**Form - preliminary review Submission**

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**Summary**

The Preliminary Review Submission form is required to provide necessary information about a proposed Project/Programme of Activities/Voluntary Project Activity(ies) (henceforth ‘Project’ for short) for project listing on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.

The project developer/CME shall refer to paragraphs 5.1.3 to 5.1.12 of the [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) document and the latest [Rule Update](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/ru-2022-revision-to-preliminary-review-requirements-and-procedure/) for comprehensive information on the preliminary review process, including requirements and procedures. Furthermore, the project developer/CME should use the guidelines provided in this template to ensure compliance with all necessary steps.

1. SCOPE, APPLICABILITY AND ENTRY INTO FORCE
	* 1. To list a proposed project, PoA and VPAs[[1]](#footnote-2) with Gold Standard, the project developer/CME shall submit the preliminary review form in its most updated version with supporting documents in Microsoft word document format.
		2. The following project documents shall also be submitted with the latest version of Form - Preliminary Review Submission (this document);
2. [Stakeholder Consultation Report](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-stakeholder-consultation-report/) (draft report)

*If multiple VPAs are submitted together then the report shall be submitted for each VPA except if a grouped stakeholder consultation is conducted. For details please refer to section 4.9 of* [*Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/102_V2.1_PAR_Stakeholder-Consultation-Requirements.pdf)*)*

1. [PoA Design Consultation Report](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-design-consultation-report/) (draft report for PoAs only)
2. Signed [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/)
3. Signed [*Terms and Conditions*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/terms-conditions)
4. Signed [*Terms of Use*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-preview-registry-app-terms-of-use/)
5. Draft PDD/PoA-DD/VPA-DD is only needed when
* no other project applying the same methodology and/or product is listed on the [Gold Standard Impacts Registry](https://registry.goldstandard.org/), or
* the draft PDD may include – NOT MANDATORY for all activities - a summary of demonstration of the financial additionality approach and a draft monitoring plan at the preliminary review stage.
1. [*Risks & Capacities*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203g-ar-luf-risks-capacities-assessment-template/) *-* For projects applying one of the following activity requirements
	1. *Activity requirements – Land Use and Forestry*
	2. *Activity requirements – Agriculture*
	3. *Activity requirements – Blue Carbon*
		1. As noted under Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) [*Principles & Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)paragraph 5.1.9, the preliminary review is intended as a guide to the project developer. It does not represent a certification review or results in certification. **It does not guarantee that a Project shall be successful in validation or design review or ongoing verification and performance review.** **Neither does it guarantee that further issues or alternative interpretations will arise during validation or design review**.
		2. All projects, PoAs and VPAs submitted on or after 05/12/2024 for preliminary review shall use this or the latest version of the Form - *Preliminary Review* *Submission*.
		3. All projects, PoAs and VPAs transitioning from CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) shall use a Form - [*Transition Request Submission*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-transition-cdm-and-other-standard-to-gs4gg-form/) instead of this Form - Preliminary Review Submission.
2. DECISION SUMMARY

To be completed by Gold Standard

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| Date of the first submission[[2]](#footnote-3)  | *Insert Date (dd/month/yyyy format) of submission for preliminary review* |
| Stakeholder consultation report | Confirm if the Stakeholder consultation report submitted for preliminary review is [ ]  Draft report[ ]  Full report  |
| Date of decision/listing | *Insert Date (dd/month/yyyy format) of decision for listing* |
| Decision | [ ]  Approved [without any CARs, FARs or OBs identified][ ]  Conditionally approved [with CARs, FAR s or OBs identified that are not required to be resolved prior to Listing][ ]  Not Approved [identified at least one potential Non Conformity (NC)]Reason for rejection –[Insert the reasoning for rejection] |
| FARs raised for Project Developer | *List the FARs raised for Project Developer/CME here.**FAR 1.**FAR 2.**FAR 3.* |
| FARs raised for validating/verifying VVB | *List the FARs raised for validating/verifying VVB here.*FAR 1.FAR 2.FAR 3. |
| CLs/Observations  | *List any other relevant OBs/CLs, as needed here.* |

NOTE:

* *The CARs, OBs and FARs, raised at the Preliminary review stage are indicative only; further matters may be raised or interpreted differently by the VVB and/or Gold Standard during the Project Certification Cycle.*
* *The validating/verifying VVB shall validate FARs (both for PDs & VVBs) and provide its opinion in the validation/verification report as applicable*.
1. PROJECT INFORMATION

This section is to be completed by the Project Developer/CME

**Key Project Information**

**Table 1** *Key project information – All projects*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GS ID and Title of the PA/PoA/VPA*If multiple VPAs are submitted together for listing, the CME shall include the title and GS ID of all VPAs submitted in the batch.* *Add new rows as needed.* | Project classification | GS ID  | Title |
| [ ]  Project Activity (PA) | [Insert ID as GS -XXX] |  |
| [ ]  Programme of Activity (PoA) | [Insert ID as GS -XXX] |  |
| [ ]  Real Case Voluntary Project Activity (VPAs) | [Insert ID as GS -XXX] |  |
| [ ]  Regular Case Voluntary Project Activity (VPAs) | [Insert ID as GS -XXX] |  |
| Host Country (ies)*For a multi-country PoA, include the names of all the countries here* |  |
| Location of the project implementation*Provide as precise information about the project location as known to the project developer at the time of submission of this form.* | Country | State, region/province | City or Village |
|  |  |  |
| Geo-coordinates of the project implementation site*Please provide geo-coordinates in Degrees, minutes, and seconds (DMS) format e.g. 41°24'12.2"N and 2°10'26.5"E.* *A map may be included in section 3.2 for additional information below.* | GS ID  | Latitude  | Longitude |
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| Technology/ measures to be implemented*e.g. improved cookstove, solar PV, waste management etc.* |  |
| The scale of the activity*Refer to the applicable* [*Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/) *to confirm the scale of the projects.* | [ ]  Micro-scale  | [ ]  Small-scale |
| [ ]  Large-scale | [ ]  Small-holder activity  |
| [ ]  Others |
| Activity Requirements applied | [ ]  [Renewable Energy](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/) [ ]  [Community Services Activities](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)[ ]  [Land-Use & Forests](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/) [ ]  [Agriculture](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/) [ ]  [Blue Carbon](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/204-ar-bcfw-blue-carbon-and-freshwater-wetlands-activity-requirements/)[ ]  Engineered removal[ ]  New project types[ ]  Others (rules and requirements available in [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) apply) |
| Applied methodology (ies)*Refer to the approved* [*Impact quantification methodologies*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/400-sdg-impact-quantification/) *and eligible* [*CDM methodologies*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/427-list-of-eligible-cdm-gs-methodologies/) or Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism (PACM)*Any additional GS applicability criteria for the selected CDM methodology(ies) as stated in the list, applies for GS4GG certification.* | [ ]  GS approved methodology, including any specific GS applicability criteria[ ]  A project-specific methodology (Microscale Project/PoA only)[ ]  Proposing a new methodology [ ]  Proposing a new methodology (Micro Scale)[ ]  Proposed methodology (under public consultation or consultation has been completed) |
| *Title(s) of methodology (ies)* | *Insert title here*  |
| *The version number of the methodology (ies)* | *Insert the latest version number here*  |
| Product Requirements applied | [ ]  [*GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/501-PR-GHG-Emissions-Reductions-Sequestration) [ ]  [*Renewable Energy Label*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/502-PR-Renewable-Energy-Label) [ ]  Others *For all other Certification Statements, Certified SDG Impact Statements or Products*. Please specify:  |
| Project cycle*Refer to* [*Principles and requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *paragraphs 4.1.39 to 4.1.42 and* [*Activity requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*, where applicable.* *For A/R and AGR activity – refer to* [Terms and Definitions](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/faqs-glossary/), [*LUF activity requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)*for the project start date.*  | [ ]  Regular cycle[ ]  Retroactive cycle |
| *Project Start Date (if known)* | Insert start date here dd-mm-yyyy |
| *Stakeholder consultation physical meeting date* | Insert (first) date here dd-mm-yyyy |
| *Crediting period* *(expected)* | *Start date*  | Insert start date here dd-mm-yyyy |
| *End date* | Insert end date here dd-mm-yyyy |
| *The project Start Date and the stakeholder consultation date determine the project as –* *(a) Regular cycle Projects, for which the Stakeholder Consultation (1st round) has been conducted before the Project Start Date.* *(b) Retroactive cycle Projects, for which the Stakeholder Consultation (1st round) is conducted after the Project Start Date.* *Retroactive Projects submitted for preliminary review at a date later than one year (five years for LUF projects) from the project start date are not eligible for Gold Standard certification.**Retroactive projects are required to provide evidence to demonstrate prior consideration at the time of validation (paragraph 7.1.3 of* [*GHG Emissions Reductions & Sequestration Product Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/501-PR-GHG-Emissions-Reductions-Sequestration)*)*  |
| Documents submitted with Preliminary Review form*Refer to* [*Principles and requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *paragraphs 5.1.7 & 5.1.8 along with the Rule update highlighting major changes to the preliminary review process for further details. Additionally, refer topara 1.1.2 of this document for completion of PDD/PoA -DD/ VPA - DD.* *Note: If any of the information in supporting documents is confidential, please indicate these here to ensure they are omitted from being published.* *Note that the Preliminary Review request Form (this document), Stakeholder Consultation Report (draft) and Draft PDD (under Pathway 2) will be made publicly available on the Gold Standard Impact Registry.* *See* [*Rule Clarification on Public Disclosure.*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/rc-2021-public-disclosure-requirements-for-project-documentation/) | *Mandatory document*[ ]  [Stakeholder Consultation Report](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-stakeholder-consultation-report/) [ ]  Draft report, or[ ]  Full report [ ]  [PoA Design Consultation Report](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-design-consultation-report/) and the [Stakeholder Consultation Report](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-stakeholder-consultation-report/) for at least the first Real Case VPA.[ ]  Signed [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/)[ ]  Signed [*Terms and Conditions*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/terms-conditions)[ ]  Signed [*Terms of Use*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-preview-registry-app-terms-of-use/)*Note that for the preliminary review, project developers may submit a draft stakeholder consultation report detailing the first round of consultation – if submitted earlier than one year. For the preliminary review, project developers shall submit a draft stakeholder consultation report detailing the first round of consultation. This report shall include, at minimum, the consultation date, a list of invited stakeholders, the invitation method, information shared with stakeholders, and feedback received.)**Regardless of validation status, project developers shall submit the full stakeholder consultation report—covering both first and second round consultations—within one year of the project's start date. Note that extended submission timelines may apply for certain activities, such as those outlined in LUF activity requirements or the Shipping sector.**Optional document* [ ]  Draft [PDD](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-design-document/)/[PoA-DD](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-poa-design-document/)/[VPA-DD](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-vpa-design-document/) (if applicable, refer to Section 1 above)[ ]  Draft [*SDG Impact Tool*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/sdg-impact-tools/)[ ]  Others (*List the document below*)[ ]  Other 1 – [ ]  Other 2 - |
| Are any of the optional documents or supporting documents confidential?[ ]  No[ ]  Yes, if yes specify the nature of confidential information in line with [*Rule Clarification on Public Disclosure.*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/rc-2021-public-disclosure-requirements-for-project-documentation/)[Insert Here]*The project developer is expected to secure prior consent from stakeholders as per applicable host country regulations as applicable and follow best practices approaches for data privacy and management.*  |
| Project Developer *The* [*Registry*](https://www.goldstandard.org/resources/impact-registry) *account holder and authorized owner of the certified product(s).* *Refer to the* [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/) *for the definition and roles & responsibilities of the project developer.* *Name of the project developer must be the same as in the Cover letter.* | Project developer NAME: ☒ |
| Project Representative *Indicate the official focal point(s) for the project - this may also be the Project Developer.**Refer to the* [*Cover Letter*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-prereview-cover-letter/) *for the definition and roles & responsibilities of project representatives**Name of the project representative must be the same as in the Cover letter.* | Project representative NAME: |
| Declaration  | The Project Developer/CME and Project Representative acknowledge and affirm that: [ ]  the preliminary review is intended as a guide to the project developer, is not a certification decision, and does not guarantee that a Project/PoA or VPA shall be successful in validation or design review or ongoing verification and performance review.[ ]  the information provided in the Preliminary Review Form and supporting documents is correct and accurate to the best of their knowledge and understanding of Gold Standard rules and requirements.[ ]  the consequences of any change in applicable GS4GG rules and requirements or any information found incorrect during validation or design certification, is the sole responsibility of the project developer.[ ]  prior consent from stakeholders has been or will be obtained in compliance with applicable host country regulations. I hereby affirm my commitment to adhere to all relevant data privacy laws, regulations, and industry best practices for data management throughout the entire project lifecycle. This commitment includes, but is not limited to, the proper collection, storage, processing, and protection of all stakeholder data in accordance with applicable legal requirements and ethical standards. |
| Contact details of the representative signing the declaration.  | [ ] Project Developer [ ] Project Representative |
| Organisation: Position:Full Name:Email: |

1. Project Information

To be completed by project developer/CME for all projects/PoA/VPAs

1. **Purpose and general description of the project**

*Summaries the project, applied technology(ies) and its purpose in no more than 800 words.*

[Inset text here]

1. **GHGs included**

*Select the GHGs that are included in the project*

[ ]  CO2

[ ]  CH4

[ ]  N2O

[ ]  Others (please specify in the box below)

[Inset text here]

1. **Expected GHGs emissions reduction/removal**

The project activity will result in

[ ]  Emissions reduction

[ ]  Emissions removal

[ ]  Both

**Table 2** – *Summary of expected emissions reduction*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Crediting period (1st) Start year | *Add text here (MM/YYYY)* | *Year* |
| Crediting period (1st) End year | *Add text here (MM/YYYY)* | *Year* |
| Annual average  | *Add text here* | *tCO2eq per year* |
| Total emission reductions (tCO2eq) | *Add text here* | *tCO2eq* |

**Table 3** – *Summary of expected emissions removal*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Crediting period (1st) Start year | *Add text here (MM/YYYY)* | *Year* |
| Crediting period (1st) End year | *Add text here (MM/YYYY)* | *Year* |
| Annual average  | *Add text here* | *tCO2eq per year* |
| Total emission removal (tCO2eq) | *Add text here* | *tCO2eq* |

1. Project Eligibility Assessment

The assessment questions below are intended to gather key information on the Project and to provide relevant information on applicable requirements for ease of reference. The project developer/CME is expected to go through the detailed requirements referring to relevant GS4GG standard documents, as applicable, for further details.

The project developer/CME shall answer all assessment questions below.

To be completed by Project Developer/CME for all projects/PoAs/VPAs

**Table 3 -** *Project Eligibility Assessment*

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| General eligibility assessment |
| 1. Is the project eligible project type under Gold Standard for the Global Goals? Refer to Section 4a, ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES, [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Does the project/VPA/PoA involve any technology/measure related to
* geoengineering
* energy generated from fossil fuels
* nuclear energy,
* fossil fuel switch,
* Avoided deforestation
* Enhanced oil recovery

or in any way support, enhance or prolong such energy generation? | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. In case the technology/measure is related to “energy generated from fossil fuels” (for example, LPG stoves), is exception made and captured in the relevant Activity Requirements, Approved Methodology and/or Product Requirements?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Is the proposed activity also registered or pursuing certification under any other voluntary or compliance standards programme?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. If the proposed Project, PoA, or VPA is a part of another standard, voluntary or compliance standards programme, confirm the name(s) below. Otherwise, select ‘Not Applicable’.

[ ]  Not Applicable [ ]  CDM [ ]  PACM [ ]  VCS/VERRA [ ]  ACR [ ]  CAR [ ]  Plan Vivo [ ]  Other (if *Other Insert the name here*)*Note – If the project is transitioning from CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG) shall use a* [*Transition Request Form*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/t-transition-cdm-and-other-standard-to-gs4gg-form/) *instead of this Preliminary Review form.* |
| 1. Does the Project have an overlapping Project Area with that of another Gold Standard or other voluntary or compliance standard programme of a similar nature?

*If “Yes”, take note of paragraph 3.1.1.(c)* [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)*.*  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Is the proposed PA/PoA/VPA or any component of it required by an existing legally binding mandate of a host country?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Does the project involve legal ownership transfer of any Products that are generated under Gold Standard Certification (for example carbon credits) from project beneficiaries?

*If “yes”, take note of paragraph 3.1.1.(f)* [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/). | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Is a relevant [activity requirement](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/) available for the proposed project activity?

*If no, take note of paragraph 4.1.4*, [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)*.* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Is PA/PoA/VPAs located in conflict zones, refugee camps or areas that pose a high risk to life and/or health?

*If yes, take note of the provisions specified in Annex B* [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/). | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| Sustainable Development Assessment |
| 1. Does the project positively contribute to a minimum of three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDG13 (mandatory) + two other SDGs?

*All projects shall demonstrate a clear, direct contribution to sustainable development, defined as making demonstrable, positive impacts on at least three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of which must be SDG 13 (Section 4. (c)* of [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/)*).* *Also, take note of the requirements of paragraph 4.1.30 of* [Principles and Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *regarding the opinion and recommendations of Expert Stakeholders.* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Select below the identified SDGs that the project will likely contribute to.
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| [ ]  SDG 1: No Poverty | [ ]  SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | [x]  SDG 13: Climate Action |
| [ ]  SDG 2: Zero Hunger | [ ]  SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | [ ]  SDG 14: Life Below Water |
| [ ]  SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being | [ ]  SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | [ ]  SDG 15: Life on Land |
| [ ]  SDG 4: Quality Education | [ ]  SDG 10: Reduced Inequality | [ ]  SDG 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions |
| [ ]  SDG 5: Gender Equality | [ ]  SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities | [ ]  SDG 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal |
| [ ]  SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | [ ]  SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| 1. Did you use the [**Digital SDG Impact Tool**](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/430-iq-sdg-impact-tool-app/) for SDG impact assessment?

*It is not mandatory to use the Digital SDG tool for preliminary review, however, it must be completed and submitted to VVB for validation.* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| Safeguarding Principles Assessment |
| 1. Have you completed the assessment against the [Gold Standard *Safeguarding Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-par-safeguarding-principles-requirements/)?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Have you identified any relevant potential risks and adverse outcomes?

*If the answer to any of the assessment questions set out against Safeguarding principles is either “Yes” or “potentially”, the answer to this question is “Yes”. Take note of the procedure outlined in paragraph 2.1.4 of* [*GS4GG Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-PAR-Safeguarding-Principles-Requirements)*.* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. If the answer to the previous question is “Yes,”, is the Project Developer aware that the project must comply with the requirements with regard to the relevant safeguarding principle through design, management or risk mitigation?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. If the answer to the previous question is “Yes,” is the Project Developer aware that the mitigation measures must be added to the Monitoring Plan (as required)?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| *Safeguarding Principles Assessment must conform to the*  [*Safeguarding Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/103-PAR-Safeguarding-Principles-Requirements)*. Also, take note of the requirements of paragraph 4.1.30 of* [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *regarding the opinion and recommendations of Expert Stakeholders.* |
| Summary - Stakeholder Consultation  |
| 1. Did you conduct the physical stakeholder consultation for stand-alone project activity or VPAs before the project start date, or, for retroactive projects, before submission for preliminary review?

*Retroactive projects may combine their physical stakeholder consultation with the feedback round. The feedback round shall be completed before applying for preliminary review.* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Did the CME conduct the PoA design consultation before the time of the first submission to Gold Standard for Preliminary Review?

*Applicable for PoA* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. If the Stakeholder Consultation is conducted after the start date of the project (retroactive project), is the Project Developer aware of the following requirements:
2. provide clarification on why the stakeholder consultation is not conducted before the project start date, and
3. conduct consultation with relevant stakeholders as early as possible, and
4. provide further explanation of how comments received during the consultation were taken into account in the design and implementation of the project.

*Not applicable for PoA* | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. In case a grouped stakeholder consultation for multiple VPAs was conducted, is the Project Developer aware of the following requirements:
2. The VPAs correspond to the same real case VPA(s), and
3. The VPAs are to be implemented within the same host country, and
4. The VPAs are to be implemented within the geographical boundary, applicable to the group defined for a single consultation. The applicable geographical boundary is defined at the time of the first physical meeting of the specific grouped consultation, and
5. The VPAs are included in the PoA within two years of the first physical meeting conducted for grouped consultation
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. Does the list of invited stakeholders cover all stakeholder groups (a) to (g) listed in section 3.3.1 (for stand-alone project activity or VPAs) or groups (a) to (e) listed in section 4.4.1 (for PoA) of [*Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-par-stakeholder-consultation-requirements/)
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Did the invitation methods solicit input from women and marginalised groups, including women, youth, the poor, informal sector workers, ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples, disabled or elderly people, and members of the LGBTQ community?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Were the stakeholders invited at least 30 days before the physical stakeholder meeting?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Did you share information in a manner (format, medium, language(s), etc.) that allows local stakeholders to understand how the project is likely to affect them?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Did you discuss identified direct positive and negative impacts of the projects with stakeholders as assessed for SDG contributions and safeguarding assessment?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Was a gender lens applied to assessing comments? (For example, if only men provided comments on a household device project, was this taken into consideration when assessing the relevance of the comment?)
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Were any serious, reasonable, and proportional concerns raised taken into account and satisfactorily addressed?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. Did you provide feedback to Stakeholders on how their comments have been taken into account as part of the stakeholder feedback round?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. Were any points that warrant mitigation measures marked as such and was their monitoring plan designed and included in the PDD?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. Did you discuss the potential options for continuous input and grievance mechanism with stakeholders and agree on an appropriate method
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Is the mandatory Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book’s location clearly stated (and therefore usable)?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Have you documented the stakeholder consultation process and outcomes in a Stakeholder Consultation Report?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Is the Project Developer aware that the PDD must include a summary report of the comments received from local stakeholders?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| *Section 4.1.25 of* [*GS Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/) *All Projects shall conduct Stakeholder Consultation and an ongoing engagement process. The Stakeholder Consultation shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements outlined in this section and Gold Standard* [*Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-par-stakeholder-consultation-requirements/)*. However, for preliminary review the project may submit a draft report and shall answer the question as per the status of consultation at the time of submission of project for preliminary review.* |
| 1. Has the Project Developer conducted and completed a Stakeholder Consultation in accordance with the requirements of [*Gold Standard Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/102-par-stakeholder-consultation-requirements/)*?*
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| *The questions from 18 to 34 act as a cross-check for question 35. If the answer to any of the questions from 18 to 34 above is “no’ please specify the reason in the row below* |
| Question(s) number answered “No” for Section D Stakeholder Consultation Summary | Add text here |
| Please specify the reason | Add text here |
| Compliance with Activity Requirements |
| 1. Does the project conform to the relevant Activity ([CSA](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)/[RE](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/) /[LUF](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)/Blue carbon)? In case of other activities follow the requirements specified in the GS [*Principles and Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/101-par-principles-requirements/).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  Not applicable |
| 1. Do any specific eligibility criteria/requirements stipulated in the Activity requirements apply to the project? (See Annex A of [CSA](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)/[RE](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)).
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| *Reference: Section 4.1.1 of* [*GHG Product Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/501-pr-ghg-emissions-reductions-sequestration/)***FOR GSVERs/CERs -*** *Typical eligible project types are* [*Renewable Energy Supply*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)*,* [*End-Use Energy Efficiency Improvement*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/)*,* [*Waste Handling & Disposal*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/)*,* [*Land Use and Forests*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/) *(A/R and AGR), and Sustainable Urban Development (contextual requirement). You may find the detailed eligibility requirements in the applicable* [*Activity requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*.**Also, take note of additional eligibility requirements outlined for specific technology types/measures. For example, RE projects - Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater, and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements provided in Annex – A of* [*Renewable Energy Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/202-ar-renewable-energy-activity-requirements/) *for further details.**Similarly, for technologies under Community Services Activity Refer to Annex – A of* [*Community Services Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/201-ar-community-services-activity-requirements/) *for further details.**Land Use and Forests, for example, afforestation/ reforestation (*[*LUF Activity Requirements*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203-ar-luf-activity-requirements/)*)* |
| Applicability of the methodology/tool version |
| 1. Does the project comply with all the applicability and eligibility criteria of the applied methodology/ies?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Does the project comply with any additional Gold Standard applicability criteria set for using the applied methodology?

*Refer to* [*Impact quantification method**ology.*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/400-sdg-impact-quantification/) | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |
| 1. Does the project apply the latest version of the methodology and applicable tools available at the time of the first submission of this form?
 | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No |

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| Additional Information for LUF Activities   If applying the LAND-USE & FORESTS ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS answer the following questions: |

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| 1. Scope
 | [ ]  Afforestation and Reforestation [ ]  Agriculture [ ]  Mangroves  |
| 1. Does the project/ PoA/VPA(s) intend to apply the Smallholder Requirements?

*Refer to*[***Smallholder definition and applicable requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/rc-2020-applicability-of-land-use-and-forests-activity-requirements-annex-b-requirements-for-a-r-smallholder-and-microscale-projects/)  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No   |
| 1. Does the Project involve a  Silvicultural system?
 | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No *If yes, provide details* >>  | [ ]  Conservation (no use of timber)   | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| [ ]  Rotation Forestry   | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| [ ]  Selective Harvesting   | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| [ ]  Other (please specify)  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| 1. Project Area (ha)

*The project area is the sum of all eligible and non-eligible areas. Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*for further details.*  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| 1. Does the project documentation clearly distinguish the project area boundaries?
 | [ ]  Yes - *please submit evidence with this Preliminary Review Request.*  [ ]  No  |
| 1. How much of the project area will be identified and used to protect or enhance the biological diversity following the High Conservation Value (HCV) approach?

*Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*for further details.*  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| 1. Eligible Area (ha)

*Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*for further details.*  | *[Insert area (ha) here]*  |
| 1. Does the Project Developer/CME have evidence(s) for the entire eligible area mentioned above to demonstrate compliance with the applicable guidelines for spatial analysis of land eligibility assessment of the applicable [LUF requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)?

*Please note that a full eligibility assessment shall be submitted at the time of preliminary review.*  | [ ]  Yes - *Please submit evidence for the entire eligible area with this Preliminary Review Request.*  [ ]  No  |
| 1. Deforestation assessment:

*Refer to the applicable*[***LUF activity requirements***](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/200-activity-requirements/)*-* In the case when the eligible area has been deforested during the 10 years prior to the project start date, the eligibility of the project shall be determined by Gold Standard as part of the Preliminary Review.   | Does the project developer/CME have evidence as per the applicable LUF activity requirements that the proposed eligible area was not partly or entirely deforested within the 10 years prior to the project start date? [ ]  Yes – *please submit evidence of no deforestation*   [ ]  No *– please request a waiver by submitting evidence* *that the deforestation activity has not taken place with an intention to implement project activities that generate Gold Standard Certified SDG Impact Statements and/or Products, such as GSVERs.* *1) Submit a request to**help@goldstandard.org**before applying for Preliminary Review*   *2) Submit a waiver from Gold Standard with the PRR*   |
| 1. Will the project/PoA/VPA involve multiple Modelling Units (MUs) i.e., distinct parts of the eligible area where homogeneous characteristics to quantify a certain SDG Impact (growth patterns, management treatment and start date) exist?
 | [ ]  Yes - *please state the number of MUs and the area (ha) of each MU in the draft PDD.*   [ ]  No   |
| 1. Does the draft PDD include relevant evidence on buffer zones around water bodies?

*The Project Developer shall maintain a buffer zone of 15 meters on both sides of any permanent or temporary water bodies such as lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, etc. Irrigation channels are excluded from this requirement.*  | The total area (ha) of the buffer?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| A map indicating the location of buffers?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| Justification of how the project will comply with the limitations on activities in buffers?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No  |
| 1. Indicate any additional document submitted along with the Preliminary Review Request form for LUF activity
 | ☐ Performance risk assessment (see [*Risks and Capacities template*](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/203g-ar-luf-risks-capacities-assessment-template/))   |

### DOCUMENT HISTORY

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| Version   | Release Date  | Description  |
| 3.0 | 12.11.2024 | Revisions to accommodate the procedural changes and the expand the fast-track process to LUF activities.  |
| 2.0 | 16.08.2022 | Changes in line with the [Rule-Update](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/ru-2022-revision-to-preliminary-review-requirements-and-procedure/), namely;1. Addition of details pertaining to pathway 1 and 2 of the preliminary review
2. Revision of assessment questions
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| 1.1 | 21.02.2022 | Editorial changes. Reflecting the publication of the SDG Impact Tool. |
| 1.0 | 08.12.2021 | Initial adoption |

1. In case of regular VPAs, exemptions may apply, refer to [the Programme of Activity Requirements](https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/107-par-programme-of-activity-requirements/) for further details. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The date when the Project Developer has finished:

(a) signing and submitting the Terms and Conditions,

(b) submitting the Preliminary review form and required project documentation [↑](#footnote-ref-3)