Renewable energy eligibility:
Second consultation

In 2018, Gold Standard began reassessing the role of carbon finance in supporting the transition to renewable energy to reflect market evolution and to ensure that funding goes to interventions most in need post-2020 when the Paris Agreement comes into force.

Proposed new eligibility criteria would restrict renewable energy projects for carbon credits in middle and higher income countries and where higher capacity exists. In line with Gold Standard’s focus on supporting vulnerable communities, eligibility would continue for projects in Least Developing Countries (LDCs) or in limited exceptions, for example, in conflict zones or where the renewable energy serves impoverished beneficiaries at preferential rates.

As any decisions regarding eligibility criteria have a significant effect on prospective project development, we are now opening a second round of consultation to provide further clarity and specificity on the proposals that came out of the first consultation.

View the consultation>>
Review first round consultation feedback>>
Other public consultations:

**Standard updates for Gold Standard for the Global Goals**

Following the ISEAL Alliance “Setting Social and Environmental Standards” Code of Best Practice, Gold Standard for the Global Goals is updated on a regular basis to account for broader stakeholder inputs and developments in the sector.

**How to get involved**

This consultation seeks stakeholder feedback on how to improve, simplify or amend the standard and is open until **18 August 2019**.

[Comment on the standard]
How the voluntary carbon market can best contribute to the goals of the Paris Agreement

Last call to provide feedback on the statement for the role and design of the voluntary carbon market post-2020, developed in collaboration with WWF, CDP, WRI, The Nature Conservancy, Carbon Market Watch, ICROA and other standards bodies.

How to get involved

Review the public consultation>>

The consultation is open through 03 July 2019. Submit your feedback to Owen Hewlett or join our public consultation webinar TODAY at 16:00 CEST to provide feedback directly.

REGISTER HERE>>

Report: Valuating the SDG benefits of improved cooking solutions

A new research study by Vivid Economics that estimates the economic value of benefits related to climate, health, ecosystem protection, economic opportunity, poverty reduction and other development outcomes from its clean cooking solutions project portfolio has been published.

The study, supported by Climate-KIC, finds that for every carbon credit issued from a clean cookstove project, $267 in economic value is created. For domestic biogas projects, the average value created is $465 per credit. The net benefit of Gold Standard’s improved cooking solutions portfolio adds up to $2.6 billion per annum and $11.6 billion over total project lifetime.

Building on this effort, Gold Standard plans to introduce a forward-looking impact evaluation tool for improved cooking solutions projects that can be used
by developers to understand which deployment locations and technologies might deliver the highest impact on the Sustainable Development Goals. The team is also focused on creating automated tools for impact reporting and data visualisation to help project developers more effectively communicate about their projects' impact. These tools will be released in due course.

Download the report>>

View the value created at a project level>>

Last call for SDG Impact Tools Programme

This is the last call for partners to help deliver the next phase of this SDG Impact Tools Development Programme. If you would like to contribute to the technical development of these tools, please submit your expressions of interest to platform@goldstandard.org.

Open call for development partners>>

Vote Gold Standard in the Environmental Finance Voluntary Carbon Market Rankings

In the past 12 months, Gold Standard has:

- **Led the way in ensuring continuity** for projects in the voluntary carbon market under the Paris Agreement
- **Lobbied for strong sustainable development provisions** under Article 6
- **Initiated the SDG Impact Tools programme** to help projects standardise and streamline SDG impact measurement and communicate about project impacts in a more dynamic way
- **Published best practice guidelines** for voluntary climate action
- Provided practical tools, recognised by common accounting frameworks such as the GHG Protocol, that better enable organisations to **address value chain emissions**
If you appreciate the work we’ve been doing to ensure a strong carbon market post-2020, we’d appreciate if you considered casting your ballot for Gold Standard.

VOTE GOLD STANDARD

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An introduction to the ClimateSeed Platform

Gold Standard and ClimateSeed, a social enterprise supported by BNP Paribas, present a new digital marketplace that helps projects connect to organisations interested in offsetting their carbon emissions.

DOWNLOAD WEBINAR RECORDING>>

Project Developer Rule Update Session

Gold Standard recently issued new rule updates. Listen back to the Q&A webinar to find out more about:

- Renewable Energy Label Product Requirements
- Municipal Solid Waste added to Renewable Energy Activity Requirements
- Requirements for transitioning CDM projects to GS4GG
- Rule clarification for CDM Tool 32: Positive list of Technologies for Additionality
Website refresh

We've just given our site an overhaul to make the experience more user-centric, the content more accessible, and project impact more compelling.

Have a look at our new look>>

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