Gold Standard is pleased to announce that Preety M. Bhandari has joined our Board of Directors.

Ms. Bhandari is the Director for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) at ADB and also serves as Chief of the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management thematic group.

She is responsible for providing policy and strategic direction to ADB’s initiatives on climate change and disaster risk management, including mobilising concessional financing from multilateral funds such as the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). She also has an oversight on climate financing from ADB’s own resources including through investments in private sector.

Ms Bhandari will serve on the Board of Directors’ Strategy and Outreach Committee. Gold Standard’s President, Yvo de Boer comments, “We are fortunate to have Ms Bhandari’s expertise to support Gold Standard’s efforts to scale its approach to environmental integrity and strong sustainable development at the national and subnational level.” Ms Bhandari continues, “As it becomes increasingly important that finance deployed for climate action achieves the greatest impact, I see a critical role for Gold Standard in mobilising innovative financing mechanisms. I look forward to helping advance Gold Standard’s ambitious approach to accelerate progress toward the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.”
We recently published the Gold Standard Strategy 2025 and hosted a webinar to highlight implications for our broad range of stakeholders. Due to overwhelming interest, we are scheduling a second webinar especially to accommodate our stakeholders in the Americas and Australia.

**Tuesday, 31 March 2020**

- 22:00 – 23:30 Central Europe
- 16:00 – 17:30 Eastern US
- 13:00 – 14:30 Pacific US

**Wednesday, 1 April 2020**

- 07:00 – 08:30 Sydney

**Register for our 2025 strategy webinar**