



**IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT**

**PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

The Government of the Republic of Rwanda and the Government of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”),

**AFFIRMING** the mutual interest of the Parties in developing cooperation in the fields of climate change and sustainability based on the principle of mutual benefits;

**RECOGNISING** the importance of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals and the common concern of the Parties on global environment matters;

**RECALLING** Articles 4, 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement, as well as the Article 6.2 Guidance and the Article 13 Guidance;

**NOTING** that cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement can raise global ambition in line with the Paris Agreement goals, and can generate sustainable development benefits;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT** the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce;

**NOTING** the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity;

**REAFFIRMING** that the Parties, when taking action to address climate change, should respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity;

**RECALLING** Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and **DESIRING** as close partners to strengthen existing cooperation in the field of climate change and sustainability to maximise realisation of the economic and social benefits, including through the sharing of best practices and capacity-building; and

**RECALLING** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of Rwanda for Collaboration Under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

## Article 1. Definitions

1. In this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:
  - (a) “**Article 6.2 Guidance**” refers to the “guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”, as set out in the Annex to decision 2/CMA.3;
  - (b) “**Article 13 Guidance**” refers to the “guidance for operationalizing the modalities, procedures and guidelines for the enhanced transparency framework referred to in Article 13 of the Paris Agreement”, as adopted by the CMA in decision 5/CMA.3;
  - (c) “**BTR**” refers to Biennial Transparency Reports submitted by a Party to the Paris Agreement pursuant to Article 13 of the Paris Agreement with the modalities, procedures and guidelines referred to in Article 13, paragraph 13, of the Paris Agreement;
  - (d) “**CMA**” refers to the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
  - (e) “**Corresponding Adjustments**” are adjustments applied by a Party to the Paris Agreement in the context of reporting on its national inventory to avoid double-counting in the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 13; Article 6, paragraph 2; and Article 13, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement, in line with Part III of the Article 6.2 Guidance and further relevant decisions adopted by the CMA;
  - (f) “**First transfer**” refers to first transfer, as defined under paragraph 2 of the Article 6.2 Guidance;
  - (g) “**Initial Report**” refers to the Article 6, paragraph 2, initial report referred to in paragraph 18 of the Article 6.2 Guidance;
  - (h) “**Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes**” or “**ITMOs**” are mitigation outcomes that have been authorised by a Party to the Paris Agreement for use towards the achievement of an NDC or other international mitigation purposes, as set out under paragraph 1 of the Article 6.2 Guidance;
  - (i) “**Joint Committee**” refers to the joint committee established under Article 6 (Joint Committee);



- (j) **“Mitigation outcomes”** are emission reductions and removals, complying with the criteria set out under paragraph 1(a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Article 6.2 Guidance;
- (k) **“Mitigation activity”** or **“mitigation activities”** refer to the projects or programmes the implementation of which will result in mitigation outcomes;
- (l) **“NDC”** refers to nationally determined contribution under Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement;
- (m) **“Paris Agreement”** refers to the Paris Agreement, adopted on 12 December 2015;
- (n) **“pre-approved list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies”** refers to the list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies set out in **Annex A** which the Joint Committee shall decide upon and maintain pursuant to Article 5 (Environmental Integrity);
- (o) **“Project applicant”** is a government, public, State-owned or private entity which is seeking to obtain the Joint Committee’s authorisation for a mitigation activity under this Agreement and satisfies the criteria published by Singapore and by Rwanda; and
- (p) **“Project participant”** is a project applicant which has obtained the Joint Committee’s authorisation for a mitigation activity under this Agreement;
- (q) **“Rwanda”** refers to the Government of the Republic of Rwanda; and
- (r) **“Singapore”** refers to the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

2. Any reference to “Articles” and “Annexes” in this Agreement and its Annexes shall be a reference to the Articles of and Annexes to this Agreement, unless otherwise stated.

## **Article 2. Objectives and Scope of Cooperation**

1. The objective of this Agreement is to establish a bilateral framework for the authorisation of mitigation activities under this Agreement, and the authorisation and transfer of ITMOs generated therefrom for use towards the achievement of NDCs, or other international mitigation purposes in line with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.



2. This bilateral framework will cover mitigation activities that have been authorised by the Joint Committee in accordance with this Agreement.

### **Article 3. Competent Authorities**

1. Singapore has authorised the National Climate Change Secretariat, the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, and the National Environment Agency (NEA) to act on its behalf to implement this Agreement and achieve its objectives.
2. Rwanda has authorised the Ministry of Environment through the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) to act on its behalf to implement this Agreement and achieve its objectives.

### **Article 4. Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for Mitigation Outcomes**

1. The Parties shall establish the necessary processes by which project applicants can submit requests to the Joint Committee co-chaired by NEA and REMA for authorisation of their mitigation activities under this Agreement in accordance with **Annexes A and B**.
2. The Parties shall further establish the necessary processes by which project participants can obtain Rwanda's authorisation for the mitigation outcomes generated by the authorised mitigation activities in accordance with **Annex B**.
3. Subject to the conditions and requirements on or subject to which authorisation of the mitigation activity was granted, Rwanda shall authorise the mitigation outcomes generated by the registered mitigation activities and apply corresponding adjustments for these mitigation outcomes upon first transfer. Such authorisation shall be for all purposes, including use towards the achievement of an NDC and other international mitigation purposes.
4. In the event the project participant fails to comply with the conditions on which authorisation of the mitigation activity was granted, the Joint Committee may revoke such authorisation, including the Joint Statement of Authorisation and the Letters of Authorisation issued by both Parties in accordance with **Annex B**, after having given the project participant notice of the intended revocation and a reasonable opportunity to make representations to the Parties and rectify its non-compliance.

5. In the event the project participant fails to comply with the conditions on which authorisation of the mitigation activity was granted, Rwanda may refuse authorisation for the mitigation outcomes generated therefrom for international transfer in accordance with the process set out in **Annex B**.

6. Save in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Article, Rwanda shall not refuse authorisation for mitigation outcomes generated by mitigation activities authorised under this Agreement.

7. Revocation of authorisation of a mitigation activity under paragraph 4 of this Article shall not affect mitigation outcomes that have already been authorised as ITMOs under this Agreement and Rwanda shall ensure that corresponding adjustments are applied in accordance with Article 9 (Corresponding Adjustments).

### **Article 5. Environmental Integrity**

1. Mitigation outcomes generated by authorised mitigation activities and which are authorised under this Agreement shall be consistent with:

- (a) the Article 6.2 Guidance and further relevant decisions adopted by the CMA; and
- (b) the national requirements of the Parties pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.

2. The Joint Committee shall decide upon and maintain the pre-approved list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies in **Annex A** to guide project applicants and project participants in the identification of mitigation activities that meet the requirements in paragraph 1 of this Article and the domestic laws, regulations and policies of the respective Parties. Updates to the pre-approved list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies shall be made through the following process:

- (a) The Joint Committee shall agree on any changes to the pre-approved list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies by electronic means.
- (b) Each Party shall ensure that the most updated pre-approved list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies is published on an official government website.



## Article 6. Joint Committee

1. A Joint Committee, composed of an equal number of representatives from each Party and co-chaired by a senior official designated by each Party, shall be established in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out in **Annex C**.
2. The Joint Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the administration of this Agreement and ensuring its proper implementation. To this end, the Joint Committee shall:
  - (a) make recommendations to the Parties and take decisions as provided for in this Agreement, including providing guidance on authorisation pursuant to Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for Mitigation Outcomes), the consistency of mitigation activities with Article 5 (Environmental Integrity) and the arrangements to be undertaken by the Parties' respective registries pursuant to Article 7 (Registry);
  - (b) establish rules and guidelines for project applicants and project participants, including on the identification of pre-approved carbon crediting programmes and methodologies, forms and templates for project applicants and project participants;
  - (c) review this Agreement and its Annexes for consistency with the Paris Agreement and the relevant decisions adopted by the CMA, taking into account revisions and updates to Rwanda's NDC, and make recommendations to the Parties on amendments to this Agreement or take decisions on amendments to the Annexes, as provided for in Article 20 (Review and Amendments);
  - (d) consider potential areas for the further development of this Agreement, including the written proposals by a Party for any amendment to this Agreement, and make recommendations to the Parties on amendments to this Agreement or take decisions on amendments to the Annexes, as provided for in Article 20 (Review and Amendments);
  - (e) facilitate the exchange of information, including on documents issued pursuant to the processes established under Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for Mitigation Outcomes) and changes to domestic laws, regulations, and policies of the respective Parties which may affect the implementation of this Agreement, or any mitigation activities authorised thereunder;

- (f) further develop areas of cooperation, which may include regulatory matters and capacity-building;
  - (g) discuss any questions relating to the application or interpretation of this Agreement; and
  - (h) perform such other functions set out in this Agreement and its Annexes.
3. The Joint Committee shall have the power to make binding decisions within the scope of its responsibilities. Recommendations and decisions of the Joint Committee shall be adopted by consensus and recorded in written form.
4. The Joint Committee may establish subsidiary bodies and delegate part of its work to such bodies, as appropriate. Project applicants and project participants may appeal the decisions of such subsidiary bodies to the Joint Committee.

#### **Article 7. Registry**

1. Each Party shall establish a registry for the purpose of recording and tracking, in line with Part VI of the Article 6.2 Guidance<sup>1</sup>. The respective registries shall, to the extent practicable and in a manner consistent with the domestic laws, regulations and legal system of the respective Parties, record the following:
- (a) information on mitigation outcomes derived from mitigation activities approved by the Joint Committee, including their unique identifiers, origin and vintage year, as well as information on authorisation, first transfer, transfers, acquisition and use of such mitigation outcomes towards NDCs or other international mitigation purposes, including voluntary cancellation; and
  - (b) any other information as set out in this Agreement, including its Annexes, or to be decided by the Joint Committee, as well as information as may be required by the Article 6.2 Guidance or further decisions of the CMA.
2. The Parties shall establish the necessary inter-registry arrangements with the relevant carbon crediting programmes, in accordance with the guidance of the Joint Committee, to ensure that transfers of ITMOs are accurately recorded and to avoid double-counting.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CMA.3 Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement.



## **Article 8. Issuance and Transfer of ITMOs**

1. The Parties shall establish the necessary processes by which project participants can submit requests to the Joint Committee for the issuance of mitigation outcomes from authorised mitigation activities and the transfer of ITMOs in accordance with **Annex B**.
2. Following verification of the mitigation outcomes, the ITMOs shall be transferred in accordance with the authorisation granted by Rwanda pursuant to the above process and in accordance with its laws.

## **Article 9. Corresponding Adjustments**

1. Rwanda shall apply corresponding adjustments, in line with the Article 6.2 Guidance and further decisions adopted by the CMA, for all ITMOs upon first transfer.
2. In the event Rwanda is unable to apply corresponding adjustments in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, Rwanda shall resolve the dispute with the project participant in accordance with **Annex D**.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, the procedure provided under paragraph 2 of this Article is in addition to any other remedies that may be available under this Agreement, international law, the domestic laws of Rwanda, or any contract.

## **Article 10. Additional Contribution to Overall Mitigation and Adaptation Action**

The Joint Committee shall determine any additional contribution to overall mitigation and adaptation action at the point of issuance of the mitigation outcomes, including the cancellation of mitigation outcomes that are not used towards achieving any country's NDC or for other international mitigation purposes, and the relevant procedures for such contribution.

## **Article 11. Reporting**

1. Each Party shall comply with its reporting obligations under the Paris Agreement, including the submission of an Initial Report, BTR (including regular information) and annual information in line with Articles 6 and 13 of the Paris Agreement, the Article 6.2 Guidance, the Article 13 Guidance and other relevant decisions adopted by the CMA.
2. Each Party shall ensure that its submitted reports and information are consistent with this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee shall determine the relevant processes to ensure alignment between both Parties' submissions.

## **Article 12. Transparency**

1. Each Party shall draw up, keep up-to-date and publish, in English, on an official government website, an informative list of the following information in a non-discriminatory and easily accessible manner:

- (a) procedures for a project applicant to obtain authorisation for mitigation activities under this Agreement, including the criteria to be satisfied by project applicants pursuant to Article 1(1)(o), the requisite forms and documents, and all applicable fees, charges and taxes;
- (b) contact information for the enquiry points, as well as information on how to make enquiries on matters relating to mitigation activities;
- (c) The pre-approved list of carbon crediting programmes and methodologies set out in **Annex A**;
- (d) information on mitigation activities that are authorised pursuant to Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for mitigation outcomes), and mitigation outcomes generated and first-transferred thereunder, including documents to be published in accordance with **Annex B**;
- (e) the requirements to be satisfied by project applicants in relation to the transfer of ITMOs as a condition for obtaining authorisation for mitigation activities under this Agreement;
- (f) all fees, charges and taxes imposed in accordance with Article 14 (Fees, Charges and Taxes);
- (g) information on Rwanda's utilisation of the contributions to adaptation action made pursuant to Article 10 (Additional Contribution to Overall Mitigation and Adaptation Action) above; and
- (h) such other information as the Parties may mutually agree to publish upon the recommendation of the Joint Committee.

2. Rwanda shall to the extent practicable and in a manner consistent with its laws, regulations and legal system, publish:



- (a) proposed new or amended laws and regulations related to the implementation of this Agreement, and provide a reasonable opportunity for relevant stakeholders to comment on the proposed laws and regulations, unless such advance notice is precluded;
- (b) new or amended laws and regulations related to the implementation of this Agreement as early as possible before the date of their enactment, in order to enable relevant stakeholders to become acquainted with them; and
- (c) information on the procedure by which a project participant may seek to resolve a dispute with Rwanda in accordance with **Annex D**.

### **Article 13. Common Concern**

The Parties shall make every effort to prevent corruption from arising in the processes under this Agreement. The Parties shall promptly inform each other of any corrupt acts or practices arising from processes under this Agreement.

### **Article 14. Fees, Charges and Taxes**

1. Each Party shall ensure that any fees, charges and taxes imposed on or in connection with applications under Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for mitigation outcomes), or the implementation of any mitigation activities authorised under this Agreement, shall be:

- (a) non-discriminatory;
- (b) reasonable and not applied with a view to, or with the effect of, creating unnecessary obstacles to the conduct of a mitigation activity or mitigation activities under this Agreement; and
- (c) commensurate with the cost of the service rendered, if imposed in respect of a service rendered by or on behalf of that Party.

2. Each Party shall notify the other Party of any changes to such fees and charges in writing, and publish this information pursuant to Article 12 (Transparency) at least three months before such changes take effect. The notification shall include an explanation for the relevant changes to such fees and charges.

### **Article 15. Confidentiality**

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, where a Party provides information to the other Party in accordance with this Agreement and designates the information as confidential, the Party receiving the information shall maintain the confidentiality of the information and use it only for the purposes specified by the Party providing the information, and not disclose it without specific written permission of the Party providing the information.
2. The Parties may discuss and conclude any specific arrangement or agreement between them on the protection of confidential information, which may be derived from cooperation under this Agreement.
3. The provisions of this Article shall remain in effect, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

### **Article 16. Financial Arrangements**

Unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing, any expenses incurred in the implementation of this Agreement shall be borne by the Party incurring the expense.

### **Article 17. Intellectual Property Rights**

1. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the domestic laws, rules and regulations of the respective Parties.
2. The use of the names, logos and/or official emblems of a Party on any publication, document and/or paper shall be prohibited without prior written approval of that Party concerned.
3. The title to, and intellectual property rights in, or relation to, any document or material supplied by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall remain with the Party which supplied the document or material. Such title and rights shall be respected and protected by the Party which received the document or material.
4. Unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing, each Party shall retain full ownership of all intellectual property rights owned or developed by that Party.



5. Ownership of any new intellectual property rights in respect of any material jointly developed by the Parties in the course of implementing this Agreement shall be mutually agreed by the Parties in writing.
6. For the purpose of this Article, “intellectual property rights” includes all rights in the nature of copyright and related rights, designs, patents, trade secrets, trademarks and related rights.
7. The provisions of this Article shall remain in effect, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

#### **Article 18. Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

#### **Article 19. Status of Annexes**

The Annexes to this Agreement shall form part of this Agreement and be read as if they are a part of this Agreement.

#### **Article 20. Review and Amendments**

1. The Joint Committee may conduct a review of this Agreement before the end of each NDC implementation period.
2. The Parties may mutually agree in writing, by way of exchange of notes between the Parties through diplomatic channels, to amend any part of this Agreement or the Annexes, except for Annex A which shall be amended in accordance with Article 5(2). Such amendments shall enter into force on such date as may be jointly determined by the Parties.
3. Except for Annex A which shall be amended in accordance with Article 5(2), the Joint Committee may also by decision amend the Annexes, and such amendment shall be subject to confirmation by way of exchange of notes between the Parties through diplomatic channels. Such amendments to the Annexes shall enter into force on such date as may be determined in the decision by the Joint Committee.

4. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties or decided by the Joint Committee (as the case may be) pursuant to this Article, the amendment shall not apply to any mitigation activity that has already been authorised by the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for Mitigation Outcomes) prior to the date of entry into force of such amendment.

### **Article 21. Dispute Resolution**

1. A Party may, in writing, request consultations with the other Party on the interpretation, application or implementation of this Agreement, including its existence, validity or termination.

2. Where a Party is of the view that a dispute has arisen between the Parties as to the interpretation, application or implementation of this Agreement, including its existence, validity or termination, such Party shall first refer the dispute to the Joint Committee for amicable settlement.

3. If the dispute is not settled by the Joint Committee within 90 days from the date such referral is made to it pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article (or such longer period as the Parties may agree in writing), the Party which made such referral may submit the dispute to final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Permanent Court of Arbitration Optional Rules for Arbitrating Disputes between Two States in effect as on the date of this Agreement.

4. For greater certainty, nothing in this Article prevents the Parties from, at any time, jointly referring the dispute to final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Permanent Court of Arbitration Optional Rules for Arbitrating Disputes between Two States in effect as on the date of this Agreement.

5. Nothing in this Article prevents the Parties from agreeing at any time to settle a dispute between them concerning the interpretation, implementation or application of this Agreement, including its existence, validity or termination, by any alternative method of dispute resolution of their own choice.

### **Article 22. Termination**

1. This Agreement may be terminated mutually by way of exchange of notes between the Parties through diplomatic channels.



2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels. Such termination shall take effect at the end of the NDC implementation period during which such notice is provided (i.e. earliest on 1 January 2031, for the NDC implementation period ending 2030, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

3. The termination of this Agreement pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall not affect the conduct or completion of any mitigation activity which has been authorised by Parties under this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, this Agreement and its Annexes shall remain operative and in full force and effect in relation to such mitigation activities, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of this Article, this Agreement and all authorisations under this Agreement shall terminate if either Party withdraws from the Paris Agreement. Such termination shall take effect on the same date as the date on which the Party's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement takes effect.

5. In the event of termination, the Joint Committee shall inform all project participants with ongoing mitigation activities authorised under this Agreement of the termination of this Agreement on or before the date on which such termination takes effect.

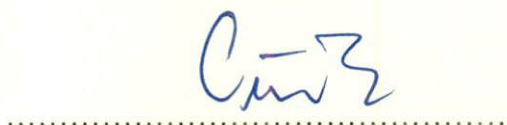
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement, in duplicate at Singapore on the 6th day of May in the year 2025, in the English language.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**



**Dr. Valentine Uwamariya  
Minister of Environment**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**



**Grace Fu  
Minister for Sustainability and the  
Environment and Minister-in-charge  
of Trade Relations**

**ANNEX A: PRE-APPROVED LIST OF CARBON CREDITING PROGRAMMES  
AND METHODOLOGIES**

<b>Carbon Crediting programmes</b>	<b>Methodologies</b>
Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two and Three Wheeled Personal Transportation V1.0</li> <li>2. Emission Reduction by Shore-Side or Off-Shore Electricity Supply System V1.0</li> <li>3. Emission Reductions from Safe Drinking Water Supply V1.0</li> <li>4. Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating – Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption V4.0 (TPDDTEC)</li> <li>5. The Gold Standard Simplified Methodology for Clean and Efficient Cookstoves V3.0</li> <li>6. Quantification of Climate Related Emission Reductions of Black Carbon and Co-Emitted Species Due to The Replacement of Less Efficient Cookstoves with Improved Efficiency Cookstoves V1.1</li> <li>7. Methodology for Metered &amp; Measured Energy Cooking Devices V1.2</li> <li>8. Indicative Program, Baseline and Monitoring Methodology for The Large-Scale Supply &amp; Distribution of Efficient Light Bulbs, Shower Heads and Other Water Saving Devices to Households V2.0</li> <li>9. Suppressed Demand Methodology Micro-Scale Electrification and Energization V1.0</li> <li>10. Suppressed Demand Small-Scale Methodology for Low GHG Food Preservation V1.0</li> <li>11. Suppressed Demand Small-Scale Methodology for Energy Use for The Processing of Agricultural Products V1.0</li> <li>12. Soil Organic Carbon Framework Methodology v1.0</li> <li>13. Methane Emission Reduction by adjusted Water management practice in rice cultivation v1.0</li> <li>14. Methodology for Animal Manure Management and Biogas Use for Thermal Energy Generation V1.1</li> </ol>



	15. Gold Standard Reduction in Methane Emissions from Landfills Through Decentralised Organic Waste Processing V1.0
Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)	<p>16. VM0008 Weatherization of Single-Family and Multi-Family Buildings, v1.1</p> <p>17. VM0018 Energy Efficiency and Solid Waste Diversion Activities within a Sustainable Community, v1.0</p> <p>18. VM0019 Fuel Switch from Gasoline to Ethanol in Flex-Fuel Vehicle Fleets, v1.0</p> <p>19. VM0025 Campus Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency, v1.0</p> <p>20. VM0032 Methodology for the Adoption of Sustainable Grasslands through Adjustment of Fire and Grazing, v1.0</p> <p>21. VM0038 Methodology for Electric Vehicle Charging Systems, v1.0</p> <p>22. VM0042 Methodology for Improved Agricultural Land Management, v2.1</p> <p>23. VM0044 Methodology for Biochar Utilization in Soil and Non-Soil Applications, v1.1</p> <p>24. VM0046 Methodology for Reducing Food Loss and Waste, v1.0</p> <p>25. VMR0007 Revision to AMS-III.AJ.: Recovery and Recycling of Materials from Solid Wastes v1.0</p> <p>26. VMR0008 Revision to AMS-III.BA.: Recovery and Recycling of Materials from E-waste v1.0</p> <p>27. VMR0009 Revision to AM0057: Avoided Emissions from Biomass Wastes through Use as Feedstock in Pulp and Paper, Cardboard, Fiberboard or Bio-oil Production, v1.0</p> <p>28. VMR0010 Electricity Supply for Ships, v1.0</p> <p>Where any VCS methodology is used, the project participant will be required to demonstrate the Sustainable Development contributions or co-benefits of the relevant mitigation activity by submitting to the Joint Committee its verification report under the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards (CCB Standards), the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISTa) or another standard recognised by VCS for such purpose.</p>

American Carbon Registry (ACR)	29. Landfill Gas Destruction and Beneficial Use Projects v2.0
Global Carbon Council (GCC)	30. GCCM001 Methodology for Renewable Energy Generation Projects Supplying Electricity to Grid or Captive Consumers v4.0 31. GCCM002 Methodology for Energy Saving in Pumping Systems v1.0 32. GCCM003 Methodology for Energy Generation from Animal Manure and Waste Management Projects v2.0 33. GCCM005 Methodology for Desalinated Water Savings in Buildings v1.0

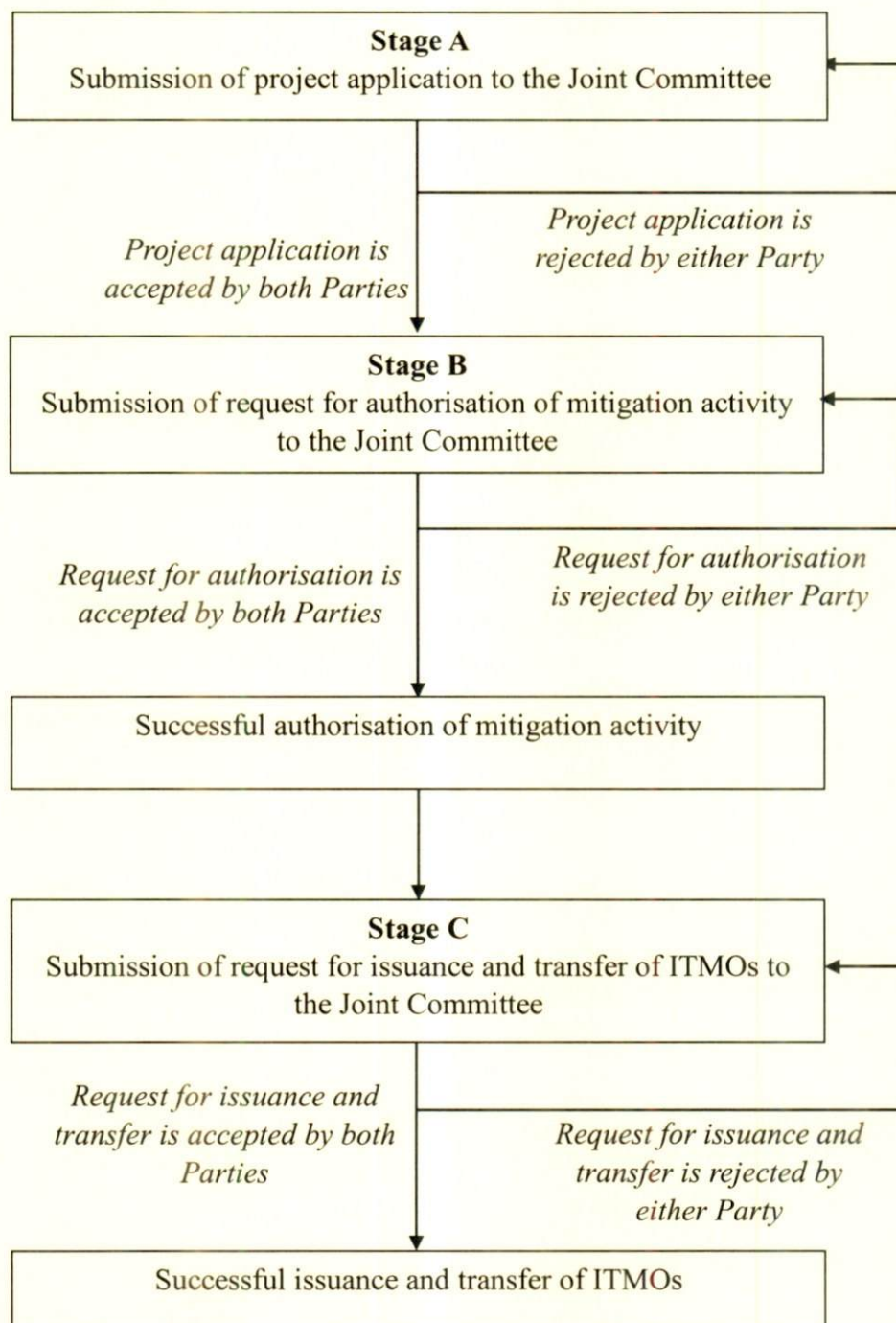
1. This list sets out the eligible carbon crediting programmes and methodologies under the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative frameworks of both Singapore and Rwanda, and that meet the requirements of Article 5 (Environmental Integrity).
2. Notwithstanding that pre-approval has been granted to the methodologies listed above, the Parties will assess the applicability of these methodologies against its applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework, in accordance with the process set out in Stage A (Submission and processing of project application to the Joint Committee) of **Annex B**.
3. If a methodology listed in this Annex has been suspended or formally placed under review by the relevant carbon crediting programme at the time the project applicant submits the application for authorisation of a mitigation activity, either Party may regard that methodology as being ineligible to qualify as a pre-approved methodology under this Annex and thus refuse to authorise a mitigation activity on that basis.
4. If a methodology listed in this Annex is no longer the latest version published by the carbon crediting programme at the time the project applicant submits the application for authorisation of a mitigation activity, either Party may regard that methodology used as being ineligible to qualify as a pre-approved methodology under this Annex and thus refuse to authorise a mitigation activity on that basis.



**ANNEX B: PROCESSES FOR THE AUTHORISATION OF MITIGATION  
ACTIVITIES, AND THE ISSUANCE AND TRANSFER OF ITMOs**

1. This Annex sets out the processes relating to:
  - (a) the authorisation of mitigation activities and Rwanda's authorisation of mitigation outcomes generated by the authorised mitigation activities, pursuant to Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation of Mitigation Outcomes); and
  - (b) the issuance of mitigation outcomes from authorised mitigation activities and the transfer of the ITMOs, pursuant to Article 8 (Issuance and Transfer of ITMOs).
2. The flow-chart in this Annex outlines the relevant processes. The table below sets out the detailed actions to be taken by the project applicant, the Joint Committee, Singapore and Rwanda respectively, indicative timelines for such actions, and the required documents to be submitted.
3. The Parties shall publish the relevant forms and templates in accordance with Article 12 (Transparency).
4. The Parties have designated the following contact points for all communication concerning the processes under this Annex:
  - (a) For Singapore:  
National Environment Agency (NEA)
  - (b) For Rwanda:  
Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)
  - (c) For the Joint Committee:  
Singapore – National Environment Agency (NEA)  
Rwanda – Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)

**Annex B-I: Flow-chart**





**Annex B-II: Table**

Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
<b>Stage A: Submission and processing of project application</b>				
A1	<p>The project applicant shall submit the following documents (collectively referred to as the “<b>Project Application</b>”) to the Joint Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a completed Singapore-Rwanda Mitigation Activity Note of Intent; and</li> <li>b. any other supporting documents as required by either Party and published in accordance with Article 12 (Transparency).</li> </ul>			
A2		<p>The Joint Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. issue the project applicant with a unique registration number for the Project Application; and</li> <li>b. forward the Project Application to the Parties.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Within three working days from step A1)</i></p>		

Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
A3			<p>Rwanda shall assess if the Project Application meets the requirements under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex A of this Agreement;</li> <li>the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework of Rwanda.</li> </ol> <p>If Rwanda assesses that the Project Application meets the said requirements, it shall issue a Letter of Intent and forward the same to the Joint Committee.</p> <p>If Rwanda assesses that the Project Application does not meet the said requirements, it shall notify the Joint Committee of its negative assessment and the reasons for its assessment.</p> <p><i>(Within ten working days from step A2)</i></p>	<p>Singapore shall assess if the Project Application meets the requirements under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex A of this Agreement;</li> <li>the criteria for project applicants as published by Singapore; and</li> <li>the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework of Singapore.<sup>1</sup></li> </ol> <p>If Singapore assesses that the Project Application meets the said requirements, it shall issue a Letter of Support and forward the same to the Joint Committee.</p> <p>If Singapore assesses that the Project Application does not meet the said requirements, it shall notify the Joint Committee of its negative assessment and the reasons for its assessment.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Singapore's assessment that the Project Application meets Singapore's requirements does not mean that Singapore will accept the surrender of carbon credits issued in relation to the mitigation activity, in lieu of carbon tax. There are further requirements under Singapore law for the surrender of carbon credits in lieu of carbon tax.



Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
				<i>(Within ten working days from step A2)</i>
A4		<p>The Joint Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. upon receipt of the Letter of Intent and the Letter of Support, forward the same to the project applicant; or</li> <li>b. upon being notified of a negative assessment by either Party, inform the project applicant of the negative assessment and any remedial steps to be taken in order to re-submit the Project Application in line with step A1.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Within three working days from step A3)</i></p>		

Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
<b>Stage B: Submission and processing of request for authorisation of mitigation activity</b>				
B1	<p>Upon obtaining validation of the project in accordance with the requirements of the carbon crediting programme as specified in the Project Application, the project applicant shall submit the following documents (collectively referred to as the <b>“Request for Authorisation”</b>) to the Joint Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a validation report in accordance with requirements of the carbon crediting programme specified in the Project Application;</li> <li>b. a completed Singapore-Rwanda Authorisation Application Form; and</li> <li>c. any other supporting documents as required by either Party and published in accordance with Article 12 (Transparency).</li> </ul>			
B2		Upon receipt of the Request for Authorisation, the Joint Committee shall forward the		



Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
		Request for Authorisation to the Parties.  <i>(Within three working days from step B1)</i>		
B3			<p>Rwanda shall assess if the Request for Authorisation meets the requirements under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Letter of Recommendation; and</li> <li>b. the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework of Rwanda.</li> </ul> <p>If Rwanda assesses that the Request for Authorisation meets the said requirements, it shall issue a Letter of Authorisation and forward the same to the Joint Committee.</p> <p>If Rwanda assesses that the Request for Authorisation does not meet the said requirements,</p>	<p>Singapore shall assess if the Request for Authorisation meets the requirements under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Letter of Support; and</li> <li>b. the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework of Singapore.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul> <p>If Singapore assesses that the Request for Authorisation meets the said requirements, it shall issue a Letter of Authorisation and forward the same to the Joint Committee.</p> <p>If Singapore assesses that the Request for Authorisation does not meet the said requirements, it shall notify the Joint</p>

<sup>2</sup> Singapore's assessment that the Request for Authorisation meets Singapore's requirements does not mean that Singapore will accept the surrender of carbon credits issued in relation to the mitigation activity, in lieu of carbon tax. There are further requirements under Singapore law for the surrender of carbon credits in lieu of carbon tax.

Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
			<p>it shall notify the Joint Committee of its negative assessment and the reasons for its assessment.</p> <p><i>(Within ten working days from step B2)</i></p>	<p>Committee of its negative assessment and the reasons for its assessment.</p> <p><i>(Within ten working days from step B2)</i></p>
B4		<p>Upon receipt of the Letters of Authorisation from both Parties, the Joint Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>forward the said Letters to the project applicant;</li> <li>enter the mitigation activity into the register of mitigation activities which have been authorised under this Agreement;</li> <li>submit the Initial Report(s) in accordance with Article 11 (Reporting); and</li> <li>upon submission of the Initial Report(s) in accordance with Article 11 (Reporting), the Joint Committee shall issue a Joint</li> </ol>		



Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
		<p>Statement of Authorisation to the project participant and publish the same in line with Article 12 (Transparency).</p> <p>Upon being notified of a negative assessment by either Party, the Joint Committee shall inform the project applicant of the negative assessment and the remedial steps to be taken in order to re-submit the Request for Authorisation in line with step B1.</p> <p><i>(Within three working days from step B3)</i></p>		
B5	Once the mitigation activity has been authorised by the Joint Committee, the project applicant (now a “ <b>project participant</b> ”) may proceed with registration of the mitigation activity with the carbon crediting programme specified in the Letters of Authorisation and a copy of the			

Step no.	Action by project applicant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
	Joint Statement of Authorisation.			
B6	Once the mitigation activity has been successfully registered under the relevant carbon crediting programme, the project participant shall inform the Joint Committee of this registration, and may proceed with the implementation of the mitigation activity.			
B7		<p>The Joint Committee shall inform Singapore and Rwanda of the successful registration of the mitigation activity under the relevant carbon crediting programme.</p> <p><i>(Within three working days from step B6)</i></p>		



Step no.	Action by project participant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
<b>Stage C: ITMOs issuance and corresponding adjustment</b>				
C1	<p>The project participant shall submit the following documents (collectively referred to as the “<b>ITMO Issuance Application</b>”) to the Joint Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. proof of issuance of the mitigation outcomes from the relevant carbon crediting programme;</li> <li>b. the completed Singapore-Rwanda Issuance Application Form; and</li> <li>c. any other supporting documents as required by either Party and published in accordance with Article 12 (Transparency).</li> </ul>			

Step no.	Action by project participant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
C2		<p>Upon receipt of the ITMO Issuance Application, the Joint Committee shall forward the ITMO Issuance Application to the Parties.</p> <p><i>(Within three working days from step C1)</i></p>		



Step no.	Action by project participant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
C3				<p>Singapore shall assess if the ITMO Issuance Application meets the requirements under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Singapore's Letter of Authorisation; and</li> <li>b. the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework of Singapore.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul> <p>If Singapore assesses that the ITMO Issuance Application meets the said requirements, it shall inform the Joint Committee of its positive assessment.</p> <p>If Singapore assesses that the ITMO Issuance Application does not meet the said requirements, it shall notify the Joint Committee of its negative assessment and the reasons for its assessment.</p> <p><i>(Within ten working days from step C2)</i></p>

Step no.	Action by project participant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
C4		<p>The Joint Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. upon being notified of a positive assessment by Singapore, inform Rwanda of the positive assessment; or</li> <li>b. upon being notified of a negative assessment by Singapore, inform the project participant of the negative assessment and remedial steps to be taken in order to re-submit the ITMO Issuance Application in line with step C1.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Within three working days from step C3)</i></p>		

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<sup>3</sup> Singapore's assessment that the ITMO Issuance Application meets Singapore's requirements does not mean that Singapore will accept the surrender of carbon credits issued in relation to the mitigation activity, in lieu of carbon tax. There are further requirements under Singapore law for the surrender of carbon credits in lieu of carbon tax.



C5			<p>Upon being informed of Singapore's positive assessment by the Joint Committee, Rwanda shall assess if the ITMO Issuance Application meets the requirements under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Rwanda's Letter of Authorisation; and</li> <li>b. the applicable domestic laws, regulations and administrative framework of Rwanda.</li> </ul> <p>If Rwanda assesses that the ITMO Issuance Application meets the said requirements, it shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. list the mitigation outcomes in its registry established under Article 7 (Registry) of this Agreement (the "<b>HC Registry</b>");</li> <li>b. authorise, and apply corresponding adjustments for, the mitigation outcomes listed on the HC Registry, which shall constitute the first transfer; and</li> <li>c. issue a Letter of Positive Examination specifying</li> </ul>	
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Step no.	Action by project participant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
			<p>the issuance of ITMOs, and forward the same to the Joint Committee.</p> <p>If Rwanda assesses that the ITMO Issuance Application does not meet the said requirements, it shall notify the Joint Committee of its negative assessment and the reasons for its assessment.</p> <p><i>(Within ten working days from step C4)</i></p>	



Step no.	Action by project participant	Action by Joint Committee	Action by Rwanda	Action by Singapore
C6		<p>The Joint Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. upon receipt of the Letter of Positive Examination, forward the same to the project participant; and</li> <li>b. upon being notified of a negative assessment by Rwanda, inform the project participant of the negative assessment and any remedial steps to be taken in order to re-submit the ITMO Issuance Application in line with step C1.</li> </ol> <p><i>(Within three working days from step C5)</i></p>		

## **ANNEX C: TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **Section I: Scope**

These Terms of Reference of the Joint Committee shall govern all meetings and proceedings, decisions, and activities of the Joint Committee under this Agreement.

### **Section II: Members**

1. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by:
  - (a) For Singapore, the Director, Carbon Planning Division, National Environment Agency (NEA) and
  - (b) For Rwanda, the Deputy Director General of Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)
2. A Co-Chair of one Party may designate any member of the Joint Committee for that Party as an alternate to perform the functions of a Co-Chair, and shall notify the other Party of such designation in writing.
3. Each Party shall designate five officials, including its Co-Chair, as members of the Joint Committee, and shall notify the other Party of such designation in writing. Each Party may remove, change or designate a member at any time, subject to the maximum number of its members and with written notice to the other Party.

### **Section III: Secretariat**

1. The Parties shall establish a joint Secretariat to support the Joint Committee.
2. Each Party shall nominate up to two officials to be its representatives on the joint Secretariat.
3. The Secretariat shall perform such functions set out in this Agreement and its Annexes, and assigned to it by the Joint Committee.
4. In addition to paragraph 3, the Secretariat shall:
  - (a) record all minutes and activities carried out by the Joint Committee;



- (b) promptly prepare and distribute minutes of meetings of the Joint Committee;
- (c) ensure all minutes are signed, whether by electronic means or otherwise, by the two Co-Chairs before they are circulated to the Joint Committee;
- (d) prepare the agendas of the meetings of the Joint Committee, for approval by the Co-Chairs;
- (e) issue a notice of a meeting of the Joint Committee including the time and location at least two months before the meeting;
- (f) ensure all necessary documents, correspondence and information are made available for the meetings of the Joint Committee; and
- (g) maintain records of the meetings of the Joint Committee.

#### **Section IV: Meetings**

1. The Joint Committee shall meet within one year of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and thereafter shall meet as and when necessary and at least once a year. The Joint Committee shall convene alternately in each Party, unless the Parties agree otherwise.
2. Either Party may at any time request the convening of a meeting of the Joint Committee. Such a meeting shall take place no later than two months from the date of receipt of the request, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.
3. The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee (as identified in Section II, paragraph 1 of this Annex) shall take alternate turns to chair the meetings of the Joint Committee.
4. The Joint Committee may take decisions and recommendations as long as both Co-Chairs, or their designated alternates, are present.
5. The Joint Committee may carry out its functions through means that are appropriate and mutually agreed, which may include electronic mail and videoconferencing.
6. There shall be meeting minutes kept, agreed and signed by the Co-Chairs or their designated alternates, at all meetings of the Joint Committee.

## **Section V: Decisions and recommendations**

1. Decisions of the Joint Committee shall be taken by consensus of the Co-Chairs and recorded in written form.
2. The Joint Committee may adopt decisions by electronic means in accordance with the following procedures:
  - (a) The proposals for the Joint Committee's consideration are distributed by the Secretariat to all members of the Joint Committee in written form by electronic means.
  - (b) The proposed decisions are deemed as adopted when both Co-Chairs have assented to the proposed decision in written form by electronic means.
3. Decisions of the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 4 (Joint Authorisation of Mitigation Activities and Host Country Authorisation for Mitigation Outcomes) shall be published in line with Article 12 (Transparency), unless otherwise decided by the Joint Committee.

## **Section VI: Language**

The working language of the Joint Committee is English. Members of the Joint Committee wishing to speak or distribute materials in other languages shall provide for interpretation or translation in English.

## **Section VII: Subsidiary bodies, and experts and expert panels**

1. To facilitate its decision-making or assist in any of its functions under this Agreement, the Joint Committee may establish subsidiary bodies and delegate part of its work to such bodies, as it deems appropriate. The Joint Committee may also appoint, on an *ad hoc* basis, experts or expert panels to carry out an enquiry or give an expert opinion on any subject.
2. The membership, mandate, terms of reference and rules of procedure of such subsidiary bodies, experts and expert panels shall be decided by the Joint Committee in writing. Subsidiary bodies, experts and expert panels established by the Joint Committee may comprise members from the public or private sector.
3. The Joint Committee shall oversee all matters handled by these subsidiary bodies, experts and expert panels, including appeals by project applicants and project participants arising from the decisions of the subsidiary bodies.



**ANNEX D: PROCEDURE FOR PROJECT PARTICIPANTS TO RESOLVE  
DISPUTES WITH RWANDA RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF  
CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENTS**

1. This Annex sets out the procedure by which a project participant may seek to resolve a dispute with Rwanda relating to the application of corresponding adjustments.
2. Where a project participant is of the view that Rwanda has not applied corresponding adjustments in accordance with Article 9 (Corresponding Adjustments), the project participant may deliver to Rwanda a written request for consultations setting out a brief description of the relevant facts. The project participant and Rwanda should initially seek to resolve the dispute through consultations and negotiations, which may include the use of non-binding, third party procedures, such as good offices, conciliation or mediation.
3. Within five working days of the receipt by Rwanda of the written request for consultations, Rwanda shall forward a copy of request to the Joint Committee.
4. If the dispute has not been resolved within six months of the receipt by Rwanda of the written request for consultations, the project participant may submit the dispute to arbitration under the Permanent Court of Arbitration's Arbitration Rules 2012, or if the project participant and Rwanda agree, any other arbitral institution or any other arbitration rules. Rwanda consents to the submission of any dispute to arbitration in accordance with this Annex, and such consent shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements for an "agreement in writing" under Article II of the *Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards*, done at New York, 10 June 1958.
5. When the dispute is resolved, Rwanda shall inform the Joint Committee about the outcome of the dispute.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, the procedure set out in this Annex is in addition to any other remedies that may be available under international law, the national laws of Rwanda,<sup>1</sup> or any contract.

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<sup>1</sup> Such national laws may include, but are not limited to, Law on Environment No 48/2018 of 13/08/2018, National Environment and Climate Change Policy, 2019, National Carbon Market Framework, 2023, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)