

**Terms of Reference for the CCB Standards Committee**  
for revision of the CCB Standards  
with modifications to support smallholder- and community-led projects

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Nominations are invited for members of the CCB Standards Committee until 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Please send nominations to [pparasimhan@climate-standards.org](mailto:pparasimhan@climate-standards.org) providing name, organization, stakeholder group and a brief statement of interest and relevance with respect to the criteria for participation outlined below.

A Standards Committee representing a balance of interests will oversee the revision of the CCB Standards, including development of modifications to identify and promote smallholder- and community led-projects, revision of the rules for the use of the CCB Standards and development of guidance materials to assist with the quality and consistency of use of the standards and also to assist smallholder- and community-led projects. The Standards Committee will provide strategic orientation, will provide input for development of draft versions of the standards and will approve drafts before submission to the CCBA Members' Council for final approval and publication.

The responsibilities of the Standards Committee are:

- Provide strategic guidance on the content of standards revision to achieve the aims of the initiative
- Approve each version of the revision before publication (e.g. versions for public comments or for use)

The Standards Committee will be convened and supported by the CCBA secretariat (Joanna Durbin and Priti Narasimhan of CCBA) that will be responsible for producing the draft standards and accompanying documents, for organizing input and review by the Standards Committee, facilitating communication and consultation with other stakeholders and supporting the use of the standards. The secretariat may create smaller ad hoc groups for different aspects of the standards revision drawn from the Standards Committee and other stakeholders depending on their interest, availability and expertise.

Criteria for participation in the Standards Committee:

- A good knowledge of land based carbon and the associated potential social and environmental risks and opportunities
- A strong interest in the CCB Standards and commitment to their success
- A current/ potential user of the standards for the design and implementation of land based carbon programs
- Able to commit time to support the initiative including participation in the Standards Committee via emails and occasional conference calls.

The Standards Committee should reflect a balance between various stakeholders: project proponents, Indigenous Peoples' organizations, community organizations, offset buyers/investors, donors, experts, national governments, social NGO's, environmental NGO's, auditors, representatives of other standards organizations and representatives of CCBA Members' Council. The group should be limited to less than

25 individuals. Decisions will be made by consensus or when consensus cannot be reached, by alternate decision making procedures with clearly defined thresholds (details available in “Terms of reference, procedures and work plan for revision of CCB Standards including modifications that support smallholder- and community-led projects” available at [www.climate-standards.org](http://www.climate-standards.org))

Target composition of the Standards Committee:

<b>Stakeholder group</b>	<b>Number</b>
Project proponents, indigenous peoples organizations, community organizations	5
Offset buyers/investors, donors	5
Experts	3
National Governments, social NGO’s, environmental NGO’s, auditors, representatives of other standards organizations	7
Representatives of CCBA members council	3
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>23</b>

The Standards Committee is expected to hold 2-3 conference calls in 2013 and to communicate regularly by email. Although key documents about the standards will be translated as needed into other languages, the working language of the committee will be English.

For details of objectives, procedures and work plan for the revision see “Terms of reference, procedures and work plan for revision of CCB Standards including modifications that support smallholder- and community-led projects” available at [www.climate-standards.org](http://www.climate-standards.org).