



Standards for a Sustainable Future

Verra supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve livelihoods and protect ecosystems and the services they provide.

Our standards: 1) enable the transparent and robust assessment of environmental and social impacts; 2) provide the private-sector, governments and civil society with tools to advance climate action and sustainable development; and 3) drive finance to sustain and scale up these activities globally. We work in any arena where we see a need for clear market-based standards and an opportunity to achieve environmental and social good.



Verified Carbon Standard

Verra’s flagship program allows certified projects to monetize their climate benefits through global and regional carbon market mechanisms. Since its launch in 2006, the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program has grown into the world’s largest voluntary GHG program with over 1400 registered projects in 82 countries, which have generated 250 million carbon credits.

An important component of the VCS Program is the Jurisdictional and Nested REDD+ (JNR) Framework, which enables governments and projects to harmonize and integrate their REDD+ efforts across scales and capture new investment to address deforestation.



Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards

With a hundred registered projects, the Climate, Community & Biodiversity (CCB) Program leads in supporting the design, implementation and independent assessment of multiple-benefit land-based climate change projects. Certification to the CCB Standards ensures that projects are generating verifiable benefits for local communities, biodiversity, and the global climate.



California Offset Project Registry

The California Air Resources Board selected Verra to help administer the compliance offset component of the state's landmark cap-and-trade program through the operation of an Offset Project Registry (OPR). As the leader in the voluntary carbon market, Verra is uniquely equipped to support market participants as an OPR within the California system.

The Initiative for Climate Action Transparency (ICAT) provides guidance for countries to transparently measure the impacts of their climate policies. Developed by Verra, UDP, WRI and partners, ICAT will help governments understand the effects of various policies on GHG emissions, sustainable development and transformational change, in line with the Paris Agreement.



Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard

The Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISta) is a flexible framework for project developers to define, report and verify outcomes related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SD VISta will provide an independent, credible and transparent means to unlock new sources of finance for delivering on the SDGs.

The Landscape Standard (LS) is a framework to assess and communicate on progress towards landscape-wide sustainability outcomes. Developed by Verra, Rainforest Alliance, CCBA and partners, LS outcomes will align with sustainability commitments made by consumer goods companies, investors, and governments, such as reducing deforestation and ensuring labor rights, and link positive performance to incentives.

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