VCS Strategic Advisory Group Application Form

This form shall be used by prospective members of the VCS Strategic Advisory Group. The information provided will be used by Verra to assess the applicant’s suitability as a member of the Group. All information provided will be treated by Verra as confidential.

The applicant must complete all the required information in the form below and submit it along with a CV/resume (not to exceed three pages). Please send all applications to the Manager, VCS Program Development, at [nshermer@verra.org](mailto:nshermer@verra.org).

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| **Date submitted** | Date of submission |
| **Applicant name** | Full name |
| **Applicant LinkedIn Profile (Optional)** | Candidate's LinkedIn Profile page |
| **Stakeholder Type(s)** | Categorization of organizational affiliation as it relates to VCS Program (please select only your primary and/or secondary affiliation):  Academic institution  Assessment expert such as validation/verification body  Civil society  Consulting firm  End user [e.g. corporate leaders interested in climate positive outcomes]  Government [e.g. municipal, regional, state/province, or national] or multilateral organization  Investor or financial sector organization  Local community or indigenous organization  Non-governmental organization [NGO]  Project proponent or developer  Representative of a group or forum [e.g. PD Forum, BASCS]  Other \_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Job Title** |  |
| **Organizational affiliation** |  |
| **Organization website (optional)** |  |
| **Country of Primary Residence** |  |

# DIVERSITY QUESTIONS

Members will also be selected to maximize diverse experiences and perspectives based on geographic location, professional background and expertise, gender, ethnicity, and other related qualities. The following questions are voluntary and will be used to help Verra assess applicant diversity.

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| **What gender do you identify as?** | Female  Male  Non-binary  Prefer not to say  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | |
| **What race or ethnicity best describes you?** |  | | | | |
| **In what**[**geographic region(s)**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_United_Nations_geoscheme)**do you have relevant work or lived experience (multiple options can be selected if you have over 1 year of experience in a region relevant to the VCS program)?** | Geographic Region | Current Residence | Actively Working in Current Role | Past Lived Experience | Past Work Experience |
| Africa (Northern, Eastern, Middle, Southern, & Western Africa) |  |  |  |  |
| Asia (Central,Eastern, South-Eastern, Southern, & Western Asia/Middle East) |  |  |  |  |
| Europe (Eastern Europe including Northern Asia, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, Western Europe) |  |  |  |  |
| Latin America and the Caribbean (South America, Central America, Caribbean) |  |  |  |  |
| Northern America (Canada & United States of America) |  |  |  |  |
| Oceania (Australia & New Zealand, Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia) |  |  |  |  |
| Other\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |
| **Do you have any relevant lived or work experience with Indigenous Peoples, local communities, or disadvantaged/marginalized groups relevant to the VCS Program Advisory Group? If so, feel free to elaborate here.** |  | | | | |

# APPLICANT PREFERENCES

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| **Can you confirm your current timezone and that you can regularly meet at one of the standard times (Eastern Time or Central European Time)?** | Please select your current time zone: :  Western Hemisphere [mid-day Afternoons Eastern Time (ET)]  Eastern Hemisphere [mid-dayAfternoons Central European Time (CET)] |

# APPLICANT EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

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| **Statement of interest** | Brief statement of interest and relevance of experience to VCS Strategic Advisory Group objectives. Max 4000 characters. |
| **Types of experience** | Indicate the category or categories which best fit your relevant expertise and experience. Applicants should meet one or more of the following criteria.  User or stakeholder of the VCS Program and strong familiarity with the VCS Program fundamentals (additionality, baselines, preventing double counting, permanence, methodology development).  Strong knowledge of voluntary and/or compliance GHG program mechanics, including the development of projects, the use of quantification methodologies, and the role of validation/verification bodies. Strong technical expertise is desired.  Strong understanding of carbon market dynamics, including the drivers of supply and demand in voluntary and compliance markets. Direct experience selling and/or purchasing carbon credits is desirable.  Strong understanding of the project developer side of carbon market dynamics, such as familiarity with the necessary safeguards for biodiversity, local communities and indigenous peoples, and the barriers to entry/incentives for prospective project developers.  Experience working with variety of carbon standards or programs, such as the UNFCCC’s Clean Development Mechanism, CORSIA, CDM, UNFCCC, voluntary market standards, or other relevant mechanisms such as Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.  Financial sector experience, including familiarity with carbon trading, carbon disclosure requirements, or emission reduction project financing.  Knowledge of global emissions models, projections or climate scenarios, especially those that evaluate gaps between current policy and global climate ambition.  Knowledge of project accounting and assurance, and insight on how to improve validation/verification body performance.  Experience in strategic communications in the carbon market, climate policy, environment, or other relevant sector.  Experience in or strong knowledge of government and intergovernmental climate policy and programs.  Knowledge and experience with relevant technology and innovation such as digital monitoring and reporting, tokenization, or web 3  Other\_\_\_\_ |
| **Expertise and experience** | Description of relevant expertise and experience, including sector and regional expertise. Such experience may be demonstrated and supported with direct work experience, education/training, peer-reviewed journal articles, publications, publicly available reports, and/or methodologies developed.  Max 4,000 characters. |