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**GREETINGS FROM CEO MARGARET KIM,**  
*Annual report, Climate policy and other collaborations*

**Greetings from CEO  
Margaret Kim**

*I would first like to thank the Gold Standard team and those stakeholders who have reached out to share their warm welcomes and first insights that have helped me get rooted within the organisation and my new home in Geneva.*



*You can see from the 2018 Annual Report, published below, that I have inherited a strong team, committed partners and a solid foundational strategy to build from. In just over a month with Gold Standard, I've been focused on getting to know the team, governance and current programmes, working to identify opportunities to refine Gold Standard's strategy and how this complements the efforts of our partner organisation, SustainCERT. Coming from a strategy, business development and policy background, I plan to work with the team to position Gold Standard to best respond to the post-2020 policy environment, raising ambition to maximise impact and to strengthen credibility in reporting for our stakeholders.*

*I'll spend much of August reaching out to stakeholders (who aren't away on holidays!) to discuss our sharpened strategic focus and hone it further for broad distribution in September, including at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York.*

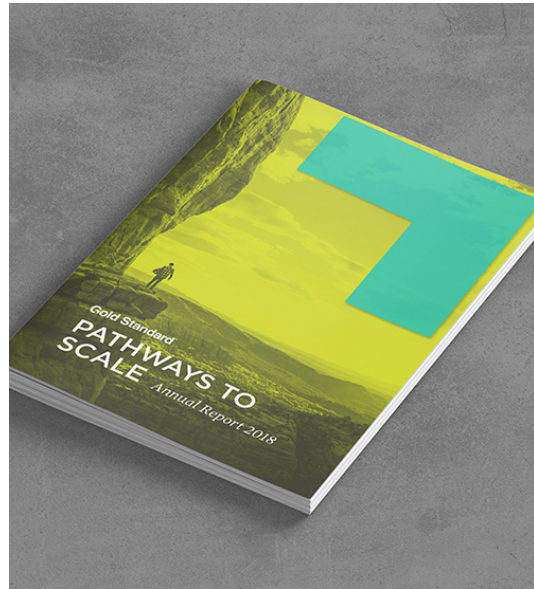
*I look forward to engaging with all of you as we move forward with redoubled efforts to realise our vision of 'climate security and sustainable development for all.'*

Margaret (Maggie) Kim

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

We're pleased to publish our 2018 annual report: [Pathways to scale](#). Having launched Gold Standard for the Global Goals in 2017, last year centered on customising certification pathways and investing in infrastructure that enables the Gold Standard approach to high-impact climate and development interventions to extend beyond project-level activity.

[Read more in the annual report>>](#)



## CATCH UP ON THE NEWS

Carbon offsetting and Gold Standard have been increasingly featured in mainstream news sources.



[Should I offset my summer holiday flights?](#)

*BBC*

[How to buy carbon offsets?](#)

*The New York Times*

[Reality check: Do carbon offsets work?](#)

*Global News*

[Discerning Offsetting: The Right Projects Can Take You from Carbon-Neutral to Climate+](#)

*Sustainable Brands*

## COLLABORATION WITH ONE EARTH

We are pleased to let stakeholders

know about a collaboration with [One Earth](#), a new journal from publisher Cell Press that is focused on high-quality research that seeks to understand and address today's environmental challenges. One Earth will offset three tonnes of carbon emissions for every research paper the journal publishes. The first issue of One Earth, will appear online on 20 September 2019.



"...Our authors are conscious of their environmental footprint ...," says Lewis Collins, the Editor-in-Chief of One Earth. "I am delighted that through partnering with Gold Standard we are able to offset some of the unavoidable emissions associated with the work leading to the papers we publish and support the transition to a low-carbon society."

[For full press release>>](#)



## CLIMATE POLICY COMMENTARY:

### The current state of sustainable development provisions in the Article 6 'rulebook' negotiations

Following the 50th Meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UN Climate Convention in Bonn, Sven Braden, Karen Olsen and Marion Verles provide their views for the Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI) on the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC process.

[Read commentary>>](#)



## CONSULTATION REMINDERS:

### Renewable energy eligibility: Second consultation

To ensure that funding goes to interventions most in need post-2020 when the Paris Agreement comes into force, Gold Standard has proposed new eligibility criteria that restricts carbon credits from renewable energy projects in middle- and higher-income countries but would continue for projects in Least Developing Countries (LDCs) or in limited exceptions.



#### How to get involved

Understanding that any decision regarding eligibility criteria has a significant effect on prospective project development, we would like to receive your feedback on the proposals that came out of the first consultation.

[View the consultation>>](#)

[Review first round consultation feedback>>](#)

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## 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>>](#)

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### EVENTS

#### Climate Week NYC

New York, USA

23-29 September 2019

#### Ethical Corporation - Transform 2019

Amsterdam, Netherlands

16-17 October 2019

#### UN Climate Change Summit (COP25)

Santiago, Chile

02-13 December 2019

### IN THE NEWS

Planning to offset your carbon? You should read this first

New Scientist

Paying for climate protection: How CO2 offsetting for flights works

Deutsche Welle (DW)

An alternative to flying less

BBC



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