

CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

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A. To be completed by Gold Standard

Clarification

1.1 | Details

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| Clarification Reference Number | CL_116 |
| Date of clarification response | 31/08/2022 |

1.2 | Clarification response

The Secretariat thanks the project developer for this query. The Secretariat would like to clarify that project developer may use the originally conducted Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC) and Stakeholder Feedback Round (SFR) for the VPA mentioned. However, the PD shall note that:

1. A PoA level design consultation shall be conducted in line with the requirements of the latest version of the [Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements](#) for the newly designed PoA.
2. For all future real case and regular VPAs, the LSC and SFR shall be conducted in line with the requirements of the latest version of the [Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements](#) published on 14/06/2022 and relevant [PoA requirements](#) Version 2.0, para 5.7.2 published on 05/05/2022 .

B. To be completed by the entity requesting clarification

Please submit clarification request form in Microsoft Word format

Background information

2.1 | Generic information

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| Date of submission | 22/07/2022 | |
| Title/subject of clarification | Acceptance and recognition of Local Stakeholder Consultation conducted in 2019 for newly planned PoA | |
| Specify applicable rule/requirements/methodology, with exact paragraph reference and version number of the document(s) | Applicable requirements category | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Principles & requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Activity requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Impact quantification methodology <input type="checkbox"/> Contextual requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Product requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Templates <input type="checkbox"/> Others | |
| | Document Name: | Stakeholder Consultation Requirements |
| | Version number: | 2.1 |
| | Paragraph Reference: | |
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| | Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Designated National Authority (DNA) <input type="checkbox"/> Validation and Verification Body (VVB) <input type="checkbox"/> Project Participant/Developer (PP/PD) <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating/ Managing Entity (CME) <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Body <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Stakeholder (<i>Consultant to PP – ECO Uganda</i>) | |

2.2 | Activity details

Fill only if the clarification is regarding a specific project/ PoA or VPA

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| Project/PoA/VPA ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Project | ID – GSXXXX |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> PoA | ID – GSXXXX |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA | ID – GS10089 or GS 7346 |
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| Project/PoA/VPA title | Ecological Christian Organisation Uganda (ECOUg01) VPA 01 | |
| Location of project/PoA/VPA | Host country(ies) | Republic of Uganda |
| Scale of the project/PoA/VPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Microscale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale | |
| Gold Standard Impact Registry link of the project/PoA/VPA | https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1538 | |
| Status of the project/PoA/VPA | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listed <input type="checkbox"/> Certified design <input type="checkbox"/> Certified project | |

Clarification detail

To be completed by the enquirer

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:

The organization ECO Uganda planned to register a VPA under the PoA 973 “Improved Cook Stoves for East Africa”. ECO started the process of joining the CDM Gold Standard PoA GS 973 in 2019. Since then, ECO completed the Preliminary Review under GS4GG, meaning that a Local Stakeholder Consultation as well as a Stakeholder Feedback Round have been conducted by ECO, a VPA-DD has been prepared and the VPA received official listed status under GS4GG and PoA GS 973. However, the VPA was never officially registered under the CDM.

This is an overview of the past steps for the above mentioned VPA:

| Date | Activity |
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| 2018 | Start of Project Initiation and Planning |
| 18. December 2018 | Local Stakeholder Consultation in Hotel Africana, Kampala |
| 21-22 February 2019 | Meetings with community members in the project region by ECO and funder "Bread for the World" |
| 25. April 2019 | Signature of Cover Letter by ECO Uganda |
| 26. April 2019 | Signature of Terms and Conditions and ODA Declaration |
| 06. June 2020 | Start of Stakeholder Feedback Round |
| 15. June 2020 | Completion Date of CPA-DD |
| 2020 | Completion of Preliminary Review and obtaining "listed status" under GS4GG and PoA GS 973 |
| 01. June 2022 | Start of cooperation between ECO Uganda and Bridge Builders for set-up of own PoA |
| 23. June 2022 – 01 July 2022 | Visit of Bridge Builders to ECO Uganda and the project region; conduction of meetings with community members |

The CME of PoA GS 973 was faced with a lot of uncertainty due to the post-2020 CDM situation as well as the challenge that a renewal of the PoA period was needed. Initially it was the idea of the CME (ICSEA Ltd.) to transition the PoA as well as all VPAs, including the one from ECO, from CDM to Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG). However, this process is still delayed due to several challenges the CME is facing.

Due to the challenging situation that the transition of the PoA slowed down and has not been realized, ECO Uganda decided to pursue its own independent project under GS4GG and contracted in 2022 the carbon consultancy Bridge Builders to support them in their own and independent activities.

The idea is to register a PoA with ECO Uganda as the CME. The plans of ECO presented during the LSC and the CPA-DD mentioned above in terms of technology, baseline, project area and other aspects have not changed since 2019. It is ECO's plan to distribute efficient fuel wood stoves that consume less firewood than the traditional three-stone fire. Further, stakeholders in 2019 were invited on a national and regional level. Among those regional focused districts were also Mayuge and

Bugiri district, which are intended to be the initial target area of ECO's distribution plan under their own PoA.

ECO Uganda and Bridge Builders have reviewed the document "Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements", v.2.1 dated 14/06/2022 and could not identify any requirements that have not been followed during the planning, conduction and reporting of the LSC in 2019. The LSC in 2019 has been:

- implemented by following Gender Sensitive Requirements.
- divided into a physical meeting that was followed by a Stakeholder Feedback Round (Start Date 06 June 2022).
- considering and inviting relevant stakeholders from all required categories of stakeholders.
- conducted by following an agenda that corresponded to the defined minimum agenda items from the requirements and guidelines.
- following the GS4GG Standard rules and requirements in terms of Stakeholder Engagement requirements and guidelines.
- designed in a manner allowing for discussions with stakeholders regarding the Safeguarding Principles and Grievance Mechanisms of the project.

Additionally, during the visit of Bridge Builders to Uganda in June 2022, ECO organized three other stakeholder reunions in the project districts (23rd-24th June 2022). Farmers and potential beneficiaries as well as district and county representatives (e.g. district environmental officer, district senior labor officer, sub county chief, sub county speaker, parish chief and village local council chairpersons) attended those meetings. They were asked about their cooking habits and their interest in the project. Questions were asked by stakeholders and answered by the staff of ECO and Bridge Builders (see supporting documents "ECO-ICS Attendance forms 24 June 2022" and "Community Feedback Sessions and photos")

Concluding, ECO Uganda and Bridge Builders believe that another Local Stakeholder Consultation for the proposed first activities under the PoA would not yield any major beneficial or additional insights nor substantial differently outcomes. Stakeholders are already aware of the project and ECO's plans.

Therefore, we would like to get clarity from Gold Standard on the following question:

1. Does Gold Standard allow ECO to use the LSC, its respective report and outcomes from 2019 under their new PoA? This would mean that ECO Uganda would not have to conduct a LSC and Stakeholder Feedback Round for all real-case and regular VPAs that will be submitted for the Design Review of the PoA.

In case Gold Standard accepts the suggestion above, ECO Uganda will conduct a PoA Design Consultation virtually and

- a) explain to Stakeholders the reasons for the change of the PoA from GS 907 to a new independent PoA;
- b) ask for further input to the newly planned PoA and the general design.

Communications by ECO Uganda for the PoA Design Consultation will also involve an explanation about the former LSC including the LSC report and relevant supporting documents. All Stakeholders that were invited to the LSC in 2018 will be incorporated into the PoA design consultation.

3.2 | Documents:

Guidance List of documents provided (note that once a clarification decision has been made by Gold Standard, this clarification form along with supporting documents may be made public on the Gold Standard website. If any of the supporting documents are confidential, please indicate here to ensure they are omitted.)

3.2.1 | List of documents

- 1) 07-ECO GS4GG Stakeholder Consultation Report v07
- 2) (1) ECO's Stakeholder Feedback Round (SFR)
- 3) Annex I-Attendance List
- 4) Annex II-Evaluation Forms
- 5) GS7346_GS4GG Preliminary Review Final Round
- 6) ECO-ICS Attendance forms 24 June 2022
- 7) Community feedback sessions and photos

Document history

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