# New Methodology concept submission

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### SUMMARY

This template is for the submission of new methodology concepts, methodology tools, and/or methodology revisions.

The methodology developer shall complete section 2 of the template and shall then submit it to The Gold Standard via email to [methodology@goldstandard.org](mailto:methodology@goldstandard.org). The concept submission will then be reviewed in line with the [Procedure for Development, Revision, and Clarification of Methodologies and Methodological Tools](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/401-sdgiq-methodology-approval-procedure/) and the approval or rejection decision will be detailed in section 1.

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   1. Approval decision

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| Decision | Approved/ rejected |
| Date of decision | dd/mm/ yyyy |
| Reasoning | Please complete |
| Additional actions | Please complete, if applicable |
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| Organization name(s) | Please complete |
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* 1. Submission overview

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| HDING 1 |  |
| Date of submission | dd/mm/yyyy |
| Title of submission | Please complete |
| Mitigation type | Please select one or both*:*  Emission reductions  Removals |
| Product | Please select one or multiple:  GS-VERs (i.e., credits)  Impact statement |
| Greenhouse gases | Please select one or multiple:  CO2  CH4  N2O  Other <please specify> |
| Scope | Please select the most relevant option or specify *other:*  [Agriculture](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/100-principles-and-requirements/) (including soil organic carbon)  [Blue](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/100-principles-and-requirements/) carbon  Community services  Engineered carbon dioxide removals (CDR)  Forestry  Renewable energy  Waste management  Other <please specify> |
| Activity scale | Please select one or multiple:  Micro scale (e.g., ≤10,000 tCO2e per year)  Small scale (e.g., ≤60,000 tCO2e per year)  Large scale (e.g., >60,000 tCO2e per year) |
| Geographical applicability | Please select one*:*  Global  Country-specific <please specify>  Region-specific <please specify> |
| Submission type | Please select the most relevant option or specify *other:*  New methodology  New methodology module  New methodology tool  Revision to an existing methodology  Other <please specify> |
| Revisions  *(if applicable)* | Please detail the relevant methodology(ies) if the submission involves revisions |
| Relevant activity  requirements | Please select relevant option if available or specify *not applicable:*  [Community Services Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)  [Blue Carbon Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/204-ar-bcfw-blue-carbon-and-freshwater-wetlands-activity-requirements/)  [Engineered CDR Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/205_ar_engineered-removals/)  [Land-Use & Forests Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)  [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)  *None of the above are applicable* |
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* 1. Eligibility

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| Principles & Requirements | Is the concept eligible under the Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) [Principles & Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)?  Yes  No  Unsure <please give reasoning> |
| Activity eligibility | Does the activity proposed in the concept involve any of the following?  Energy generated from fossil fuels  Fossil fuel switch  Fossil fuel consumption/ utilization for (e.g.) manufacturing  Enabling the use of fossil fuels  Geoengineering  Nuclear energy  Industrial gases (e.g., HFC-23  REDD+/ avoided deforestation |
| Eligibility details | Please elaborate on specifics if any of the above boxes above have been ticked. |
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* 1. Submission overview

If the submission pertains to a new methodology or methodology module, please describe the problem or gap it addresses and why a new methodology/tool is needed (e.g., no existing GS approved methodology covers this activity, new technology or approach that isn’t reflected in current methodologies, demand from project developers, etc.). Summarize the relevant greenhouse gases (GHGs) and GHG reservoirs, and how the activity leads to emission reductions or removals.

If the submission pertains to a new methodology tool, please detail the scope of the tool and how it may be applied.

If the submission pertains to a methodology revision, please reference the relevant document, and detail the proposed changes. Explain why the existing methodology needs revision (e.g., to update outdated factors, improve baseline approach, expand scope, or align with new requirements).

Provide a brief narrative of approx. 200-400 words, to ensure sufficient detail. Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

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* 1. Description of the Business-as-Usual (BAU) scenario

If the submission pertains to a new methodology or methodology module, please detail the proposed Business-as-Usual (BAU) scenario[[1]](#footnote-2). The methodology may propose different BAU scenarios that can be identified at the activity level. Note that equations may be included but are not required at this stage (a simple description of relevant parameters may suffice).

If the submission pertains to a new methodology tool, please detail if/ how it may be applied to the BAU scenario.

If the submission pertains to a methodology revision, please reference any changes that would need to be made to the BAU scenario.

Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

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* 1. Description of the baseline scenario

If the submission pertains to a new methodology or methodology module, please detail the proposed baseline scenario by selecting one or more of the options listed below. Please provide specific details in the section below. Note that equations may be included but are not required at this stage (a simple description of relevant parameters may suffice).

Best available technologies that represent an economically feasible and environmentally sound course of action, where appropriate.

An ambitious benchmark approach where the baseline is set at least at the average emission level of the best performing comparable activities providing similar outputs and services in a defined scope in similar social, economic, environmental and technological circumstances.

An approach based on existing actual or historical emissions, adjusted downwards (for example, using a baseline contraction factor).

If the submission pertains to a new methodology tool, please detail if/ how it may be applied to the baseline scenario.

If the submission pertains to a methodology revision, please reference any changes that would need to be made to the baseline scenario.

Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

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* 1. Description of the activity scenario

If the submission pertains to a new methodology or methodology module, please detail the proposed activity scenario. Note that equations may be included but are not required at this stage (a simple description of relevant parameters may suffice).

If the submission pertains to a new methodology tool, please detail if/ how it may be applied to the activity scenario.

If the submission pertains to a methodology revision, please reference any changes that would need to be made to the activity scenario.

Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

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* 1. Monitoring approaches

Please detail how the key parameters in the BAU, baseline, and activity scenarios will be monitored (e.g., specific measuring instruments, surveys, default values, models, etc.). Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

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* 1. Applicability criteria

Outline the primary applicability conditions for this methodology. List the criteria that projects must meet to apply this methodology (e.g., specific technology or measure employed, project size, start dates). A bullet list or short paragraph is acceptable but provide enough detail to be clear.

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* 1. Demonstration of additionality

Please explain any activity-specific requirements for additionality demonstration in line with the [Requirements for Additionality Demonstration](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/447-requirements-for-additionality-demonstration/) and [Requirements for Methodology Development](https://che01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fglobalgoals.goldstandard.org%2F446-requirements-for-methodology-development%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfiona.perera%40goldstandard.org%7C02912ab4a04b43d89dc708ddd04a8564%7C3826243b534f4a459539117ad851e54a%7C0%7C0%7C638895740673690961%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KGVyNUcQcpaFuupgnGXJZjUWMB%2FOcMAQ8ITb4NdYZFg%3D&reserved=0) (including prior consideration of carbon revenue, regulatory surplus, financial and common practice analysis, and avoidance of lock-in). Describe why the project activities are additional and would not be implemented without carbon finance (e.g., key barriers for project implementation, no revenues generated, higher cost than available alternatives). Summarize the prevailing practice in the relevant sectors and the current level of penetration of such activities. Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

If the submission pertains to a methodology revision, it should identify any updates from the original methodology, in line with the [Requirements for Additionality Demonstration](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/447-requirements-for-additionality-demonstration/).

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* 1. SDG contributions

Excluding contributions to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 (Climate Action), please detail any other SDGs that the activity may contribute towards. Any details regarding the monitoring of SDG impacts would be beneficial. Include references to any sources or literature that support the proposal.

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* 1. Other relevant information

Please include any further information that be useful to assess eligibility under GS4GG.

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1. The BAU is the scenario that would have occurred in the absence of the activity, whereas the baseline represents a more conservative alternative to the BAU with the aim of encouraging ambition and minimising the risk of over crediting. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)