

TEMPLATE

TRANSITION REQUEST FORM - POA

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RELATED SUPPORT

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Summary:

The PoA transitioning from **CDM or other Standards to Gold Standard for Global Goals (GS4GG)** shall submit the transition request form and PoA - DD (this document). The **Transition Request Form** is also to be completed for PoA that are already registered with GS4GG for CER labelling and seek to move to GSVER stream to issue Gold Standard VERs.

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The following table summarises how different sections of this document shall be filled to facilitate request for transition from other standard to GS4GG.

Section	Required for	How to complete the section
Transition Request Form		
TRF.1 Eligibility check for transition	All PoAs	Answer the assessment questions and provide supporting information as needed
TRF.2 Transition project information	All PoAs	Provide PoA information pertaining to the standard, the project is transitioning from (e.g. CDM)
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PoA - DD		
Key project information	All PoAs	Include PoA details pertaining to GS4GG
		Provide information as needed. Any section/subsections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that requires information/justification or additional information as per transition checklist, AND - that involves update/revision to the information provided for registration with other standards. In such cases, the project shall copy and paste the information from registered PoA - DD (other standard) and mark the additional information in track changes.
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SECTION – TRANSITION REQUEST FORM

TRF.1 ELIGIBILITY CHECK FOR TRANSITION

To be completed for all PoAs seeking transition to GS4GG from other standards.

A registered PoA, irrespective of its start date may transition to GS4GG. The transition eligibility requirements apply to individual CPAs (Annex B, [GHG Emissions Reductions and Sequestration Product Requirements](#)).

TRF.2 TRANSITION POA INFORMATION

CME shall provide PoA information (in grey rows), pertaining to the standard, the project is transitioning from (e.g. CDM) in the table below. In case of standards other than CDM PoAs/CPAs refers to equivalent project scales/types. For example – in case of VCS, Grouped project are treated as PoA and project instances as CPAs. In such cases, the CME/PD should use the most relevant set of information to complete the table below.

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Name of the original standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Add the standard name here)
PoA status with original standard	<i>The current status of PoA with CDM/other standard at the time of submission of this form.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active (registration status is valid) <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn (deregistered) <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional (awaiting guidance from the CMP at CMP 16, CDM PoA only)
CDM/ other standard reference ID	<i>The reference number/ID of PoA with CDM/other standard.</i> 7997
PoA reference weblink	<i>The weblink of the PoA webpage of CDM/other standard.</i> https://cdm.unfccc.int/ProgrammeOfActivities/poa_db/YNXCPIJ5ZO7DTRGMV0F2AKEU486LQS/view
PoA title	<i>The title of the PoA used for registration with CDM/other standard.</i> BioLite Improved Cook stoves Programme
New PoA title (if applicable)	<i>The title of the PoA if it has been changed for registering with Gold Standard. (Follow GS4GG requirements Section 5, PoA requirements)</i> -
Activity scale	<i>PoA scale registered with CDM/other standard</i> Small-scale
Methodology used	<i>Methodology title and the version number applied for registration with CDM /other standard</i> AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 03 (applicable at the time of registration of PoA) AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 11.1 (applicable at the time of renewal of PoA) AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 12 ASB0002-2017: Fuel switch, technology switch and/or methane destruction in the charcoal sector of Uganda, version 1.0
Registration date	<i>The PoA registration date with CDM/other standard.</i> 30/12/2012
PoA renewal period	<i>The PoA renewal period with CDM/other standard.</i> Start date: 30/12/2019 ¹ End date: 29/12/2026
PoA duration	<i>The PoA start date and end date with CDM/other standard.</i> Start date: 19/11/2011 End date: 18/11/2039

¹ The start date and end date mentioned here is CP2 of the CDM registered PoA-DD. All the CDM registered VPA's that are transitioning along with this PoA are registered in CP1 of the PoA which use AMS II G, Version3.

Declaration	<p><i>Click on the tick box to confirm.</i></p> <p>The Coordinating/Managing Entity hereby acknowledges that project developer;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 1 - has included information in this document that has not been validated/verified as part of CDM PoA -DD OR <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 - has copied all validated information as it appears in the original and then used tracked changes to highlight any information that not been validated/or has changed - <i>Note if option 2 is selected the project developer shall fill all sections in the PoA - DD template of this document.</i></p> <p>The Coordinating/Managing Entity hereby acknowledges that project developer;</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is aware that for a given vintage, a registered Gold Standard PoA and its CPAs can request the issuance of the emission reductions under only one standard/certification scheme. (applicable to all PoAs).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is aware that PoA and its CPAs that transition to GS4GG shall demonstrate Ongoing Financial Need at the time of renewal of their crediting period following applicable GS4GG requirements. (applicable to all PoAs).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> confirms that the Coordinating/Managing Entity will make a declaration, in writing, in the monitoring report submitted to Gold Standard that (applicable to CDM project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPAs will/has not issue both a CER/other compliance units under Paris Agreement and a GSVER for the same vintage. - CME agrees to comply with all future UNFCCC COP/CMP decisions² including adjustment to GWP values
Coordinating/Managing Entity / authorised signatory	<p><i>Name and designation of CME/authorised signatory</i></p> <p>Erik Wurster, Director of Carbon Finance</p>

TRF.3 TRANSITION CHECKLIST

Coordinating/Managing Entity shall answer all assessment questions listed below and provide additional information/justification in the PoA-DD section, where required. Please note that the checklist is based on the [GHG Emissions Reductions and Sequestration Product Requirements](#).

The checklist also provides relevant requirements applicable to PoA transitioning to GS4GG for easy referencing. The CME shall refer to relevant GS4GG documents, as applicable, for further details. It is recommended that CME refers to Guidelines in the table below for more information on the requirements and flexibilities provided. This document (in word) shall be submitted to SustainCERT along with other required documents **for preliminary review** as listed below –

- [Cover Letter](#)
- [Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Official Development Assistance declaration](#)

² CDM clarification available on this topic as on date can be referred to [here](#).

- [PoA design consultation report](#)
- PoA Design Document (PoA-PDD) final version (CDM/other standard)
- Real case CPA-DD registered with CDM/other standard
- Validation report submitted to CDM/other standard

1 TRANSITION PATHWAY	
1.1 Option 1: Is PoA seeking registration with GS4GG to issue GSCERs while maintaining the CDM registration? (Ref: GHG Product Requirements) <i>Note – PoA must be registered with GS4GG to transition all or selected registered CPAs to GS4GG to issue GSCERs.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1.2 Option 2: Is PoA seeking registration with GS4GG to issue GSVERs only and/or conversion of issued CERs to GSVERs ? (Ref: Annex B, GHG Product Requirements). <i>Note – PoA and CPAs must be registered with GS4GG to convert issued CERs to GSVERs. CME may transition all or selected registered CPAs to GS4GG to issue GSVERs.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.3 Option 3: Is PoA (for example – Grouped project in case of VCS) seeking registration with GS4GG to issue GSVERs only and/or conversion of emission reduction to GSVERs issued by standard other than CDM ? (Ref: Annex B, GHG Product Requirements) <i>Note –The PoA and CPAs must be registered with GS4GG to convert issued emissions reductions to GSVERs.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Requirement: All PoA/CPAs submitting request for transition on or after 1/1/2021 must demonstrate compliance with requirements stated in Annex B, GHG Product Requirements . The PoA/CPAs following option 1 above; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may seek registration under GS4GG based on provisional CDM EB decision - may seek issuance of GSVERs in exchange of provisional CERs based on CDM EB decision for transition CPAs but must transfer issued CERs to the Gold Standard Swiss CDM Registry Account. If there are any implications for issued volume or project eligibility due to CMP decision regarding GWP, additionality or any other decision, the PD must address these issues, as applicable in consultation with SustainCERT/GS. The PoA/CPAs transitioning to GS4GG following option 2 above, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may convert issued CERs to GSVERs for the transition CPAs - are not required to deregister from CDM but shall not claim emission reductions under both GS4GG and CDM for the same vintage The PoA/CPAs transitioning to GS4GG following option 3 above, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - may convert issued emission reductions unit to GSVERs - may issue GSVERs - shall deregister project from other standard before registration with GS4GG Guidelines: PoA/CPAs already undergoing design certification for CER labelling can continue with their existing process. SustainCERT shall be notified of the intention to switch to GSVER stream, at the earliest possible opportunity. PoA/CPAs already certified for CER labelling can switch to GSVER stream by completing this form and notifying SustainCERT . Such project may leave the PoA-DD section blank as this information has been captured in GS4GG PDD version submitted earlier.	

2| TRANSITION APPROVAL PROCEDURE

1.1 Is the PoA and all real case CPAs undergoing a preliminary review by sustainCERT , validation by VVB and design review by SustainCERT ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.2 Is the PoA and all real case CPAs undergoing a combined preliminary review, inclusion, and design review by SustainCERT ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1.3 Is the PoA and all real case CPAs undergoing preliminary review by SustainCERT , combined inclusion & verification by VVB , followed by combined design and performance review by SustainCERT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Requirement:

The PoA certification under GS4GG involves following key steps. Refer to Section 12. Project cycle [Programme of Activity Requirements](#) for details.

Preliminary review - Preliminary Review of the PoA is conducted once at the time of first submission to Gold Standard. It involves desk review of the Key Project Information and PoA-DD by SustainCERT. The PoA can only be listed once a preliminary review of PoA and each CPA submitted with PoA has been completed.

Design certification (validation + design review) - Design certification involves validation by VVB and design review by SustainCERT. With successful design certification the PoA will obtain 'Certified design' status that is equivalent to registration under CDM and other standard. The real case CPA-DD is required with PoA-DD for design review as per [Programme of Activity Requirements](#).

Performance certification (verification + performance review) - Performance certification involves verification by VVB and performance review by SustainCERT. The positive conclusion of the Performance Review period shall result in Gold Standard 'Certified Project status' and CPAs can issue GSVERs. The CME may opt for combined Design Certification, conducting both the first Verification and Performance Review under GS4GG at the same time.

CPAs/VPAs Inclusion – Once a real case CPA/VPA fully design certified, the CME may include CPAs/VPAs applying same technology measures following a simplified inclusion process. It involves, VVB's compliance check followed by SustainCERT design review (two weeks) or if selected for spot - check three week design review.

To minimise disruption and keep the transition review time and costs minimum, the PoA is provided with flexibilities as summarised in the table below;

Certification outcome	Certification stage	Option 1	Option 2*	Option 3
		Normal certification pathway	Combined Preliminary review + Validation + Design review	Combined validation + verification followed by combined design + performance review
PoA+ REAL Case CPA				
Listing	Preliminary review	SustainCERT		SustainCERT
Certified Design = Registration	Validation	VVB	SustainCERT	VVB
	Design review	SustainCERT		SustainCERT
Certified project = Issuance	Verification	VVB	VVB	VVB
	Performance review	SustainCERT	SustainCERT	SustainCERT
CPA/VPA inclusion				
CPA/VPA inclusion	Compliance check	VVB		VVB
	Design review	SustainCERT	SustainCERT	SustainCERT
	Verification	VVB	VVB	VVB
	Performance review	SustainCERT	SustainCERT	SustainCERT

For option 1, a validation/inclusion site visit by VVB is not required for CPAs proposed for inclusion as long as the VVB conducted a site visit as part of validation/verification in last three years (from time of

first submission for preliminary review) and new/updated information can be audited based on desk review and/or using remote audit approaches.

For Option 2, SustainCERT conducts PoA/CPAs design elements desk based audit and approve PoA/CPAs transition, without VVB's opinion. **Note that this option will involve additional review fee levied by SustainCERT. The project developer shall confirm the applicable fee and timelines with SustainCERT (help@sustain-cert.com) before submitting the request for transition.**

If transition PoA is applying a new/latest version of the methodology which requires full audit but VVB, option 2 cannot be applied.

CMEs may also directly include VPAs/CPAs in the registered PoA, without VVB compliance check **(THIS OPTION IS NOT CAPTURED IN THE TABLE ABOVE)**

- a. If at least one VPA/CPA of the registered PoA has completed successful performance certification, and
- b. The VPA/CPA that has completed performance certification and the VPAs/CPAs that are included by CME without VVB compliance check shall,
 - involve same technology/measure and apply same methodology in case of single technology PoA
 - involve same technologies/measures and apply same methodology(ies) combination in case of multi technology PoA

Refer to VPA/CPA INCLUSION REQUIREMENTS (RU 2020 P&R - PAR V1.2) for further details on applicability conditions and requirements. This option doesn't involve additional fee levied by SustainCERT as mentioned in option 2 above.

3| POA ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Is the PoA eligible project type under Gold Standard for the Global Goals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Requirement: The transitioning PoA shall be one of the eligible project types for issuance of Gold Standard VERs (Ref: [GHG Product Requirements](#)).

Guidelines: Typical eligible PoA types are Renewable Energy Supply, End-Use Energy Efficiency Improvement, Waste Handling & Disposal, Land Use and Forests.

- RE projects shall refer to [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements](#) for eligibility check.
- RE projects for example - · Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements. Refer to Annex – A of [Renewable Energy Activity Requirements](#) for further details.
- Community Services Activities projects for example - Hydropower · biomass resources · landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues · Waste Heat/Gas recovery · Fossil co-generation · Waste incineration and gasification · Waste handling and disposal · Relighting · End-use fossil switching are required to demonstrate compliance with the specific eligibility requirements. Refer to Annex – A of [Community Services Activity Requirements](#) for further details.

4| COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

1.4 Does the PoA conform to the relevant Activity Requirements (CSA/RE)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.5 Does any specific eligibility criteria/requirement stipulated in Annex A of CSA/RE requirements apply to the PoA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1.6 Does specific eligibility criteria/requirement stipulated in Annex A of CSA/RE requirements that apply to the PoA, lead to any change in the registered PoA- DD? If Yes, please provide a full explanation in section A.1.3. below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Requirement: PoA shall conform to the relevant Activity Requirements and Gold Standard Approved Methodologies, including eligible CDM Methodologies.</p> <p>RE rule update / RE PoA rule update: Grid connected Renewable Energy activities seeking to transition from another carbon crediting scheme to GS4GG or labelling of emission reductions under GS4GG are exempted from eligibility requirements listed in para 2.1.3 of the RE Activity Requirements. This exemption is only allowed to CPA that started the first crediting period with the original carbon crediting scheme from 01/01/2016 or later but before 24/01/2020. (Ref: Section 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of RU 2020 AR –RE V1.2)</p> <p>Specific Renewable Energy Activity requirements (refer to Annex A): Hydropower, biomass resources, landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues, Waste Heat/Gas recovery, Fossil co-generation, Waste incineration and gasification, Waste handling and disposal</p> <p>Specific Community Service Activity requirements (refer to Annex A): Hydropower, biomass resources, landfill gas and biogas from agro-processing, wastewater and other residues, Waste Heat/Gas recovery, Fossil co-generation, Waste incineration and gasification, Waste handling and disposal, Relighting, End-use fossil switching</p>	
<p>5 APPLICABILITY OF THE METHODOLOGY/TOOL VERSION</p>	
<p>5.1 Does the PoA apply eligible GS methodology(ies)? Refer to list of the eligible methodologies here.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>5.2 Does the PoA apply the version of the methodology and applicable tools applied for CDM/other standard registration or renewal?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>5.3 Does the PoA also apply the latest version of the methodology and applicable tools available at the time of first submission of this form? If Yes, please provide a full explanation in section B.2 below. And note that the PoA cannot opt for option 2 mentioned transition approval procedure.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Requirement: (Ref: Annex B of GHG Product Requirements)</p> <p>Transition PoA shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> conform to the relevant Activity Requirements and Gold Standard Approved Methodologies, including eligible CDM Methodologies. also meet the additional GS4GG methodology eligibility requirements, where applicable. Refer to CDM Methodologies for Gold Standard Eligibility Requirements. <p>Transition PoA shall apply the version of GS approved CDM methodology or methodology tool for transition to GS4GG as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> version applied at the time of registration/renewal of crediting period with other standard, as applicable, AND/OR latest version available at the time submission of Transition request form for inclusion of new VPAs after transition to GS4GG. The Transition PoA may include the latest version of the methodology and applicable tool for inclusion of new VPA(s), at the time of first submission (preliminary review) or at any later stage of certification cycle, but before submitting the request for inclusion for new VPAs. In such cases, VVB shall validate the updated PoA and VPA documents as per applied version of the methodology and or methodology tool before or with the request for inclusion of new VPAs. 	
<p>6 DEMONSTRATION OF ADDITIONALITY</p>	
<p>6.1 Are you aware that the transitioning PoA will be required to demonstrate Ongoing Financial Need as per the relevant GS rules and requirements available at the time of renewal? (Refer to para 4.1.51 – 4.1.53 of Principles & Requirements.)</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>6.2 Does PoA include conditions that would systematically demonstrate additionality of VPAs/CPAs under the proposed PoA in the inclusion criteria of VPAs/CPAs in the PoA?</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Requirement:</p>	

- The CDM PoA is not required to carry out additional assessment for demonstration of additionality over and above what has been done for registration/determination with the CDM unless the PoA falls into a category that is deemed non-additional in an applicable Gold Standard Activity Requirement. In such cases the relevant Activity Requirement shall take precedence. **Ref: Annex B GHG Product Requirements.**
- Transition PoA/CPAs registered with standards other than CDM are required to undergo additionality revalidation to re-establish the validity of the underlying assumptions applied in the demonstration of additionality at the time of registration with the other standard.
- The PoA seeking combined transition and renewal with GS4GG are not required to demonstrate OFN at the time of transition but must demonstrate OFN at the time of Crediting Period renewal after transitioning to GS4GG.

7| SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

7.1 	Does the PoA positively contribute towards minimum three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - SDG13 (mandatory) + two other SDGs?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.2 	Have you identified the monitoring parameters linked with selected SDGs and corresponding SDG targets? For example – the monitoring parameter <u>Amount of GHGs emissions avoided or sequestered</u> is linked with SDG 13. Climate action, SDG target 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Fill section A.4.

Requirement:

- The transitioning PoA shall demonstrate a clear, direct contribution to sustainable development, defined as making demonstrable, positive impacts on at least three Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), one of which must be SDG 13 (Ref: Section 4.(c) of [Principles and Requirements](#))
- The CME shall conduct the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) impact assessment at the CPA equivalent level.
- An exception can be granted, if convincing justifications validated by a VVB and approved by Gold Standard are provided as to why the SDG impact assessment shall be conducted at PoA level only. In such a case, the CME shall include SDG inclusion criteria in the PoA DD for inclusion of CPAs in the PoA. The future CPAs shall only be included in the PoA if they are in line with SDG compliance criteria.

Guidelines:

Selected SDG impacts must not result from a one-off from design/construction/distribution/ start-up or decommissioning of the project.

You may refer to /use the [SDG impact Tool](#) (under consultation currently) to identify the relevant monitoring indicator, SDGs and corresponding SDG targets and design monitoring plan for identified indicators.

8| START DATE AND DURATION OF THE CREDITING PERIOD

8.1 	Has the start date of the transitioning PoA registered with other carbon standard/certification scheme changed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
8.2 	Is the duration of the PoA (i.e. including period that has been claimed under the host standard) less than/equal to the maximum PoA duration allowed under GS4GG PoA requirements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Complete the section C.2.2 Total length of crediting period below.

Requirement:

- Transition PoA duration shall not exceed 20 years or the crediting period of first CPA allowed as per GS4GG activity requirements plus 5 years, whichever is greater.
- Transition PoA start date is the crediting period start date of the earliest CPA included in the PoA that transitions to GS4GG. For example, if a given PoA transitioning to GS4GG, was registered under Standard X and the crediting period date of earliest CPA transitions to GS4GG is 1/1/2016, the PoA period with GS4GG will be 01/01/2016 to 01/01/2036.
- All transition PoAs shall be renewed every 5 years. The first crediting period renewal under GS4GG takes into account the crediting years that has already been completed with other standard. For example, if a PoA start date with standard X is 01/01/ 2019, the PoA shall renew its crediting period with GS4GG on or before 1st Jan 2024, irrespective of date of transition approval with GS4GG.

9| SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES ASSESSMENT

9.1 Is Safeguarding Principles Assessment conducted at PoA level?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
9.2 If answer is yes for Q Error! Reference source not found.9.1 Error! Reference source not found.above , does PoA-DD include conformity criteria based on identified risks with respect to the relevant safeguarding principles for each activity type included in the PoA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.3 If answer is yes for Q Error! Reference source not found.9.2 Error! Reference source not found.above , have the Mitigation Measures added to the Monitoring Plan (if required)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Complete the section E. Summary of Safeguarding Principles below, if applicable.

Requirement:

- The CME shall conduct the Safeguarding Principles Assessment as per the [Safeguarding Principles & Requirements](#) at the CPA equivalent level.
- An exception can be granted, if convincing justifications, validated by a VVB and approved by Gold Standard are provided as to why the Safeguarding Assessment shall be conducted at PoA level only. In such a case, the CME shall include [Safeguarding Principles & Requirements](#) conformity criteria in the PoA DD based on identified risks with respect to the relevant safeguarding principles. The PoA DD shall contain Safeguarding Principles & Requirements criteria per type of activity, defined at Programme level. The future VPAs/CPAs shall only be included in the PoA if they are in line with the conformity criteria.

Guidelines: The detailed Safeguarding Principles and Requirements checklist is available in Annex 1 of this document.

10| STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Has the CME conducted a Stakeholder Consultation at PoA level?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The answer to Q 10.1 is "No", if any of the questions below is answered as "No". The project should take the question(s) into account and address the gap when conducting supplementary stakeholder consultation to comply with GS4GG requirements.	
Please answer the below question with regards to the stakeholder consultation conducted to comply with CDM/other standard requirements?	
10.2 Did you conduct the stakeholder consultation before the PoA start date?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.3 Did you discuss identified direct positive and negative impacts of the CPA with stakeholders?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.4 Does the invited stakeholder covers all stakeholder groups (a to g) listed in	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

paragraph 3.1.1. of STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
10.5 Did the invitation methods solicit input from women and marginalised groups?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.6 Were the stakeholders invited at least 30 days before the stakeholder meeting?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.7 Did a local language version of the non-technical summary with information required as per paragraph 5.1.1. of STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS , shared with stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
10.8 Was a physical meeting conducted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.9 Was a gender lens applied to assessing comments? (for example, if only men provided comments on household device project, was this taken into consideration when assessing the relevance of the comment?)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.10 Were any serious, reasonable and proportional concerns raised and taken into account and satisfactorily addressed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ³
10.11 Were any points that warrant 'Mitigation measures' marked as such and monitoring plan has been designed and included in the PoA-DD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
10.12 Is the mandatory Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book's location clearly stated (and therefore usable)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ⁴
10.13 Does PoA-DD include a summary report of the comments received from local stakeholders?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Complete the section F. Summary of Local Stakeholder Consultation below.

Requirement: Ref: Section 6 of [PoA Requirements](#).

Guidelines: PoA that conducted a stakeholder consultation meeting to comply with CDM/other standard requirements, should conduct, at minimum,

- one round of consultation for identified gaps i.e., gaps due to differences in stakeholder consultation requirements of GS4GG and CDM/other standard. For instance, if original consultations only involve one physical meeting, CME should conduct a stakeholder feedback round covering all the identified gaps. The additional stakeholder consultations may involve a physical meeting or stakeholder feedback round, as necessary.

CDM PoAs that have carried out stakeholder consultation at PoA level may justify following the above approach while transitioning to GS4GG. Justification shall be provided in line with requirements for PoA level consultations in [Programme of Activity Requirements](#). Such PoAs must be able to demonstrate and provide information on carrying out Safeguarding and Sustainable Development Assessment at PoA level. Please refer to para section 6 [GS PoA Requirements](#).

If COVID interim measures are applicable (currently till 30/06/2021), the physical meeting and stakeholder feedback round may be postponed, and a draft SCR shall be mandatorily submitted to cover the consultation activities carried out till date.

11| CPA/VPA INCLUSION CRITERIA

11.1 Are there any changes in eligibility criteria for inclusion criteria of a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
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³ No serious comments were raised during CDM LSC (refer registered PoA-DD)

⁴ Refer section F.2 of VPA KPID below, for location of Grievance Expression Process Book

CPA/VPA with respect to methodology, stakeholder consultation, Safeguarding principles and assessment, SDG assessment or any other aspect?	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If answer to Q 11.1 is yes, please include the details in Section B.3 in the PoA -DD section below.	

KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

GS ID of Programme	11191
Title of Programme:	BioLite Improved Cook stoves Programme
Start Date of POA	19/11/2011 (CDM)
Date of Design Certification	TBA
POA Period Start Date	CDM PoA Period start date: 30/12/2012
Version number of the PoA-DD	0405
Completion date of the PoA-DD	2109/0611/20222023
Coordinating/managing entity	BioLite India Private Limited
Project Participants and any communities involved	BioLite India Private Limited
Host Country (ies)	Kenya and Uganda
Activity Requirements applied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Forestry Activities/Risks & Capacities <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Other Requirements applied	N/A
Methodology (ies) applied and version number	AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 03 (applicable at the time of registration of PoA used for CDM registered transitioning VPAs) AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 11.1 (applicable at the time of renewal of CDM PoA) AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 12(applicable at the time of transitioning to GS4GG, used for New GS VPA which may be registered under this PoA)
Product Requirements applied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Label <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

SECTION A. General description of PoA

A.1. Purpose and general description of the PoA

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See section A.1 of the CDM PoA-DD version 22.1 dated 20/10/2020. The PoA is a voluntary action by CME.

Policy/measure or stated goal that the PoA seeks to achieve:

The CDM Programme of Activities "BioLite Improved Cook stoves Programme" involves substitution of traditional and inefficient biomass cook stoves with efficient biomass cook stove (wood, charcoal, gasifier stoves) technology/measures in rural and/or urban household in Kenya and Uganda. The PoA involves disseminating efficient wood/charcoal cook stoves with single/multiple pans in the rural and/or urban households and SMEs in Kenya and Uganda. This will result in reduction in usage of fuel (biomass) for cooking purpose which contributes to environmental sustainability and community development.

Pre – project activity (Baseline Scenario):

Prior to implementation of project activity, the target beneficiary would have used biomass in traditional cookstove / three stone fire without improved combustion system.

BioLite India Private Limited (BioLite), the coordinating/managing entity (CME) will coordinate the proposed PoA. CME will establish a framework for distribution of efficient cook stoves through on-ground networks and will provide guidance documents to VPA implementers for successful implementation of VPA.

The CME confirms that the PoA, and all actions taken as part of it, are voluntary and coordinated.

The standardized baseline "ASB0035: Baseline woody biomass consumption for household cookstoves in Kenya, version 01.0" has been used.

A.2. Physical/ Geographical boundary of the PoA

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See section A.2 of the CDM PoA-DD version 22.1.

A.3. Technologies/measures and eligibility under Gold Standard

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See section A.3 of the CDM PoA-DD version 22.1.

Eligibility under Gold Standard

As per section 3.1.1 of GS4GG Principles & Requirements, compliance with relevant Eligibility criteria is demonstrated below:

Eligibility Criteria Category	Eligibility criterion - Required condition	Justification
1. Types of Project	Eligible projects shall include physical action/implementation on the ground. Pre-identified eligible project types are identified in the Eligibility Principles and Requirements section.	PoA is already implemented since 19/11/2011. Project is already one of the pre identified types as per section 3.1.1 (b) and automatically eligible for Gold Standard Certification as per section 4.1.3 of GS4GG Principles & Requirements.
2. Location of Project	Projects may be located in any part of the world.	Location of the PoA is Kenya and Uganda.

3. Project Area, Project Boundary and Scale	<p>The Project Area and Project Boundary shall be defined. Projects may be developed at any scale although certain rules, requirements and limitations may apply under specific Activity Requirements, Impact Quantification Methodologies and Products Requirements. In order to avoid double counting the Project shall not be included in any other voluntary or compliance standards programme unless approved by Gold Standard (for example through dual certification). Also, if the Project Area overlaps with that of another Gold Standard or other voluntary or compliance standard programme of a similar nature, the Project shall demonstrate that there is no double counting of impacts at design and performance certification (for example use of similar technology or practices through which the potential arises for double counting or misestimation of impacts amongst projects).</p> <p>VPAs included under the PoA can be either small or large scale. In case of large scale VPAs, CME shall confirm that there is no suppressed demand claim. In case of small-scale threshold of 180 GWhth for ICS VPAs will be adhered.</p>	<p>The boundary for the PoA in terms of a geographical area is defined as the territorial boundary of Kenya and Uganda. All voluntary programme activities (VPAs) associated with this PoA will be implemented within the geographical boundary of the PoA.</p> <p>To avoid inclusion of any stove which is a part of another registered carbon project/ programme, all ICS under this programme shall have a unique ID number / Tag number, either inscribed on the stove or retained by the buyer, to uniquely identify the ICS avoiding any double counting and trace its user, later during monitoring and verification.</p> <p>VPA-DD is a small scale VPA and adhering to the threshold of 180 GWhth for ICS.</p>
4. Host Country Requirements	<p>Projects shall be in compliance with applicable Host Country's legal, environmental, ecological and social regulations.</p>	<p>The PoA complies with host countries legal, environmental, and ecological and social regulations.</p>
5. Contact Details	<p>As part of the Project Documentation the Project Developer shall provide (i) name and (ii) contact details of all Project Participants; AND in case</p>	<p>Name and Contact details of Project Participants is given in the Appendix 1.</p>

	of an organisation (iii) the legal registration details and (iv) documentation by the governing jurisdiction that proves that the entity is in good standing (defined as being a legal or other appropriate entity registered in or allowed to operate within the required jurisdiction and with no evidence of insolvency or legal/criminal notices placed against it or any of its Directors). Gold Standard retains the right (at its own discretion) to refuse use of the Standard where reputational concerns are highlighted.	
6. Legal Ownership	Full and uncontested legal ownership of any Products that are generated under Gold Standard Certification, (for example carbon credits) shall be demonstrated. Where such ownership is transferred from project beneficiaries this must be demonstrated transparently and with full, prior and informed consent (FPIC). Note that for certain Project types there is a requirement for full and uncontested legal land title/tenure to be demonstrated. These are contained within specific Activity or Product Requirements. All projects shall immediately report to Gold Standard any land title/tenure disputes arising.	Criteria for transfer of carbon credit ownership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For regular cycle VPA, this shall be ensured through relevant provisions for example disclaimer on warranty/information cards, stove packaging, customer agreements / sales receipts / consent form or may be collected via monitoring app etc. or collecting stakeholder feedback on this issue during local stakeholder consultation (LSC) For retroactive VPA, this shall be ensured through relevant provisions for example disclaimer on warranty cards, stove packaging, customer agreements / sales receipts / consent form or may be collected via monitoring app, etc. or stakeholder feedback collected during Stakeholder Feedback Round (SFR).
7. Other Rights	As well as legal title and ownership, the Project Developer shall also demonstrate where required uncontested legal rights and/or permissions concerning changes in use of other resources required to service the Project (for example, access rights, water rights etc.). Any known disputes or contested rights must be	Not applicable

	declared immediately to Gold Standard by the Project Developer and resolved prior to further project implementation in affected areas.	
8. Official Development Assistance (ODA) Declaration	All Project Developers applying for project activities located in a country named by the OECD Development Assistance Committee's ODA recipient list and seeking Gold Standard Certification for carbon credits shall declare the Official Development Assistance (ODA) support. The Project Developer shall follow the GHG Emissions Reduction & Sequestration Product Requirements and submit the declaration at the time of Design Certification.	No ODA is involved in the PoA. A declaration is being submitted.

Eligibility under Gold Standard Community Services Activity (CSA) Requirements

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As per section 3 of GS4GG Community Services Activity (CSA) Requirements, Eligibility criteria is defined below:

Eligibility Criteria Category	Eligibility criterion - Required condition	Justification
1. Eligible Project Types	All CSA Projects shall lead to climate change mitigation and/or adaptation by providing or improving access to services/resources at the household or community or institution level. Eligible services include electricity and energy, water and sanitation, waste management, housing, etc.	The goal of the proposed PoA is to distribute ICS (improving access to services) in households/SMEs within the national borders of the host countries.
2. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - Type of project	(b) End-use energy efficiency: Project activities that reduce energy requirements as compared to baseline scenario without affecting the level and quality of services or products, where the end-user of the products and services are clearly identified and when the physical intervention is required at the user end. For	The PoA involves distribution of energy efficient ICS to households/SMEs in the host countries which is mentioned in key project information (KPI).

Eligibility Criteria Category	Eligibility criterion - Required condition	Justification
	example, efficient cooking, heating, lighting, etc.	
3. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Project Area, Boundary and scale	Project Area and Boundary shall be defined in line with the applicable Impact Quantification Methodologies and Product Requirements.	<p>The project area is point location of ICS beneficiaries in the host country of the VPA. The project boundary will be limited to the geographical boundary of the host countries.</p> <p>The scale of the project will be small scale. Small scale VPAs will threshold of 180Gwh thermal for ICS VPAs will be adhered.</p> <p>The PoA is a small scale PoA with each independent subsystem (in case of this PoA = ICS) contributing to no greater than 1% of the small-scale threshold.</p>
4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Legal Ownership	<p>(a) Projects involving the distribution of a large number of devices for services such as heating, cooking, lighting, electricity generation, water treatment technology such as water filter, etc. shall provide a clear description of the ownership of the Products that are generated under Gold Standard Certification all along the investment chain. In line with the FPIC requirement, the proofs that end-users are aware of and willing to give up their rights on Products shall be provided.</p> <p>(b) The transfer of Product ownership shall be discussed during local stakeholder consultations for projects.</p>	<p>The ICS owners will be transferring their rights on ownership of carbon credits to CME via the end user agreement /consent form via monitoring app etc (refer Eligibility under GS4GG section above).</p> <p>The same has been discussed during stakeholder consultations.</p>
5. Suppressed Demand	Certain Impact Quantification methodologies allow projects to account Suppressed Demand scenario when establishing a baseline. In such cases, the	Projects under this PoA will not apply suppressed demand baseline scenario.

Eligibility Criteria Category	Eligibility criterion - Required condition	Justification
	application of Suppressed Demand baseline is limited to Small Scale and Microscale Projects.	

A.4. Target/Indicator for each of the minimum three SDGs targeted by the POA

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Sustainable Development Goals Targeted	Most relevant SDG Target	SDG Impact Indicator (Proposed or SDG Indicator)
<u>1 No Poverty</u>	<u>1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day.</u>	<u>1.1.1 Average household savings i.e., decrease in expenditure on basic service such cooking.</u> Relevance: The PoA involves dissemination of energy efficient ICS, thereby reducing the expenses on cooking fuel consumed
13 Climate Action (mandatory)	13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning	13.2.1 is the number of countries that have communicated the establishment or operationalization of an integrated policy / strategy / plan which increases their ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development Total Emission Reductions
5: Gender Equality	5.4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate	5.4.1 Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location Relevance: In the poorest communities, the burden of collecting and/or purchasing fuel, often firewood, often falls on women and children. By reducing fuel collection and cooking time, the PoA provides women in project households with more time to invest in other productive

		economic development activities thereby aiding gender equality.
		Thus, the project directly results in reduction of time spend in unpaid domestic work by the women who are mainly responsible for cooking and arranging fuel for cooking.
7: Affordable and Clean Energy	<u>7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services</u>	<u>7.1.1 Number of beneficiaries: Households. Number of beneficiaries</u> <u>Relevance:</u> <u>The ICS beneficiaries get access to affordable and reliable modern energy services (improved, efficient biomass stove (ICS)).</u>
7: Affordable and Clean Energy	7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services	7.1.2 Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology <u>Relevance:</u> The PoA involves dissemination of clean, modern technology for cooking, by using available energy sources more efficiently.
15: Life on Land	15.2 By 2020, promote sustainable management of all types of forests, halt and reverse deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally	15.2.1 Progress towards sustainable forest management <u>Relevance:</u> the ICS included in the PoA will reduce the consumption of non-renewable biomass in all participant households /SMEs types of forests, halt and will contribute towards deforestation, restore reducing deforestation. Thus, the project results in reduced pressure on forests for sourcing biomass fuel due to reduction in consumption for biomass fuel for cooking thereby aiding progress towards sustainable forest management.

A.5. Coordinating/managing entity

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BioLite India Private Limited is the coordinating and managing entity of the PoA and is the focal point for all communications with Gold Standard.

A.6. Funding sources of PoA

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There is no public funding for the PoA. No ODA funding shall be used within the PoA, as confirmed by signed ODA Declarations to be made at the VPA level.

SECTION B. MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND INCLUSION CRITERIA

B.1. Management System

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See section B of the CDM PoA-DD version 22.1.

B.2. Application of methodologies

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AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 03 (applicable at the time of registration of PoA)

AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 11.1 (applicable at the time of renewal of PoA⁵)

AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 12 (to be applied at the time of renewal of PoA with GS4GG/ inclusion of new VPAs under GS4GG)

Sampling and surveys guidelines for CDM project activities and programmes of activities," Ver 4, (to be applied for VPAs included in the future)

Sampling and surveys standard for CDM project activities and programmes of activities, version 9 (to be applied for VPAs included in the future)

ASB0002-2017: Fuel switch, technology switch and/or methane destruction in the charcoal sector of Uganda, version 1.0

B.2.1. Multiple technologies/measures

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Not Applicable

B.3. Eligibility criteria for inclusion of a VPA in the PoA

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As per AMS II G, version 3⁶ the "Standard for demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for programme of activities", paragraph 14, Annex 3 of EB 65 following criteria must be met by each VPA to be included under PoA (This also addresses the requirements stated in EB 55 Annex 38):

No.	Eligibility Criterion	Description/ Required condition	Means of Verification/Support ing evidence for inclusion
1	VPA Location and Project Boundary	The geographical boundary of the VPA including any time- induced boundary consistent with the	Each VPA will be located within the geographical boundary of Kenya and Uganda.

⁵ This is the version applicable at the time of renewal of PoA, however no new VPAs have been included under the PoA with application of version 11.1 of the methodology

⁶ For more CDM registered CPAs which can be transitioned to GS4GG later. At the time of submission of PoA for design certification 20 CPAs out of 80 registered CPAs were submitted for transitioning to GS4GG.

		geographical boundary set in the PoA	
2	Avoiding Double Counting	<p>Conditions that avoid double counting of emission reductions like unique identifications of product and end-user locations (e.g., programme logo)</p> <p>Each VPA will show that it is exclusive to the PoA and not registered as another project activity or VPA under another PoA.</p>	<p>For each VPA, CME will check for double counting by Tracking of cook stove will be done based on the unique identification using a serial number. With this serial number, a database will allow the CME to identify:</p> <p>a) Acronym of programme b) Acronym of CME & VPA implementer c) Location of VPA</p> <p>A declaration by the CME will be provided that VPA is neither registered as a project activity with GS or any other standard or as a VPA of another PoA. The appropriate registries (Gold Standard and CDM) can be accessed to demonstrate this.</p>
3	Technology	The specifications of technology/measure including the level and type of service, performance specifications including compliance with testing/certifications.	Each VPA will deploy rocket, efficient charcoal and/or gasifier technology/measures, which when implemented in Uganda and Kenya will deploy stoves with technical parameters consistent with those outlined in the methodology being applied (i.e. with thermal efficiency at least 20%).
4	Start date	Conditions to check the start date of the VPA through documentary evidence.	<p>For each VPA</p> <p>a) The start date will be earliest date of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase order for the cook stoves <p>Start date is after the commencement of validation of PoA.</p>

5	Applicability - methodology	Conditions that ensure compliance with the following applicability and other requirements of single or multiple methodology/ies applied by VPAs	Each VPA will satisfy the following applicability criteria described in approved methodology AMS II.G Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 03 (applicable at the time of registration of the PoA) AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 11.1 (applicable at the time of renewal of PoA) AMS II.G. - Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass, version 12 (to be applied at the time of renewal of PoA with GS4GG/ inclusion of new VPAs under GS4GG) a) This category comprises appliances involving the efficiency improvements in the thermal applications of non-renewable biomass. Examples of these technologies and measures include the introduction of high efficiency ⁷ biomass fired cook stoves ⁸ or ovens or dryers and/or improvement of energy efficiency of existing biomass
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⁷ The efficiency of the project systems as certified by a national standards body or an appropriate certifying agent recognized by it. Alternatively, manufacturers' specifications may be used.

⁸ Single pot or multi pot portable or in-situ cook stoves with specified efficiency of at least 20%

			<p>fired cook stoves or ovens or dryers.</p> <p>b) Project participants are able to show that non-renewable biomass has been used since 31 December 1989, using survey methods or referring to published literature, official reports or statistics.</p> <p>If applicable (i.e., in the case of Kenya), each VPA will also satisfy the following applicability criteria as described in the standardized baseline ASB0035: Baseline woody biomass consumption for household cookstoves in Kenya (version 01.0)</p> <p>a) The project activity is implemented in Kenya</p> <p>b) The approved CDM methodology that is applied to the project activity is small-scale methodology AMS-II. G "Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non-renewable biomass" and/or small-scale methodology AMS-I.E "Switch from non-renewable biomass for thermal applications by the user";</p> <p>c) The standardized values are applicable to households using only firewood and/or charcoal in the pre-project</p>
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			<p>scenario as a cooking fuel; households using LPG and/or kerosene in the pre project scenario as a cooking fuel are not eligible to apply the standardized values in this document.</p> <p>It is not being applied to standalone renewable energy-based water treatment</p>
6	Additionality	<p>The conditions that ensure that VPAs meet the requirements pertaining to the demonstration of additionally.</p>	<p>Each VPA will demonstrate the additionality by establishing that in the absence of CDM PoA, the VPA would not occur. This will be done using paragraph 9 of "Standard for the demonstration of additionality, development of eligibility criteria and application of multiple methodologies for Programme of Activities" EB 65 Annex 3" which states that PoAs that consist of one or more small-scale projects as VPAs shall include eligibility criteria derived from all the relevant requirements of "Guidelines on the demonstration of additionality of small scale project activities", version 09.0, Annex 27, EB 68 of the simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM project activities".</p>
7	Stakeholder	<p>The PoA-specific requirements stipulated by the CMEs including any conditions related to</p>	<p>The PoA will undertake a local stakeholder consultation (at the PoA level) in each country as following:</p>

		undertaking local stakeholder consultations and environmental impact analysis.	<p>a) Identification of local stakeholders</p> <p>b) Invitation to local stakeholder consultation or meets</p> <p>c) Demonstrating the PoA</p> <p>d) Inviting comments from stakeholders</p> <p>e) Minutes of the meetings</p> <p>An EIA is not required for this PoA in Kenya⁹ or Uganda¹⁰. Hence, it is not required to be conducted for this programme.</p>
8	Non- Diversion of ODA	Conditions to provide an affirmation that funding from Annex I parties if any, does not result in a diversion of official development assistance.	<p>Each VPA will demonstrate that no Official Development Assistance (ODA) is being used. This may be evidenced through any of the following:</p> <p>a) Undertaking by VPA implementer to the CME Certificate by VPA implementer's Chartered Accountant provided after the procurement of equipment.</p>
9	Target Group	Where applicable, target group (e.g., domestic/commercial/industrial, rural/urban, grid-connected/off-grid) and distribution mechanisms (e.g., direct installation)	The target group of each VPA will be rural and/or urban households currently using inefficient biomass based traditional cook stoves in biomass deficient regions.
10	Sampling	Where applicable, the conditions related to sampling requirements for a PoA in accordance with the approved guidelines/standard	Each VPA will conduct sampling and surveying for baseline ¹¹ and monitoring of fuel usage and efficiency as appropriate or

⁹ <http://www.kenyalawresourcecenter.org/2011/07/environmental-impact-assessment.html>

¹⁰ http://greenwatch.or.ug/files/downloads/Guide_to_the_Environment_Impact_Assessment_ProcessIssue1.pdf

¹¹ Baseline survey to establish fuel consumption patterns, prevalent technologies

		from the Board pertaining to sampling and surveys.	<p>applicable based on requirements of</p> <p>a) Sampling & survey methods described in the approved methodology AMS II.G, version 03, Energy efficiency measures in thermal applications of non renewable biomass</p> <p>b) General guidelines for sampling and surveys for small-scale CDM project activities, Annex 30 EB 50, "Standard for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities", version 03.0, Annex 4, EB 69 and "Guidelines for sampling and surveys for CDM project activities and programme of activities", version 02.0, Annex 5, EB 69</p> <p>In cases where multiple VPAs are implemented in the same country under the same conditions, cross-VPA sampling is allowed, as long as sampling is conducted sufficient to get precision level of 95/10.</p>
11	Scale	Where applicable, the conditions that ensure that VPA in aggregate meets the small-scale or micro-scale threshold criteria and remain within those thresholds throughout the crediting period of the VPA.	<p>Each VPA will meet the following small scale threshold criteria as per EB 61, Annex 21, "General Guidelines to SSC CDM methodologies", version 17</p> <p>Each VPA will have thermal efficiency improvements not exceeding the equivalent of 180 gigawatt hours</p>

			(GWh) ¹² per year every year throughout the crediting period.
12	Debundling	Where applicable, the requirements for the debundling check, in case VPAs belong to small-scale (SSC) or microscale project categories	Each VPA will not undergo debundling check as per EB 54 Annex 13 "Guidelines on assessment of debundling for SSC project activities" para 10 a) If each of the independent subsystems/measures (e.g., biogas digester, solar home system) included in the VPA of a PoA is no larger than 1% of the small-scale thresholds defined by the methodology applied, then that VPA of PoA is exempted from performing debundling check i.e., considering as not being a de-bundled component of a large-scale activity. The threshold to prove the activity is not a debundled action is derived from the small-scale threshold for each SSC-VPA, which corresponds to 180GWh ¹³ thermal energy per year as follows: 1% of 180GWh = 1.8GWh. This will be demonstrated in section A.8. of each SSC-VPA DD.
13	Avoiding Double Counting of Programme Activities	Each VPA will show that it is exclusive to the PoA and not registered as another project	A declaration by the CME will be provided that VPA is neither registered as a project

¹² As clarified in SSC_223, The SSC WG agreed to clarify that AMS-II.G is applicable to project activities with maximum thermal energy savings of 180 GWh per year.

¹³ As clarified in SSC_223, The SSC WG agreed to clarify that AMS-II. G is applicable to project activities with maximum thermal energy savings of 180 GWh per year.

		activity or VPA under another PoA.	activity with GS or any other standard or as a VPA of another PoA. The appropriate registries (Gold Standard and CDM) can be accessed to demonstrate this.
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SDG Outcomes and Safeguarding principle

No.	Eligibility Criterion	Description/ Required condition	Means of Verification / Supporting evidence for inclusion
1	SDG outcome assessment	The monitoring plan for SDG shall include: <u>1. Money savings due to reduction in expense on fuel in households/SMEs (SDG 1).</u> <u>1.2.</u> Time savings due to reduction in collected fuel / cooking time in households/SMEs (SDG 5). <u>2.3.</u> Number of ICS distributed <u>(SDG 7.1.1)</u> and operating (SDG 7.1.2). <u>3.4.</u> Woodfuel savings reported by HH in the project (SDG 15).	SDG monitoring plan specified in VPA KPID
2	Safeguarding Principles	Conducted at VPA level	Not Applicable

Refer section B.2 of registered CDM PoA-DD version 22.1 dated 20/10/2020 for inclusion criteria related to SDG 13

SECTION C. DEMONSTRATION OF ADDITIONALITY

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See section C of the CDM PoA-DD.

SECTION D. DURATION OF POA

D.1. Date of first submission of PoA to Gold Standard

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29/06/2021

D.2. Duration of the PoA

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20 years¹⁴ (starting 30/12/2012 and ending on 29/12/2032)

¹⁴ Although, CDM allows a duration of up to 28 years, PoA duration as per the GS PoA requirements shall not exceed 20 years or the crediting period of first VPA plus 5 years.

SECTION E. SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES ASSESSMENT

E.1. Justification for Safeguarding Principles Assessment at PoA level

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N.A. since Safeguarding assessment will be done at VPA level.

E.2. Assessment of safeguarding principles, if undertaken at PoA level

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N.A. since Safeguarding assessment will be done at VPA level.

SECTION F. OUTCOME OF STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

F.1. Justification for stakeholder consultation at PoA Level only

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A combined DC and SFR has been conducted for the PoA and associated VPAs as follows:

Duration of Design Consultation: 19 May 2021 – 18 June 2021

Duration of SFR: 22 June 2021 – 09 September 2021

CME has conducted stakeholder feedback round to cover all the identified gaps between CDM and GS4GG. SFR was conducted virtually by inviting the stakeholders through Email and Phone, with stakeholders been sent a non-technical summary and questionnaire form to submit feedback.

The SFR was initiated on 22 June 2021 and was due for closure on 20 August 2021. However, due to COVID 19, the CME extended the consultation time to provide equal opportunity to various stakeholders to revert. Hence, instead of the required 60 days period, the SFR feedback window was kept open for 90 days and was concluded on September 09, 2021.

The stakeholder consultation was conducted at national level in Kenya and Uganda to get the comments of various stakeholders about the project. This was conducted to acquire details, feedback, and create preparedness for possible hindrances likely to affect the project.

Kenya: Stakeholder consultation for the entire PoA in Kenya was held on 5th August 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at Anniversary Towers, Nairobi, Kenya. The stakeholder consultation meeting was a productive and thoughtful discussion among a group of approximately 25 participants. The stakeholder consultation was designed to take into account views from all potential stakeholders throughout Kenya for implementation of all BioLite activities planned nationwide within the country. During the pilot phase of operations in Kenya, as an extension of the formal stakeholder consultation process, BioLite visited and surveyed thousands of users. The feedback has been consistently and overwhelming positive. Most commonly, users have confirmed fuel savings, typically around 50% compared to their previous stove. The home visits in Kenya have affirmed that nearly all users would, will, or have recommended the Home stove to others.

Uganda

The stakeholder consultation for the Uganda portion of this PoA was held on 7th of May 2015 at NOB View Hotel, Plot 6 Commercial Road, Ntinda (off Bukoto Ntinda Road), Kampala, Uganda.

F.2. Summary of stakeholder mitigation measures at POA Level

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The stakeholder consultation process did not raise any negative concerns about existing project design.

F.3. Final Continuous Input / Grievance Mechanism at POA Level

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Method	Include all details of Chosen Method (s) so that they may be understood and, where relevant, used by readers.
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)	Continuous input / Grievance Expression process book is available at the office at the following address: BioLite Holdings Kenya Limited, 40 Peponi Road, House No. 40B, Nairobi, Kenya and Plot 3848, Office-B, Rwakiseta Road (off Kironde Road), Muyenga, Kampala, Uganda / Grievance Expression book has been placed at office of BioLite in Kenya & Uganda. Stakeholders are free to voice their concerns via the Grievance Expression Book. By maintaining feedback book at the local office, it is ensured that stakeholders that don't have access to electronic media for expressing concerns / grievances are also able to share their concerns / feedback. Additionally, the end users always have an option to revert to the salesperson (representative of distribution/retail partners etc.) in case of any feedback / complaints with the product post distribution.
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org
Other	Customer Care: +254 706 896 556, Email: support@bioliteenergy.com As per para 2.4 of Annex W of GS, the stakeholders with internet access have an option of contacting CME through the email id provided.

APPENDIX 1 - CONTACT INFORMATION OF COORDINATING/MANAGING ENTITY AND RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)/ ENTITY(IES)

CME and/or responsible person/ entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CME <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible person/ entity for application of the selected methodology(ies) and, where applicable, the selected standardized baseline(s) to the PoA
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