



Gold Standard[®]

Climate Security & Sustainable Development

FUND REQUIREMENTS ABBREVIATIONS + GLOSSARY

March 2022

1. ABBREVIATIONS

ACRONYM	PHRASE
ABC	Avoid, Benefit, Contribute
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
FM	Fund Manager
FPIC	Free, Prior and Informed Consent
GS4GG	Gold Standard for the Global Goals
GSF	Gold Standard Foundation
IMP	Impact Management Project
ISEAL	International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labeling
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SFDR	Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation
SRM	Solar radiation modification
TA	Technical Assistance
UNICEF	United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund

2. GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
Baseline	Defined as the reasonable, conservative scenario that would exist in the absence of the investment.
Certification	The written assurance confirmation/communication that fulfilment of specified requirements (in this case Fund Requirements) has been demonstrated.

Climate Change Adaptation	Taking action to prepare for and adjust to both the current effects of climate change and the predicted impacts in the future.
Credits	Tradable certificate or permit representing one tonne of carbon dioxide or the equivalent amount of greenhouse gas (tCO ₂ e) reduced, saved or sequestered from the atmosphere.
Due diligence	An investigation or audit of a potential investment to confirm all facts, such as reviewing all financial records, plus anything else deemed material. Due diligence refers to the care a reasonable person should take before entering into an agreement or a financial transaction with another party. When sellers perform a due diligence analysis on buyers, items that may be considered are the buyer’s ability to purchase, as well as other elements that would affect the acquired entity or the seller after the sale has been completed.
Exit	When an investor decides to exit their stake in a company.
Fund Manager	A fund manager is responsible for implementing a fund’s investing strategy and managing its portfolio trading activities. A fund can be managed by one person, by two people as co-managers, or by a team of three or more people.
Geo-engineering	The deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system.
Impact	Positive and negative, primary and secondary, long-term effects produced by an intervention, directly or indirectly, intended or unintended.
Impact assessment	Ex-post evaluation of the impact of an investment.
Impact Fund	A fund whose goal is to implement investments that generate a measurable, beneficial social and/or environmental impact , in addition to a financial return.

Impact Strategy	Clearly outlines the purpose of the investment, it is a detailed roadmap to achieve the impact, and provides a long-term vision of how such impact will be achieved as well as how the investment will be measured to determine success of the impact vision.
Investor	Any person or organisation who commits capital with the expectation of financial returns.
Investee	A company or entity in which an investor makes a direct investment.
Investment	Deployment of capital in fixed assets or projects such as a water treatment facility.
Portfolio	A range of investments held by a Fund.
Risk	The likelihood that impact will be different than expected.
SDG	The Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030.
Technical Assistance	Operational or management assistance including fundraising assistance, budgeting and financial planning, program planning, legal advice, marketing, and other aids to management.