling available</p>

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			<p>Webinar on Engineered Removals available.</p> <p>Podcast episode on the importance of high integrity methodologies for the future of carbon markets.</p> <p>Sponsored and spoke (panellist) at the Carbon Unbound conference to engage with project developers in the removals scope.</p> <p>Engagement with external working groups, including SBTi, Carbon at Risk, and the Permanence Trust to promote Gold Standard's position/ high integrity in market developments.</p>
<h3>IV. Gold Standard for the Global Goals – Methodologies</h3>			
<p>METHODOLOGY PUBLICATIONS</p>	<p>Methodologies</p>	<p>New methodologies published in 2025</p>	<p>Energy-saving through Elevator Regenerative Power System Implementation (1/4/2025)</p> <p>Recovery and Recycling of Materials from Solid Wastes (2/5/2025)</p> <p>Biomass Fermentation with Carbon Capture and Geological Storage, V2.0 (28/5/2025)</p> <p>Rule Update for Biomass Fermentation with Carbon Capture and Geological Storage (5/9/2025)</p> <p>Carbon Mineralisation using Reactive Mineral Waste, V2.0 (28/05/2025)</p> <p>In Situ Capture and Conversion of Cattle Enteric Methane (4/11/2025)</p>

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METHODOLOGY TOOL PUBLICATIONS	Methodology Tools	New methodology tools published in 2025	<p>Tool 1 – Emissions from Fossil Fuel Consumption (5/9/2025)</p> <p>Tool 2 – Emissions from Freight Transport (5/9/2025)</p> <p>Tool 3 – Emissions and Monitoring Requirements for Geological Storage (4/11/2025)</p> <p>Tool 4 – Reversal Risk Calculations for Geological Storage (4/11/2025)</p> <p>Tool 5 – Downward Adjustment Factor Determination (22/12/2025)</p> <p>Tool 6 – Common Practice Analysis (22/12/2025)</p> <p>Soil Organic Carbon Model Requirements and Guidelines (8/9/2025)</p>
METHODOLOGY PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS	Methodologies	New methodologies posted for public consultation in 2025	<p>Contrails Prevention to Reduce Aviation’s Non-CO2 Climate Impacts (29/1/2025)</p> <p>Green Ammonia Production (8/7/2025) – PAA</p> <p>Emissions Reductions from Transport through Behaviour Change (2/7/2025)</p> <p>Methodology Tool for the digital Monitoring of Cookstoves (23/10/2025)</p> <p>JUST: Coal Decommissioning (19/11/2025)</p>

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[JUST: Fossil Fuel Generators](#) (19/11/2025)

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[Soil Organic Carbon Model Requirements and Guidelines](#) (13/1/2025)

[Methodology for Reducing Methane Emissions from Cattle](#) (24/2/2025)

[Microbial Carbon Mineralisation](#) (11/6/2025)

- PAA

[In-situ Capture and Conversion of Cattle Enteric Methane](#) (5/8/2025)- PAA

[Simplified methodology for Clean and Efficient Cookstoves \(SMEC\) v.4.0 | GS](#) (22/12/2025)- PAA

[Animal manure management and biogas use for thermal energy generation \(AWMS\) v.2.0 | GS](#) (22/12/2025)- PAA

[Comprehensive Lowered Emission Assessment and Reporting \(CLEAR\) Methodology for Cooking Energy Transitions | GS](#) (21/12/2025)- PAA

[Metered & Measured Energy Cooking Devices | GS](#) (22/12/2025)
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NEW METHODOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Methodologies

Methodologies in the
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Draft development:

NMC 110 Biochar

NMC 150 Integrated SDG Methodology
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Secretariat review/ PAA redrafting:

NMC 119 Alternative Materials to Displace
Plastics (Production)

NMC 120 Early Decommissioning of
Marginal Oil and Gas Wells

NMC 126 Deployment of Energy Storage
Systems

NMC 141 Food Recovery and Redistribution

NMC 152 Methodology for Methanotrophic
Methane Oxidation

In review:

NMC 107 Low Carbon Concretes

NMC 122 Low Carbon Nitrogen
Fertilizers

In public consultation:

NMC 99 Digital Cookstoves Tool

Final revisions:

NMC 29 Contrail Emissions

NMC 34 Emissions Reductions from
Transportation through
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NMC 49 CCU for Cement – *revision to
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OTHER METHODOLOGY DOCUMENTS	Methodologies	New templates to standardise approaches across submissions/developments, reduce burden on Secretariat, and facilitate PAA	New templates for <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concept notes- PAA methodologies