

RULE CLARIFICATION

APPLICABILITY OF CDM PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS TO GOLD STANDARD PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (POAS)

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BACKGROUND:

The Gold Standard for the Global Goals [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) provide coordinating/managing entities with the minimum requirements for designing and implementing a Gold Standard PoA seeking Certified Impact Statements or Products. Unless otherwise specified in the [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) document, Gold Standard PoAs (both voluntary and CDM) shall follow the requirements for CDM Programmes of Activities.

This clarification is provided with reference to Section 1.1.4 of the Gold Standard for Global Goals [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) v1.2 and all previous versions of PoA Requirements.

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All Gold Standard PoAs shall refer to applicable CDM PoA requirements as mentioned in the [CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities](#), [CDM project standard for programmes of activities](#) and [CDM validation and verification standard for programmes of activities](#), unless otherwise specified in the Gold Standard [PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS](#). This applies to **all Gold Standard PoAs, including those seeking registration under Gold Standard for the Global Goals and those that have/will transition to Gold Standard for the Global Goals.**

For example, the CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities version 2.0 states *".. coordinating/managing entity or the project participants should select a DOE that has not performed a validation activity for the same PoA (including for registration of the PoA, renewal of the PoA period and inclusion and renewal of crediting period of the CPAs covered by the verification, with the exception of post-registration changes to the PoA or to CPAs under the PoA). If the DOE has performed a validation activity for the PoA and wishes to perform verification for the same PoA, it shall submit a request for authorization to do so from the Board..". (Paragraph 203, page 37).*

Since the Gold Standard for the Global Goals [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) do not contain specific requirements on Gold Standard Verification/Validation Bodies (VVBs) selection for inclusion and verification, the above requirement is applicable to all Gold Standard PoAs and Gold Standard Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs)/Component Project Activities (CPAs). Therefore, if a VVB wishes to perform inclusion and verification for VPAs/CPAs, the VVB shall seek prior authorization from the Gold Standard Technical Advisory Committee to do so.