

# CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

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## A. To be completed by Gold Standard

### 1 | Clarification

#### 1.1 | Details

Clarification Reference Number	CL_109
Date of clarification response	22/08/2022

#### 1.2 | Clarification response

The Secretariat would like to thank the Project Developer for raising this clarification request. The Secretariat would like to direct PD to section 4.12.6 of [Programme of Activity Requirements – Gold Standard for the Global Goals](#) which states that technologies/measures that are included in the positive lists for additionality demonstration in the Activity requirements, methodology or latest version of CDM Methodological tool: Tool 22 “Demonstration of additionality of small-scale project activities” can be covered in a single real case VPA-DD. However, this requirement is not applicable to projects that are **not** deemed automatically additional.

## B. To be completed by the entity requesting clarification

### 2 | Background information

#### 2.1 | Generic information

Date of submission	10/08/2022	
Title/subject of clarification	Projects with different additionality approaches under one PoA	
Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number of the document(s)	Applicable requirements category	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Principles &amp; requirements</a> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Activity requirements</a> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Impact quantification methodology</a> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Contextual requirements</a> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Product requirements</a> <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Templates</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
	Document Name:	Program of Activities Requirements
	Version number:	Version 2.0, published 05/05/2022
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	Organisation Name: First Climate (Switzerland) AG	
	Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Designated National Authority (DNA) <input type="checkbox"/> Validation and Verification Body (VVB) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Participant/Developer (PP/PD) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordinating/ Managing Entity (CME) <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Body <input type="checkbox"/> Other Stakeholder ( <i>please specify</i> )	

#### 2.2 | Activity details

Not Applicable

Project/PoA/VPA ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA	ID – GSXXXX
	<input type="checkbox"/> VPA	ID – GSXXXX
Project/PoA/VPA title		
Location of project/PoA/VPA	Host country(ies)	
Scale of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale	
Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA		
Status of the project/PoA/VPA	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project	

### 3 | Clarification detail

#### 3.1 | Description of the clarification:

\*Guidance\* Use the space below to describe the clarification and substantiate it. Please include all relevant information in support of the request. If the queries are related to a project activity or programme of activities under development or implementation, please describe the context in which they arose. If necessary, attach files or refer to sources of relevant information.

##### 3.1.1 | Clarification detail:

We are planning to develop Program of Activities (PoA) under Gold Standard to include different renewable energy off-grid projects (PV and hydro) located in different host countries. In the light of recently published Version 02 of Program of Activities Requirements and Procedures we need to clarify and/or confirm certain aspects with your technical team, prior adopting our decision how to most-efficiently structure the respective PoA.

Background: technologies to be covered by PoA: off-grid small hydro and PV Solar. Location: different countries in South America. Project sizes: small scale project activities (<15 MW), some qualify as microscale (<10,000 tCO2e/yr of emission reduction)

Clarification request:

Can PoA-DD cover the projects with different additionality approaches? For example, certain PV Solar projects qualify as microscale projects and thus can be deemed automatically additional (as per para. 4.5.4 (c) of Renewable Energy Activity Requirements), while for other regular PV Solar projects or small hydro projects the financial additionality shall be shown. We would like to include both project types (with automatic additionality and financial additionality) into one PoA. In our understanding this is possible, but then for different additionality cases the separate real-case VPA-DDs shall be developed and submitted. Could you please clarify?

**3.2 | Documents:**

Not Applicable

3.2.1 | List of documents

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**Document history**

Version number	Release date	Description
1	04/07/2022	Initial adoption