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ASSURANCE PLATFORM USER MANUAL FOR VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BODIES (VVB)

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Validation and Verification Bodies (VVBs) User Guide for the Assurance Platform. This document is designed to help VVBs use the various features, functionalities, and workflows available within the assurance platform.

The Assurance Platform is for projects that are applying our standard, Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) to certify climate and sustainable development impact. The platform facilitates efficient document management and workflows for projects going through the Gold Standard certification cycle. It is integrated with the Registry and is used to book and manage reviews/project documentation. Organisations need to be developing Gold Standard projects to have access to this Platform.

The assurance platform is part of a wider Gold Standard digitalisation strategy and will help deliver verified impact more efficiently while maintaining the integrity that Gold Standard-certified projects are known for. For more information visit [Gold Standard website](#).

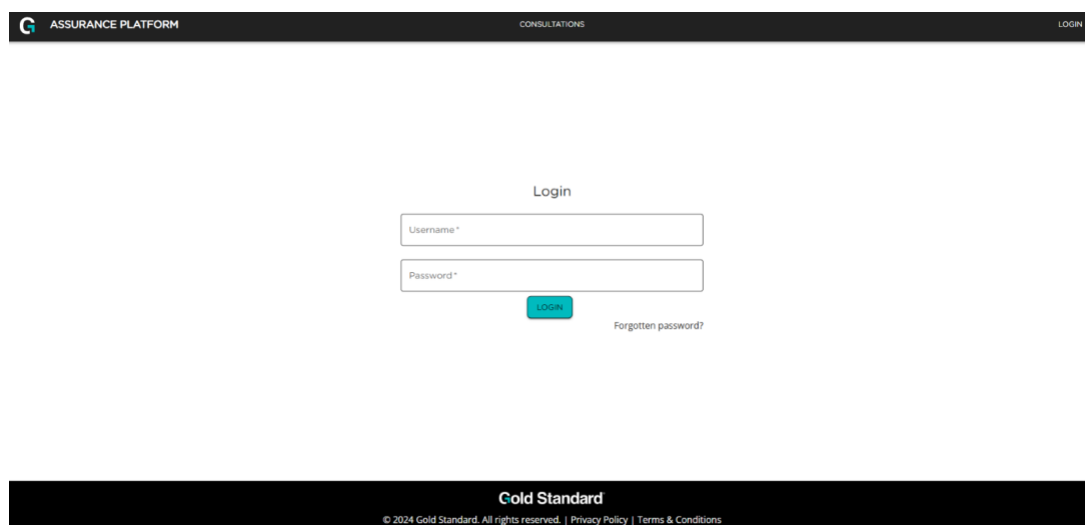
1 | ACCESS AND LOG-IN

The Gold Standard Assurance Platform can be accessed by visiting this URL in your browser of choice: <https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/>.

1.1 | Login page

The landing page for the Assurance Platform is the “Login Page”. This is where you will input your login credentials to access the platform.

If you don’t have access yet, refer to the steps in [paragraph 1.2](#).

The image shows a screenshot of the Gold Standard Assurance Platform login page. At the top, there is a dark header bar with the Gold Standard logo on the left, the text "ASSURANCE PLATFORM" in the center, and "CONSULTATIONS" and "LOGIN" on the right. Below the header, the word "Login" is centered. There are two input fields: "Username*" and "Password*". Below the "Password*" field is a blue "LOGIN" button. To the right of the button is a link that says "Forgotten password?". At the bottom of the page, there is a dark footer bar with the Gold Standard logo in the center, and the text "© 2024 Gold Standard. All rights reserved. | Privacy Policy | Terms & Conditions" on the right.

1.2 | Access for new users

To request access to the Assurance platform, the VVB management and GS-approved Auditor can fill out and submit the [user registration form](#).

The Gold Standard Administrator team will review the request and initiate the user account setup. You will receive an email containing a username and a “Temporary Password”.

Next, follow these steps to complete the setup of your user account:

1. [Go to the Assurance Platform](#) in your preferred web browser.
2. On the landing page, input your username and the temporary password provided into the “Password” field, and click on the “Login” button.
3. You will be taken to the following screen, prompting you to finish setting up your account.

Finish setting up your account

First Name *

Last Name *

New Password

Confirm New Password

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×

Password has at least 8 characters.

Password has special characters.

Password has a number.

Password has a capital letter.

Password has a lowercase letter.

Passwords match.

SUBMIT

4. Fill out all fields, ensuring that your passwords match and meet all listed criteria.
5. Click on the “Submit” button to complete your account setup.
6. You will be returned to the platform login page where you can now login to your new user account.

NOTE:

A GS-approved auditor is an auditor who has successfully passed the Gold Standard examination within its 36-month validity period.

If you experience any issues whilst completing the login process and are unable to access the Assurance Platform, please send an email to the Gold Standard Helpdesk team at vvb@goldstandard.org.

1.3 | Password Reset

If you have forgotten your password, you can initiate a password reset by following these steps:

1. [Go to the Assurance Platform](#) in your preferred web browser.
2. On the landing page, select “Forgotten password?” underneath the login area.
3. A page will display “Forgot Password”, enter the email associated with your user account and press the submit button.
4. You will receive an email with the subject “Gold Standard Forgotten Password”.
5. Check your email for the verification code.

6. Enter the verification code into the “Verification Code” field on the platform page, fill out the “New Password” and “Confirm New Password” fields, ensuring that both passwords match and meet all the listed criteria.

Enter Verification Code
This will be sent to the email you provided, if it is registered with us.

Verification Code

New Password

Confirm New Password

✓

✓

✓

✓

✓

✗

Password has at least 8 characters.

Password has special characters.

Password has a number.

Password has a capital letter.

Password has a lowercase letter.

Passwords match.

7. Click on the “Submit” button to complete your password reset.
8. You will be returned to the platform login page where you can now login with your new password.

1.4 | Multiple Users and Accounts

The platform enables multiple users to access a single account. Access is granted at the **Account level** rather than at the project level, meaning all users can view all projects within an organization’s account.

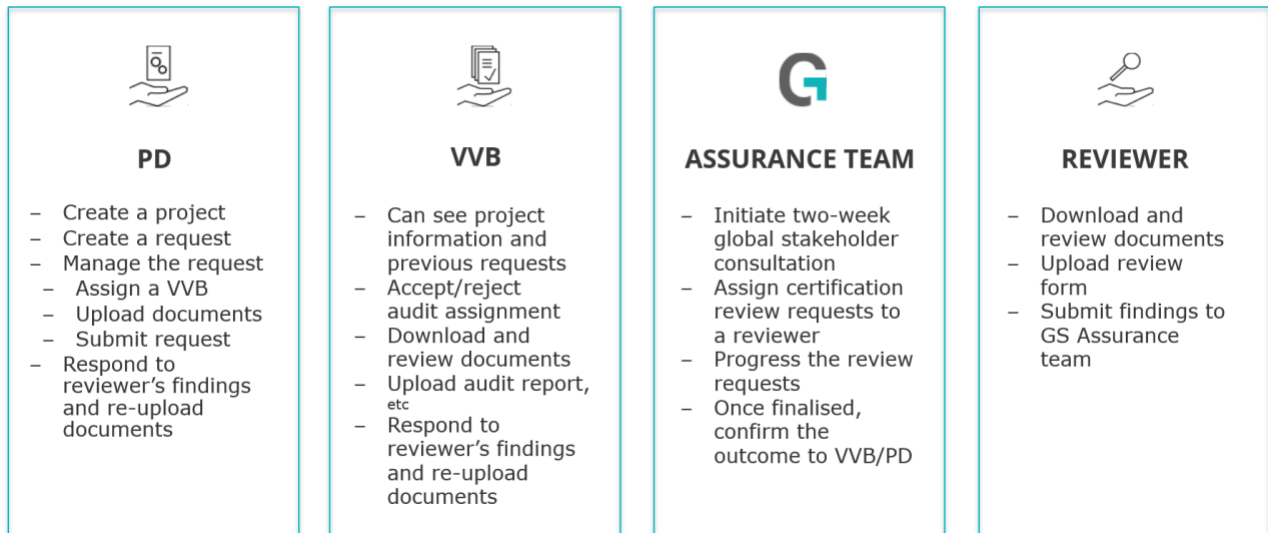
Auditors working with several VVBs can get access to the account of each VVB they are associated with. This is possible with following considerations:

- The GS approved auditor should have similar arrangement as full-time employee with the VVB to ensure proper oversight and accountability.
- To grant platform access, the VVB management needs to verify the auditor's association and submit an access request to Gold Standard.
- Throughout the engagement, the VVB maintains responsibility for monitoring and managing their auditors' platform access.

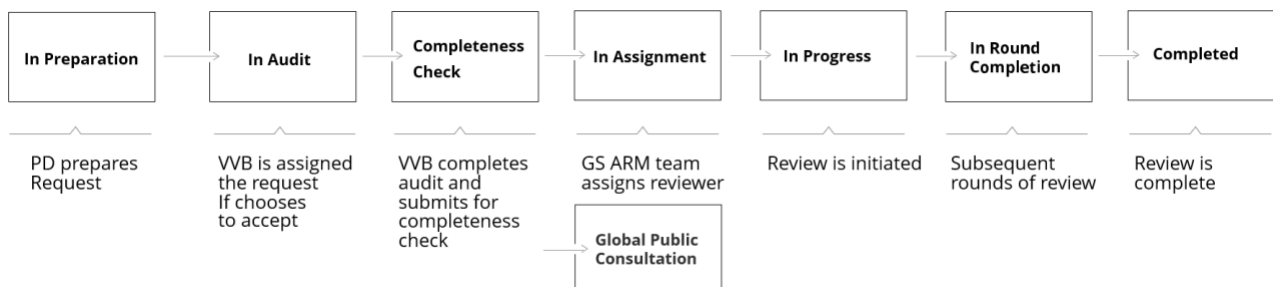
Note: Externals are not allowed to get access to a VVB account on the Assurance platform. Please refrain from sharing login credentials with other staff members or externals.

2| ROLES IN THE ASSURANCE PLATFORM

2.1 | User Roles and Key Functionalities



2.2 | The journey of a request



3| USING THE ASSURANCE PLATFORM

The Assurance platform consists of three main tabs: **Projects** (see [paragraph 3.1](#)), **My requests** (see [paragraph 3.2](#)) and **Consultations** (see [paragraph 3.3](#)).

When you log-in to your account, you land on the **My requests** tab. Projects and specific requests are assigned to your VVB account by either a Project Developer or Gold Standard, allowing you to access and audit requests specific to your assignment.

Watch here the full video of the Assurance platform.



3.1 | “Projects” Tab

 ASSURANCE PLATFORM

CONSULTATIONS

MY REQUESTS

PROJECTS

VVB VVB

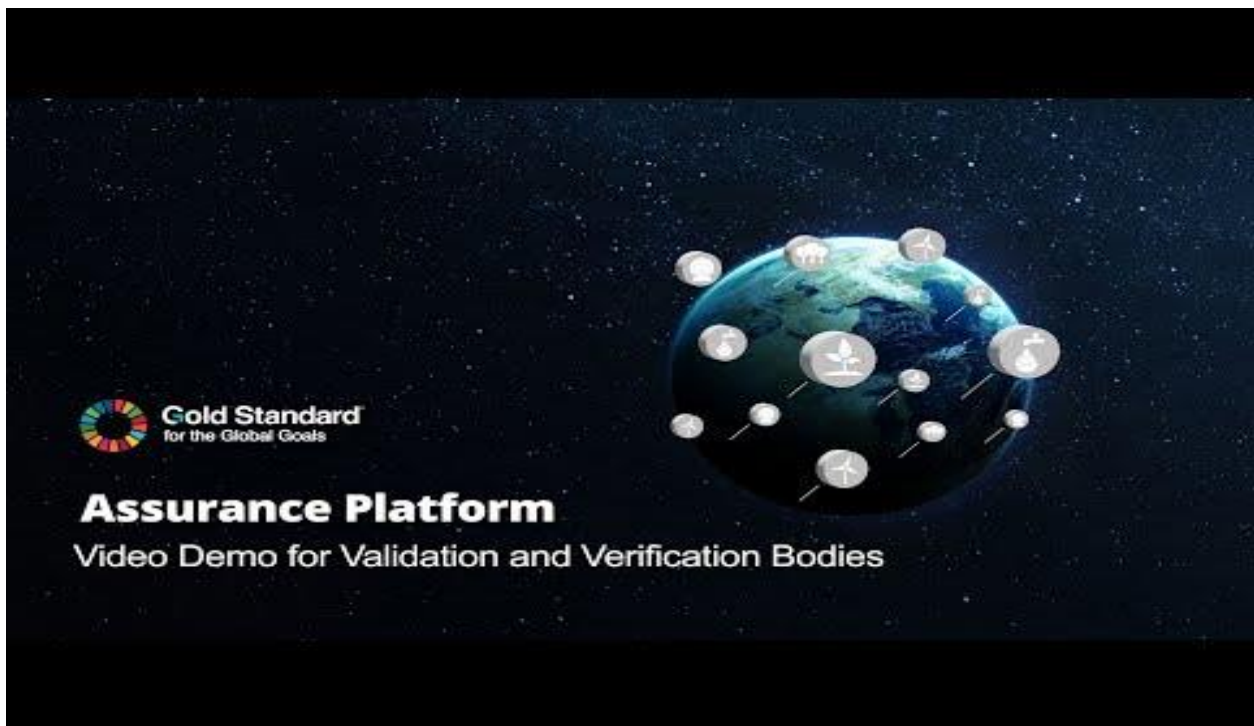
PROJECT STATUS

Search Name or Exact GSID

GS ID	PROJECT NAME	STATUS	COUNTRY	TYPES	ACTIONS
GS337	Kuyasa low-cost urban housing energy upgrade project, Khayelitsha (Cape Town, South Africa)		South Africa	Community - Energy Efficiency - Domestic	VIEW
GS338	*Te Aputi Wind Farm		New Zealand	Wind	VIEW
GS340	*Project White Hill		New Zealand	Wind	VIEW
GS343	*4.5 MW Biomass (low density Crop Residues) based Power Generation unit of Malavalli Power Plant Pvt Ltd. (3000IT)		India	Renewable Energy - Biomass or Liquid Biofuel - Electricity	VIEW

The **Projects** tab provides an overview of all projects at various stages of the certification process, organised in GSID order for easy reference. If you're linked to any new or non-listed projects, these will also appear in your view, giving you a comprehensive look at all relevant projects associated with your account. To streamline navigation, you can filter this list by project status or search by project name or GSID, making it simple to locate specific projects and check their status or details at a glance.

Watch this video for more information.



3.2 | “My requests” tab

ASSURANCE PLATFORM

CONSULTATIONS

MY REQUESTS

PROJECTS

VVB VVB

REQUEST STATUS

PROJECT

PROJECT DEVELOPER

GSID	PROJECT	REQUEST NAME	REQUEST STATUS	PROJECT DEVELOPER	RECEIVED DATE	COUNTRY	ROR COUNT	BOUND OF REVIEW END DATE	PROJECT TYPE	CARBON STREAM	ASSIGNMENT STATUS
0523143	Demo: Renewable Energy Project	Design Certification Project no. 1	In Audit	Demo Project Developer	01/11/2024	Burkina Faso	0		Small Low Impact Hydro	GS VER	Pending
0523143	Demo: Renewable Energy Project	Performance Certification Project no. 1	In Audit	Demo Project Developer	01/11/2024	Burkina Faso	0		Small Low Impact Hydro	GS VER	Pending
0523145	Test Project POA	Design Certification Project no. 1	In Audit	Klima ohne Grenzen gGmbH	01/11/2024		0				Pending

First

1

Last

untick this filter, allowing you to see all requests associated with your account. You can use the filter boxes to search for specific terms if it's an extensive list of requests, making it easier to locate requests or projects.

3.2.2 | Accept or decline a request

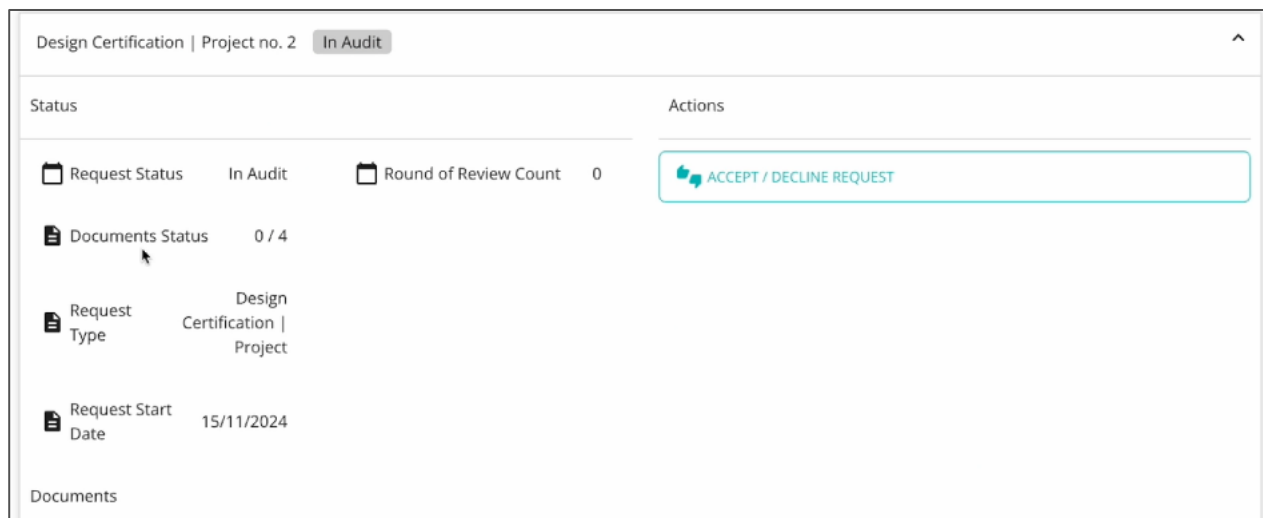
When you receive a request from a Project Developer, this will show in the **My Requests** tab. The request status column will be 'In Audit' and the column 'Assignment Status' will be Pending.

GSID	PROJECT	REQUEST NAME	REQUEST STATUS	PROJECT DEVELOPER	RECEIVED DATE	COUNTRY	ROR COUNT	ROUND OF REVIEW	END DATE	PROJECT TYPE	CARBON STREAM	ASSIGNMENT STATUS
GS23145	Test Project PGA	Design Certification Project no. 2	In Audit	Hema ohne Grenzen GmbH	04/11/2024		0					Accepted
GS23143	Demo: Renewable Energy Project	Design Certification Project no. 3	In Preparation	Demo Project Developer	13/11/2024	Burkina Faso	0			Small Low Impact Hydro	GS VER	Cancelled
GS23150	Smoke Test PGA	Design Certification Project no. 2	In Audit	Developer Project Developer	15/11/2024	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0			Afforestation/Reforestation	GS VER	Pending

To access the request, click on the Project name hyperlink in the column 'Request name'. In the next page, you can view and manage requests by navigating to the "Requests" tab within the project information page. Here, you'll find all relevant request details, including attached documents, comments, and the current request status.

Request Name	Status
Design Change With VVB no. 1	Completed - Approved
Design Certification Project no. 1	Completed - Rejected
Issuance no. 1	In Assignment
Issuance no. 2	In Preparation
Design Change With VVB no. 2	Cancelled

Find the request in status 'In Audit' and click on it to expand the fields. Under 'Actions' you will have the option to Accept or Decline the request.

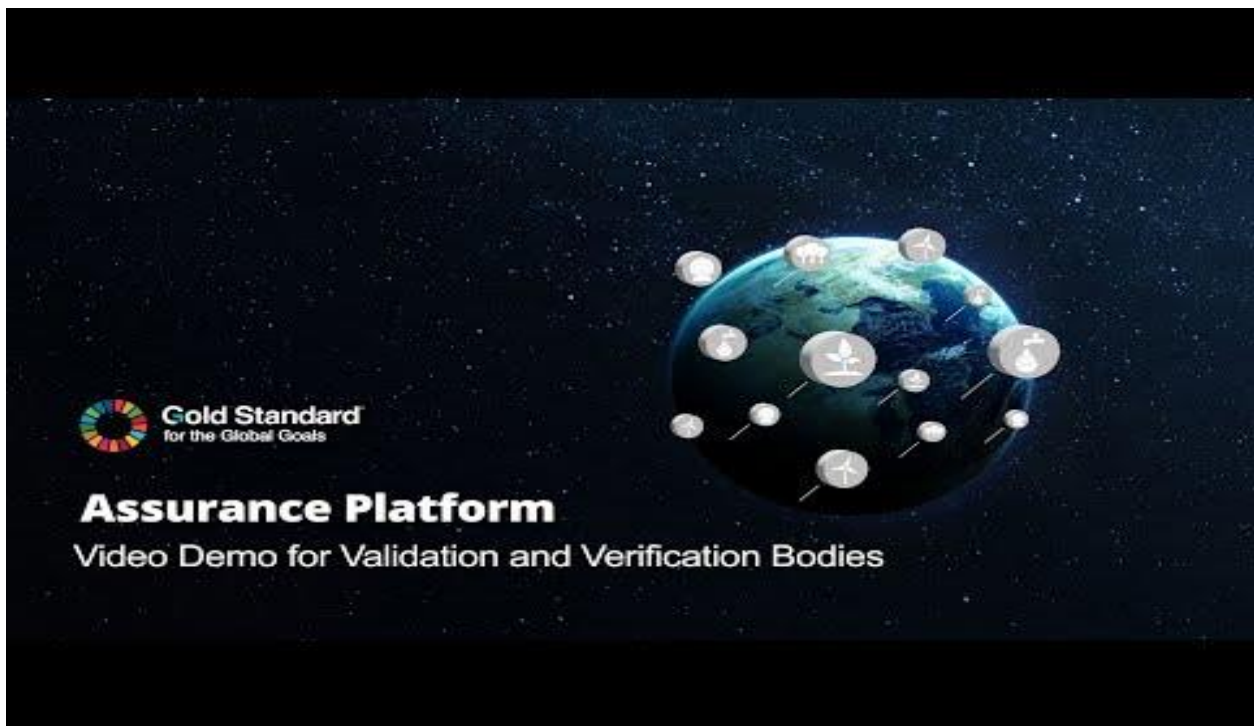


After accepting the request, the Assignment status changes to 'Accepted'. You will gain full access to view the documents, comments, and other pertinent information related to the project, as well as to any available actions associated with the request, such as uploading documents, enabling you to conduct your audit.

If you decline the request, the Project Developer will be notified accordingly. The Assignment status of the request will change back to 'In preparation'. This process ensures that all project audits are handled efficiently and with transparency across all assignments on your VVB account.

Note: All the users active in the VVB account will see the request in the 'My Request' tab. It is not possible to assign an Auditor to a project in the Assurance platform. This must be done offline.

Watch video below for more information.



3.2.3 | Handling Accepted Requests

Once you have accepted the request of the PD, this will show in the 'In Audit' status.

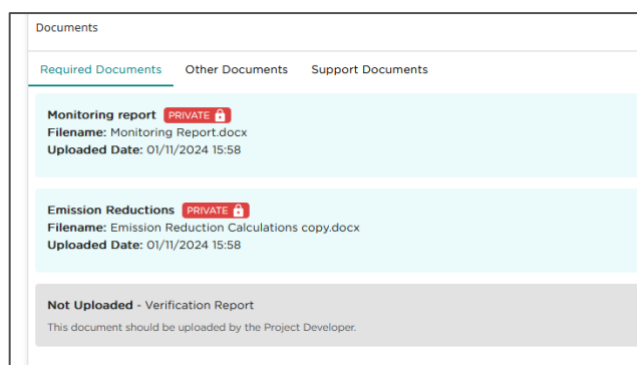
To facilitate your audit, you will have full access to the following in the assigned request:

- View documents, comments, and other relevant information.
- Update request details.
- Upload documents on behalf of the PD, audit reports, and review forms.
- Cancel a request (if required).
- Advance the request to the next stage.

These options are accessible on the request itself under 'Actions'.

Actions
 SUBMIT REQUEST
 CANCEL REQUEST
 UPDATE REQUEST
 UPLOAD DOCUMENT

In the Documents section of the request, you will see the uploaded documents, and any missing documents, by navigating to the 'Required Documents' and 'Other documents' tabs. In this section you can also download documents.

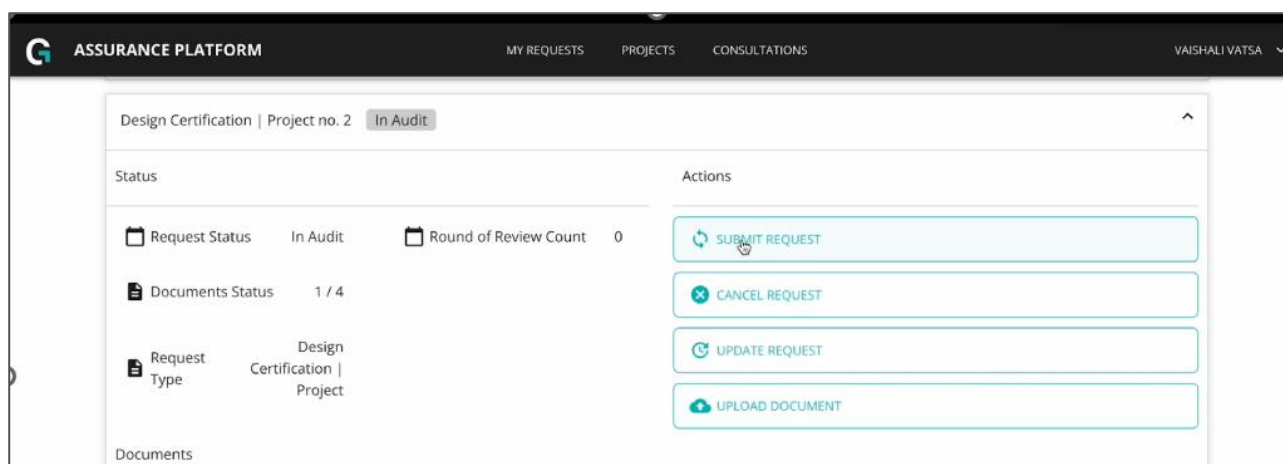


Note: Actions on the platform are irreversible, therefore we recommend to upload documents and review requests carefully.

Audits (for validation and verification) are not conducted on the platform.

Once the audit is finalized and the complete documentation has been uploaded, you can submit the request to the Gold Standard ARM team for a Completeness Check.

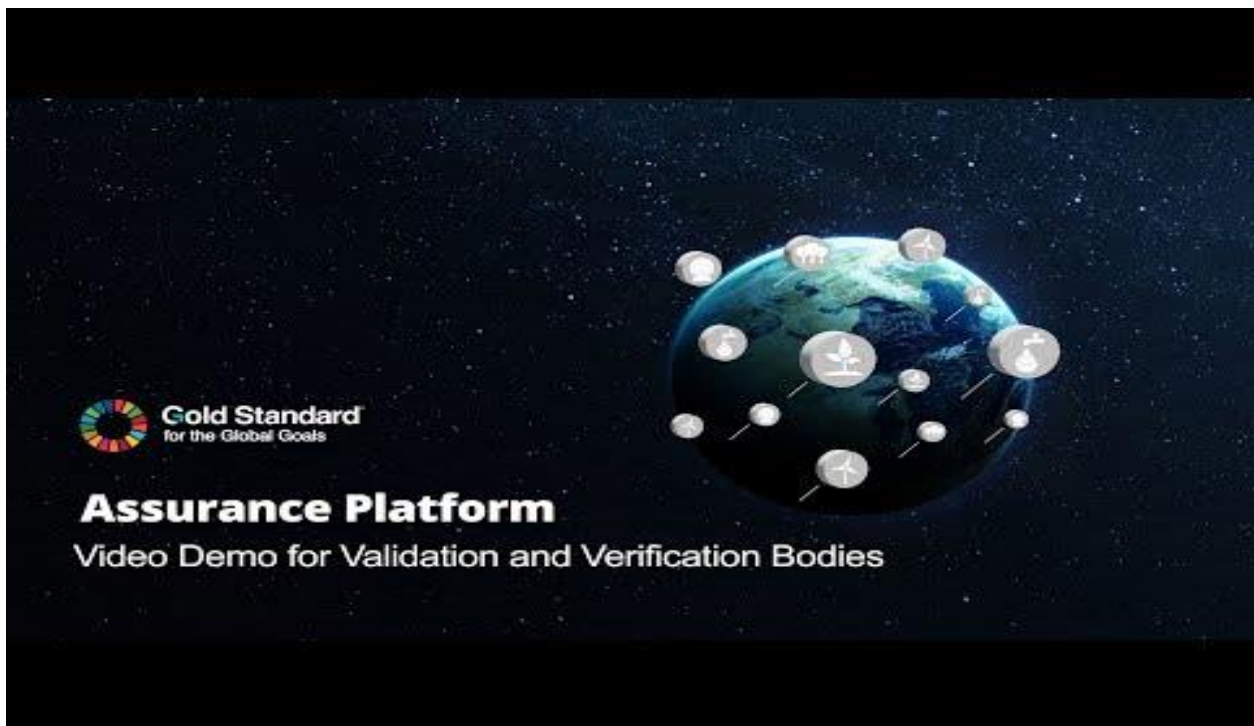
To submit your request, click on the button 'Submit request' under Actions.



The request status will change from 'In Audit' to 'Completeness check'.

Note: If the Gold Standard ARM team has any follow up requests during the completeness check, the project status will change back into 'In Audit'. An email will be sent to both the VVB and the PD with an update on the status change.

Watch video below for more information.



3.2.4| Uploading Documentation

VVBs can upload documents and files when the project request is in status 'In Audit'.

Each document uploaded for review must have a **unique document name**. This is to ensure effective document management and reduce the chance of duplication. We recommend that VVBs title documents as follows:

GSID_Document Name_Version_ Submission Date (DDMMYYYY) -> e.g. GS1234_VVB validation report_V1_01022025.

3.2.4.a File Types

Here are some tips on what files can and cannot be uploaded in the Assurance Platform to help you through a smoother upload process.

- Upload final and track-change versions separately under the same document type.
- The following document types **cannot** be uploaded to the Assurance Platform:
 - .exe
 - .js
 - .bat
 - .sh
 - .cmd

- Avoid uploading ZIP files for required or supporting documents. ZIP files can be allowed only for large datasets (e.g., KML/Shapefiles). You may use ZIP files only if no other submission method is available.

3.2.4.b Document Upload Error

If you encounter an error when uploading a file, please rename the file and try again.

If you suspect that the error is due to file size, please upload a Zip File containing the document.

If these solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact help@goldstandard.org with the GS ID and screenshots of the error.

3.2.5 | Review of Requests

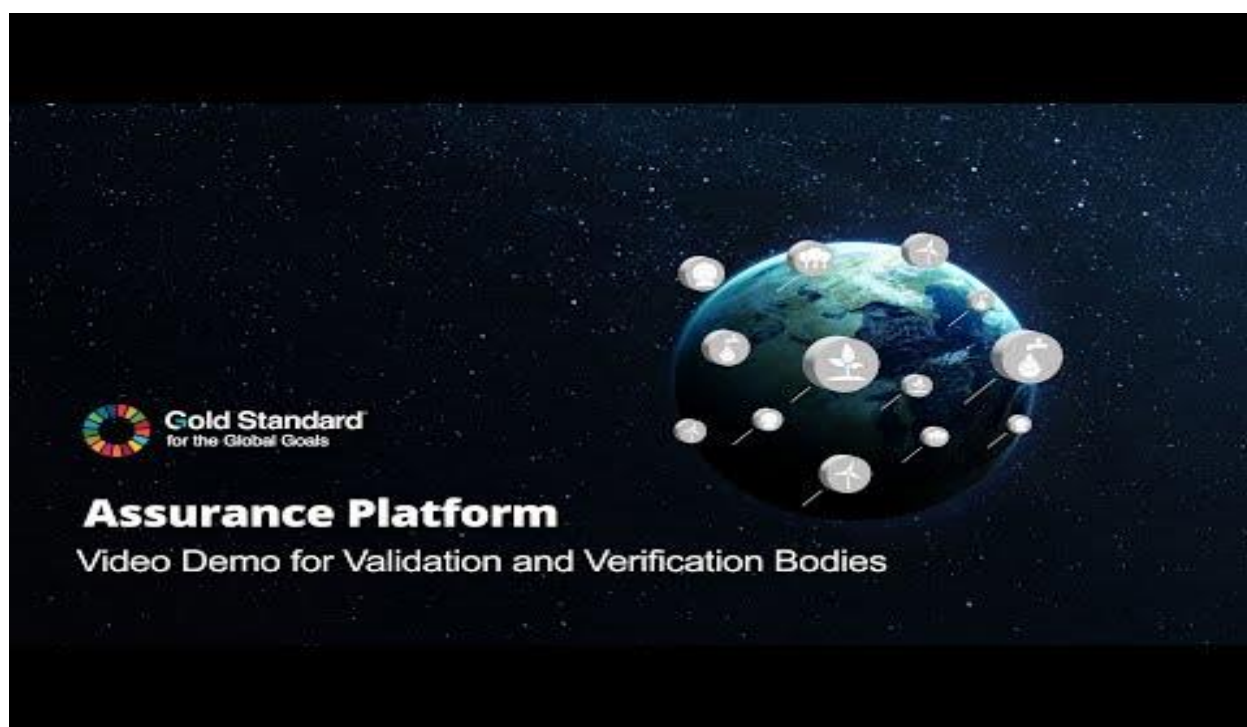
After a successful completeness check, the Gold Standard ARM team will progress the request into the 'In Assignment' stage. An expert reviewer is assigned to conduct a detailed review, and the request status changes to 'In progress'.

If there are any open findings, the request will be sent back to the VVB and PD in status 'In Audit'. The VVB and PD will need to address the findings.

Once the review round is completed, the Gold Standard ARM team will update the status into 'In Round completion'.

Note: If the review is in progress, additional documents cannot be uploaded. The documents may be uploaded by the VVB once the round of review has concluded, and the request is back to 'In Audit' status.

Watch video below for more information.



3.2.6 | Review Response Timelines

Gold Standard has introduced new response timelines for project developers and VVBs when responding to Corrective Action Requests (CARs), Clarification Requests (CLs) and observations to set clear expectations for a more structured and predictable certification process.

	Preliminary Review	Design Review	Performance Review	Combined Design and Performance Review
Completeness check timeline for GS ARM team			1 week	
Completeness check response timeline for PDs/VVBs (to provide any missing info)			2 weeks	
GS Assurance Review timeline (Min. / 1 round)	4 weeks	4 weeks	3 weeks	6 weeks
PD/VVB Review Response timeline	2 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks

More information about the timelines for project developers and VVBs can be found in the [Principles and Requirements](#) and [Rule Update: Standards, Assurance Model Update](#).

3.3 | “Consultations” tab

On the **Consultations** tab, you can view requests that are currently open for public consultation.

A two-week public consultation period is conducted on the Assurance platform after a successful ‘Completeness check’ and is required for the review of all design, performance, crediting period renewal, and design change requests. During this period:

- Non-confidential documents are publicly accessible for review and feedback.
- Comments are visible in the request section.
- The VVB and PD are notified about any comments.
- The process is managed by Gold Standard via the Assurance Platform.

To access this tab, simply navigate to the **Consultations** page from the top menu and select the project from the list.

ASSURANCE PLATFORM									
		CONSULTATIONS	PROJECTS	PLATFORM ACCOUNTS	USERS	ADMIN ADMIN			
GSD	PROJECT NAME	REQUEST	STATUS		METHODOLOGY	COUNTRY	START DATE	END DATE	BATCH
GS30902	Test	Design Certification PoA with Real Case VPA no. 1	Completeness Check				2024-10-29	2024-11-12	No
GS4360	Test	Design Certification PoA with Real Case VPA no. 1	Completeness Check				2024-10-29	2024-11-12	No
GS3136	Test	Design Certification PoA with Real Case VPA no. 1	Completeness Check				2024-10-29	2024-11-12	No

3.4 | Notifications and In-platform messaging

3.4.1 | Email notifications

Email notifications for activities in the Assurance Platform are automatically sent to the Account Holder or Admin of the VVB account. Notifications are issued as a request progresses through each review stage, including status changes, uploaded feedback, response deadlines, and next-step instructions.

If you prefer notifications to be sent to a team email address, you may request a change by emailing vvb@goldstandard.org.

Alternatively, you may set up email forwarding through your email provider to forward the emails to your colleagues.

Note:

- All notifications are sent from noreply@goldstandard.org.
- Notifications cannot be deactivated.

— Please check spam or junk folders if notifications are not received.

3.4.2 | In-platform messaging

For any open review requests, an in-platform messaging function is available upon discretion of the Gold Standard Assurance Review Management (ARM) Team. This can be used to directly communicate with project developers and VVBs about review status updates, or to remind the user to undertake further actions.

The messaging function will be used by the ARM team in the following scenarios:

- To provide feedback on:
 - Completeness Check
 - Preliminary Review updates
- To request missing information
- To send a reminder e.g. invoice payment
- To notify users of missing request(s) submissions in the case of grouped/batched requests.

Note:

— This feature replaces email communications sent from FUNC_ARM@goldstandard.org.

— Certification decisions are not communicated via the in-platform messaging function and will be shared in the relevant review forms and email notifications.

— Only the ARM team can initiate the chat.

For questions and requests not directly related to the specific review request, please reach out via email to help@goldstandard.org.

Receiving a Message from the ARM Team

Once the Gold Standard ARM Team initiates a chat, the project developer and assigned VVB will be automatically notified via email about the open conversation on the Assurance Platform.

ASSURANCE PLATFORM

MY REQUESTS

PROJECTS

CONSULTATIONS

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SHALU VVB

REQUEST STATUS

PROJECT DEVELOPER

Name or exact GSID

GSID	PROJECT	REQUEST NAME	REQUEST STATUS	PROJECT DEVELOPER	ASSIGNED DATE	LAST SUBMITTED DATE	COUNTRY	ROR COUNT	ROUND OF REVIEW	END DATE	PROJECT T
GS11068	Enlightening lives by propagating Household biogas projects in India	Design Change With VVB no. 2	In Audit	First Climate Markets GmbH	05/01/2026	05/01/2026	India	0			Communit
GS11068	Enlightening lives by propagating Household biogas projects in India	Design Change With VVB no. 1	In Audit	First Climate Markets GmbH	05/01/2026	05/01/2026	India	0			Communit
GS23623 1 New	AP-1934 Testing	Performance Certification Real or Regular VPAs no. 2	In Audit	First Climate Markets GmbH	05/01/2026	05/01/2026	Latvia, Afghanistan	0			Afforestati Agriculture
GS23624 1 New	mruocco-poa	Design Change With VVB no. 1	In Audit	mruocco-test-email-pd-account	22/12/2025	22/12/2025		0			Agriculture

On the dashboard of the specific request, users active on the platform can access the message by clicking on the 'View active conversation' button.

ASSURANCE PLATFORM

MY REQUESTS PROJECTS CONSULTATIONS

SELA LEE PD

GS23623 - AP-1934 Testing

Project Information Requests Project VPAs

CREATE NEW REQUEST

Design Change | With VVB no. 1

Completeness Check

Status

Request ID

44550

Request Status

Completeness Check

Documents Status

0 / 3

Request Type

Design Change | With VVB

Request Start Date

05/12/2025

Round of Review Count

0

CANCEL REQUEST

VIEW ACTIVE CONVERSATION

Documents

Crediting Period

Comments

Required Documents

Support Documents

Other Documents

DOWNLOAD ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Not Uploaded - Design Document

This document should be uploaded by the Project Developer.

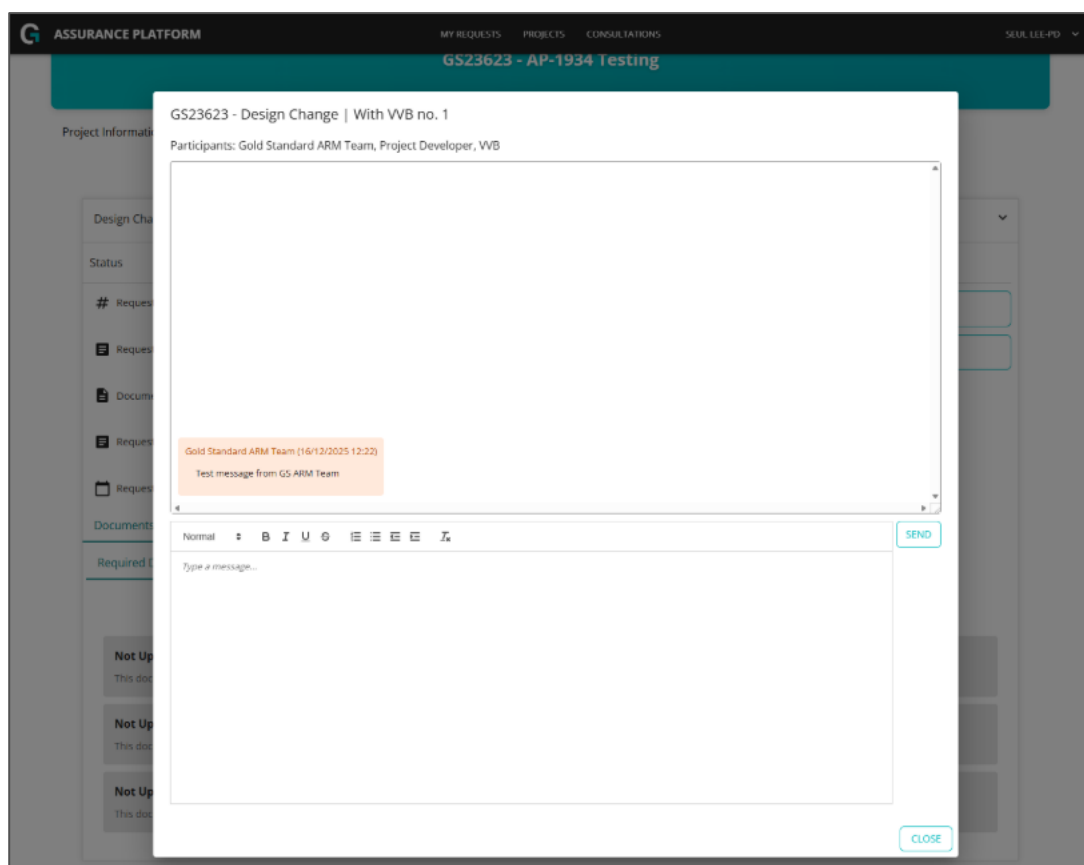
Not Uploaded - Emission Reductions

This document should be uploaded by the Project Developer.

Not Uploaded - Validation Report

This document should be uploaded by the VVB.

A pop-up window will open as a chat box where you can see the message and respond accordingly.



Note: Files (including images or GIFs) cannot be uploaded or sent via the in-platform messaging functionality.

Closing a Conversation & Archived Messages

Conversations will be closed at the discretion of the ARM team and cannot be re-opened by the PD or VVB. The ARM team may re-open the chat if further information is required during the review.

Once closed, users will be able to see the history of the conversation by selecting 'view closed conversation'. Messages cannot be shared anymore, but for any further questions or comments, please reach out at help@goldstandard.org mentioning the GS ID of the request.

4 | PARIS AGREEMENT ALIGNMENT (PAA) FUNCTIONALITIES

On June 30, 2026, The Gold Standard Assurance platform has been updated with new functionalities to reflect the recent Paris Agreement Alignment changes to GS4GG. In this section of the user manual, you can find information on how, as a VVB, you can identify and update PAA requests.

A short video demonstrating the new functionalities for both PD and VVB users is available below (click on the image to play the video):



4.1 | Identifying PAA-related Requests

VVBs can now identify requests that are related to Paris Agreement Alignment (PAA) directly within the Assurance Platform.

When a Project Developer creates a request and marks it as PAA-related, the request will display a PAA label throughout the platform.

Project Developers can only label requests as “PAA” once the associated methodology is updated as PAA and published on the GS4GG website. If a required methodology is not yet updated as PAA when a project is ready for verification, the project enters “Deferred Issuance” status. This pauses issuance but does not penalise the project; credits are issued retroactively once the methodology is available and applied.

To view PAA requests for VVBs:

1. Navigate to My Requests.
2. See a “PAA” label to distinguish PAA requests.

ASSURANCE PLATFORM													
MY REQUESTS PROJECTS CONSULTATIONS													
New features are available for submitting PAA requests.													
REQUEST STATUS PAA PROJECT DEVELOPER													
Name or exact GSID													
GSID	PROJECT	REQUEST NAME	PAA	REQUEST STATUS	PROJECT DEVELOPER	ASSIGNED DATE	LAST SUBMITTED DATE	COUNTRY	ROR COUNT	ROUND OF REVIEW	END DATE	PROJECT TYPE	CARBON STREAM ASSIGNMENT
GS23752	Project test	Design Certification Project no. 2	PAA	In Audit	SLEE PD Notification Test Account	24/06/2026	24/06/2026		0			Afforestation/Reforestation	Accepted
GS23665	RCVPA01 AP-2109 Testing	Design Change With VVB no. 1	PAA	In Audit	First Climate (Switzerland) AG	18/02/2026	18/02/2026		0			Wastewater Treatment	Accepted
GS23630	New project test	Design Certification Project no. 1		In Audit	Eco Carbon Pvt. Ltd.	05/01/2026	05/01/2026		0			Biogas - Cogeneration	Pending

To see the PAA label on a specific project:

1. Navigate to the relevant project.
2. Open the **Requests** section.
3. Review the request list.
4. Identify requests marked with the PAA label.

ASSURANCE PLATFORM													
MY REQUESTS PROJECTS CONSULTATIONS													
GS23771 - GS12769-automation test Test project													
Project Information Requests Project VPAs													
CREATE NEW REQUEST													
Performance Certification Real or Regular VPAs no. 1 In Preparation													
Design Certification Project no. 3 Completed - Approved Internal PAA													
Preliminary Review no. 2 In Preparation PAA													
Design Certification Project no. 2 Cancelled PAA													

VVBs can use the PAA label and filter by the PAA label to distinguish PAA-related requests from other project requests.

ASSURANCE PLATFORM													
MY REQUESTS PROJECTS CONSULTATIONS													
New features are available for submitting PAA requests.													
REQUEST STATUS PAA PROJECT DEVELOPER													
Name or exact GSID													
GSID	PROJECT	REQUEST NAME	PAA	REQUEST STATUS	PROJECT DEVELOPER	ASSIGNED DATE	LAST SUBMITTED DATE	COUNTRY	ROR COUNT	ROUND OF REVIEW	END DATE	PROJECT TYPE	CARBON STREAM ASSIGNMENT
GS23752	Project test	Design Certification Project no. 2	PAA	In Audit	SLEE PD Notification Test Account	24/06/2026	24/06/2026		0			Afforestation/Reforestation	Accepted
GS23665	RCVPA01 AP-2109 Testing	Design Change With VVB no. 1	PAA	In Audit	First Climate (Switzerland) AG	18/02/2026	18/02/2026		0			Wastewater Treatment	Accepted

4.2 | Pathway A and Pathway B requests

The platform does not have functionality to distinguish between mid-crediting period validation (Pathway A as per the PAA VVB Requirements) and crediting period renewal validation (Pathway B).

The PD shall indicate the selected pathway in the PDD and Monitoring Report directly and ensure the VVB contract reflects the desired pathway.

The VVB shall clearly reflect the pathway in the validation/verification reports.

4.3 | Reviewing PAA Requests

When reviewing a request marked as PAA-related, VVB users can access the request details and supporting documentation through the normal review workflow.

The PAA label provides additional context that the request relates to PAA and guides VVBs in their auditing process.

4.4 | PAA Methodology Status Visibility

On the project information screen for any project, users can now see whether the methodology selected for that project is PAA or not.

If a PD submits a PAA request and selects a PAA methodology, once that **request** completes the required review process, the project information page will display the PAA label under "Methodologies".

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GS23957 - SLEE PAA Testing

Project Information Requests Risk

# GSID GS23957	# POA GSID N/A	PROJECT CLASS Standalone Project	COUNTRY Not Set
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Project Characteristics

PROJECT TYPE
Landfill

GOLD STANDARD VERSION
Gold Standard for the Global Goals

PROJECT SCALE
Not Set

CURRENT CREDITING PERIOD
25/06/2026 - 24/06/2031

METHODOLOGIES		
Methodology	PAA	Version
Test PAA Sunset Milestone v1	Yes	1

Project Impact

CERTIFIED PRODUCT
None

CARBON STREAM
None

ESTIMATED ANNUAL EMISSION REDUCTION/REMOVAL
Not Set

SDG IMPACTS
Not Available

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Not Set

PROJECT NOTES
Not Set

Certification Milestones PROJECT STATUS New PROJECT START DATE	# CURRENT REQUEST Preliminary Review no. 1 LISTING DATE	REGISTRATION TYPE Not Set DESIGN CERTIFICATION DATE
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Crediting Periods		
PERIOD	START DATE	END DATE

4.5 | Deferred & Partial Issuance Reviews for VVBs

When a methodology has not been published as PAA yet and a project is ready for verification, there are two options for Deferred and Partial Issuance:

Option 1: Separate VER report for Non-PAA (pre 2026) and PAA Periods (post 2026)

1. Prepare and submit a VVB report for the non-PAA period (e.g., 2024 or 2025, not applying a PAA-approved methodology) if separate performance review requests for each period.
2. Upon certification approval, GS ARM team will raise an issuance request for the non-PAA period.
3. For PAA period, once the PAA methodology is available, submit a separate VVB report for this period and conduct the performance review accordingly.
4. GS ARM team will raise the issuance request for 2026 after review approval.

Option 2: Consolidated Request for Both Non-PAA (pre 2026) and PAA Periods (post 2026)

1. Prepare and submit a VVB report covering both the non-PAA period (e.g., 2024 or 2025) and the PAA period (e.g., 2026).
2. Initially submit the VVB report with non-PAA period verification opinion for review, keeping the performance review **'open'** and the reviewer send back the request to 'In-audit' status post completing the review for 2025.

- Once the PAA methodology is available, update the same VVB report to include monitoring data verification opinion for the PAA period.
- After the performance review is approved, GS ARM team will raise the issuance request for the combined period.
- An Issuance request for 2025 will be raised by concerned team for partial issuance of credits and once the review for 2026 vintage is completed.

Note: If Option 2 is chosen, the PD and VVB shall use the PAA Templates from the beginning of the review. All VVB reports mentioned above shall clearly indicate the applicable period, methodology, and any deferred issuance arrangements as required.

4.6 | Consultations tab

On the Consultations page, users can identify PAA requests under the column “PAA” next to the column “Request”. Similarly, next to the “Methodology” column a label indicates whether the associated methodology is PAA (Yes or No).

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New features are available for submitting PAA requests.

GSID	PROJECT NAME	REQUEST	PAA	STATUS	METHODOLOGY	PAA	Version	COUNTRY	START DATE	END DATE	BATCH
GS12853	test	Design Certification Project no. 1	Yes	In Assignment	Methodology ACM0002 Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources	No	1	Afghanistan	25/06/2026	09/07/2026	No
GS23622	Test project Jude	Design Certification Project no. 1			Methodology Afforestation/Reforestation GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Methodology	No	1		22/06/2026	06/07/2026	No
GS23934	automation test (standalone project) run:680							Ireland			
		Design Certification Project no. 1	Yes	In Round Completion	Methodology ACM0001 Flaring or use of landfill gas ACM0002 Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources	No	1		23/06/2026	07/07/2026	No
		Inclusion Regular Case VPA no. 1	Yes	In Round Completion	Methodology ACM0001 Flaring or use of landfill gas ACM0002 Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources	No	1		23/06/2026	07/07/2026	No
		Combined Design and Performance Certification Project no. 1	Yes	In Round Completion	Methodology ACM0001 Flaring or use of landfill gas ACM0002 Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources	No	1		23/06/2026	07/07/2026	No
GS23935	automation test (POA) run:680							United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland			
					Methodology	PAA	Version				

5 | HELP AND RESOURCES

To access the Assurance Platform, click on this link: <https://assurance-platform.goldstandard.org/>.

To get familiar with the Assurance Platform, refer to the following materials:

- [New Digital Assurance Platform and Management System launched](#)
- [Recording VVB Webinar: Introduction to the Assurance Platform](#)
- [Assurance Platform Demo for VVBs](#)
- [Recording Drop in Session 1: Gold Standard VVB Assurance platform](#)
- [Recording Drop in Session 3: Gold Standard VVB Assurance platform](#)
- [Video: New Assurance platform PAA functionalities \(June 2026\)](#)

For questions, consult our FAQs on the [New Assurance Model and Management Process for Gold Standard Project Certification](#).

Should you not find your answer in the FAQ and need assistance, please reach out to help@goldstandard.org.

6| CHANGE HISTORY

Version N.	Publication Date	Summary of the changes	Previous Version N.
1.0	November 2024	New document	N/A
2.0	April 2025	Revised and reorganized the entire document for clarity and usability. Significant revisions to all sections with additions of new paragraphs, user information, links to the platform demo and clarification notes.	1.0
3.0	January 2026	The following paragraphs have been added: - 3.2.4 Uploading documentation: how to upload files and information on what files to upload with tips for troubleshooting errors. - 3.4 Notifications and In-platform messaging: this is a new chapter. The email notifications	2.0

		paragraph has been moved from chapter 1 to 3.4.1 and has been updated. A new paragraph 3.4.2 In-platform messaging has been added with information on this new function and how it is used.	
3.1	June 2026	New Section '4 Paris Agreement Alignment (PAA) Functionalities' has been added.	3.0