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1. Introduction

1. The Global Carbon Council (GCC) Program is the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region's first voluntary carbon offsetting program and an initiative of Gulf Organization for Research and Development (GORD). The voluntary GHG offsetting program developed by GCC¹, a registered independent legal entity, is called as 'GCC Program', which aims to contribute to a vision of a sustainable and low-carbon world economy. The GCC Program receives GHG emission-reduction projects from the entire world, although it has placed special emphasis on low-carbon development in the MENA region, which has largely remained under-represented in carbon markets. The GCC Program helps to catalyse climate action on the ground, while ensuring that project construction and operations cause any net-harm to the environment and society and contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as per host-country' priorities. The GCC Program is comprised of the entire governance structure, system and the documentation framework to achieve this objective.
2. The generic considerations of the GCC Program are mostly based on International Standards ISO 14064-2 and ISO 14064-3, whereas the GCC Rules define specific requirements. The GCC Program provides a global platform for GHG emission reductions with an integrated GCC registration and issuance process to ensure that GCC Project Activities:
 - (a) at a minimum: result in GHG emission reductions that are additional to those that would have occurred in their absence; apply GCC Rules,² including the Project Standard and applicable methodologies; and enable the Project Owners to demonstrate this achievement by obtaining the GCC carbon credits certification label— Approved Carbon Credits or ACCs.
 - (b) do not cause any net harm to the environment and society, by applying the GCC Environmental and Social Safeguards Standard, and enable Project Owners to demonstrate this achievement by obtaining additional GCC certification labels:
 - (i) the Environmental No-net-harm Label (E+); and
 - (ii) the Social No-net-harm Label (S+).
 - (c) contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by applying the GCC Project Sustainability Standard, and enable Project Owners – depending on the number of SDGs that the project contributes to – to demonstrate this achievement by obtaining additional GCC certification labels:
 - (i) the Bronze SDG+ label (Level 1): by achieving 2 out of 17 SDGs
 - (ii) the Silver SDG+ label (Level 2): by achieving 3 out of 17 SDGs
 - (iii) the Gold SDG+ label (Level 3): by achieving 4 out of 17 SDGs
 - (iv) the Platinum SDG+ label (Level 4): by achieving 5 out of 17 SDGs or

¹ The GCC Program is operated on behalf of GCC Steering Committee by GCC Operations Team. Any submission to 'GCC' or 'GCC Program' shall be considered to be submitted to 'GCC Operations Team', which can be contacted at operations@globalcarboncouncil.com .

² "GCC Rules" means the rules and requirements set out by the GCC Program and available on the GCC public website <http://www.globalcarboncouncil.com/resource-centre/> .

- (v) the Diamond SDG+ label (Level 5): by achieving more than 5 out of 17 SDGs.
- (d) Comply with the requirements of CORSIA requirements to achieve CORSIA label (C+).

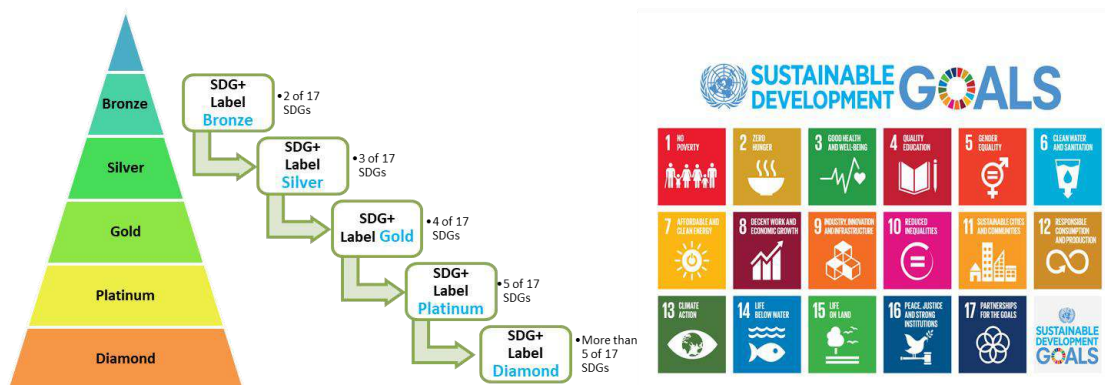


Figure 1: SDG+ Certification Labels

3. The process stipulated in:
 - (a) Paragraph 2 (a) above is mandatory and the GCC Project Activity shall at a minimum reduce GHG emissions – this is called the minimum performance track; and
 - (b) Paragraph 2 (b), (c) and (c) above are voluntary – these are called the rated performance track.
4. A third-party independent external verification by approved verifiers following the defined documentation and governance framework is a key building block for any GHG Program. The verification is required to be conducted at two stages in the GHG Project cycle and the verifiers are required to provide *Verification Output* called as *Verification Opinion* and *Certification Statement* (with/without certification labels (E+, S+, SDG+, C+)) at each of the following two stages – Project registration stage and ACC issuance stage. Therefore, for ensuring high quality Verification Output, a pool of competent, skilful and experienced verifiers are necessary. Their selection and approval criteria and process shall ensure that the GCC Verification is conducted according to the highest standards, as per the GHG Program’s rules and requirements, by competent verifiers in an independent and impartial manner.
5. The *GCC Program* builds upon the existing GHG accreditation programs, including CDM, and ISO 14065, to develop a pool of Verifiers approved by GCC. Therefore, this document refers to approaches made available in publicly available documents developed by various GHG Programs including Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)/ Article 6.4.
6. For *GCC Program*, a third-party independent external verification by GCC-approved Verifiers, called as GCC Verifiers, is required to be conducted at two stages in the Project cycle. GCC Verifiers are required to provide a Verification Output called as *Verification Opinion* and a *Certification Statement* towards “Project Verification” and “Emission Reduction Verification”.
7. This document is called ‘Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers’ and, contains procedures for approving applicant verifiers under GCC Program to conduct verification

as per the requirements of Verification Standard. This document has been developed based on the requirements of section 4 of the Program Manual,³ which is the overarching GCC program document that provides links to various GCC documents containing the rules and requirements governing the GCC Program. Organisations aspiring to apply and become GCC Verifiers are required to comply with 'Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers' and complete the GCC Verifier Application Form, apply and receive approval before entering into a GCC Verifier Agreement.

8. The Verification Standard describes the process of conducting a third-party independent verification of a GCC Project Activity and provide requirements for GCC Verifiers for verifying and certifying the:
 - (a) Greenhouse-gas (GHG) emission reductions and removals achieved by the Project Activity;
 - (b) Contributions towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - (c) Claims that the Project Activity does not cause any net harm to the environment or/and society including the labels (E+ and S+); and
 - (d) Compliance of CORSIA requirements to achieve CORSIA label (C+).
9. GCC Verifiers, when applying this standard, shall also ensure compliance with the applicable requirements stipulated in applicable regulatory documents including Verification Standard and Project Standard.

2. Objective

10. The "*Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers*" provides procedures to ensure that the GCC Verification is conducted according to the GCC Program's rules and requirements, by an approved 3rd party independent GCC Verifiers in an independent and impartial manner to result in a Verification Output, called as *Verification Opinion* and a *Certification Statement*, of acceptable quality level. This procedure aims to integrate the GCC principles and requirements in the verifier approval/re-approval process and in the process of conducting verification. Therefore, this procedure serves to define:
 - (a) the principles and the process of approval, assessment of performance and re-approval of an applicant or existing GCC verifier; and
 - (b) the process for conducting and carrying-out the *GCC Project Verification* and *GCC Emission Reduction Verification*, in addition to those specified in the *ISO 14064-3* and Verification Standard.
11. This procedure has been developed following the *GCC Rules* and the definitions provided below and therefore the requirements stipulated therein shall also be applicable when using or applying this procedure.

³ GCC Program Manual available at: www.globalcarboncouncil.com/resource-centre.html

3. Definitions specific to this document

12. The terms⁴ used in this document are defined in the Program Definitions document and shall be referred to when applying this document.
13. For *GCC Program*, a *GCC Verifier (GV)* means an organization (*Verification Body-VB*) approved by the *GCC Program* to act as a *GCC Verifier* in respect of providing *verification services*. A *GCC Verifier* can be classified into two types and can either be a *Project Verifier* or *Emission Reduction Verifier*.
14. "**Verification Services**" have been defined in the Program Definitions document. In context to this definition, the *Project Verification* shall include verification of the post-registration changes to the registered GCC project activity.

4. Principles applied

15. For *GCC Program*, the following principles of accreditation, as shown in **figure-2** below, are applied in the preparation of this document. These principles for verification bodies (organisations) are elaborated in the accreditation programmes of CDM and accreditation bodies that accredit the verifiers following **ISO 17011 and ISO 14065** to verify the conformity to ISO 14064-2 and ISO 14064-3 requirements.



Figure 2: Principles of accreditation

5. Overview of GCC Verification Processes

16. For *GCC Program*, a third-party independent external verification is required to be conducted by *GCC Verifiers* at three critical stages in the GCC Project cycle. The three stages are:
 - (a) Project Registration Stage;

⁴ While using any GCC document, the terms/definitions/Acronyms and the names of the regulatory documents referred have their first letter in capitals (e.g., Project Standard).

- (b) Post-registration Stage; and
- (c) ACC Issuance Stage.

17. Accordingly, a *GCC Verification* can be classified into three types, depending on the nature and stage of the verification in the GCC project cycle, as mentioned below:

5.1. Project Verification of the project activity

18. This type of verification is conducted before the *Project Registration Stage* and aims at independent evaluation of a GCC project activity by a *GCC Project Verifier* against the requirements of the ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 (reasonable level of assurance) and GCC Rules, including *Verification Standard*, and on the basis of the information provided in the *GCC Project Submission Form*. The GCC Verifier conducts verification and submits the *Project Verification Report* to the Project Owner and GCC. The *Project Certification Statement* essentially states that the GCC project activity: (i) complies with *GCC standards and rules of procedures*; and, (ii) is expected to achieve the estimated real, measurable and additional GHG emission reductions. In addition, depending upon the project owner's selection of choice in the Project Submission Form (PSF), the Project Certification Statement shall also state that: (i) project has implemented safeguards which are expected to provide protection against negative environmental/social impacts and does not harm the environment in totality by following 'Do-No-Harm' requirements; and (ii) project is expected to contribute to the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including targeted certification labels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond), as committed voluntarily in the PSF'.

5.2. Project Verification of Post-Registration Change

19. This type of verification is conducted at post Registration Stage. It aims at independent evaluation of a GCC project activity by GCC Project Verifier against the requirements of the ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 (reasonable level of assurance) and GCC Rules, including *Verification Standard*, and on the basis of the information provided in the registered GCC Project Submission Form and post-registration change (PRC) documentation. The GCC Project Verifier conducts verification and submits the 'PRC Verification Report' to the Project Owner and GCC. The Certification Statement essentially states that the GCC project activity post the changes: (i) continues to comply with GCC standards and rules of procedures; and, (ii) is expected to achieve the estimated real, measurable and additional GHG emission reductions. In addition, depending upon the project owner's selection of choice in the Project Submission Form (PSF), the Project Certification Statement shall also state that: (i) project has implemented safeguards which are expected to provide protection against negative environmental/social impacts and does not harm the environment in totality by following 'Do-No-Harm' requirements; and (ii) project is expected to contribute to the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including targeted certification labels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond), as committed voluntarily in the PSF'.

5.3. Emission Reduction Verification

20. This type of verification is conducted by a GHG verifier before the *ACC Issuance Stage* and aims at periodic independent evaluation and ex-post determination of implementation of project as defined in PSF registered with GCC and monitored and reported GHG emission reductions that have occurred as a result of the registered GCC project activity. This is checked against the requirements of the ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 (reasonable

level of assurance) and GCC Rules, including *Verification Standard*, and the information provided in the *GCC Project Submission Form* and *GCC Monitoring Report Form*. The GCC Verifier conducts verification and submits the *Emission Reduction Verification Report* to Project Owner and GCC. The *Emission Reduction Certification Statement* essentially states that, during a specified time period, the GCC registered project activity: (i) has been implemented as per the information provided in the registered PSF; and, (ii) has actually achieved the quantified amount of reported GHG emission reductions as verified. In addition, depending upon the project owner's selection of choice in the PSF, the Emission Reduction Certification Statement shall also state: (i) project has implemented safeguards which have provided protection against negative environmental/social impacts and it does not harm the environment in totality by following 'Do-No-Harm' requirements; and (ii) project has contributed to the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including targeted certification labels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond), as defined in the registered PSF' and the project meets the CORSIA requirements.

6. Approval/ Re-approval Process for GCC Verifiers

21. For ensuring that the Verification output is of acceptable quality, a pool of competent, skilled and experienced Verifiers is required to be set up, including their selection and approval criteria and process, to ensure that the verification is conducted appropriately, as per the ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 and GCC Rules, including *Verification Standard*, by competent GCC verifiers in an independent and impartial manner.

6.1. Scope and status of Approval/ Re-approval

22. Only Verifiers approved by GCC shall conduct project or emission reduction verification under *GCC Program*. Applicant *Verifiers* are approved for conducting verification of projects and emission reductions under the selected GCC scopes (GHG, E+, S+, SDG+, C+) and applicable GHG-SS & TA scopes out of those defined in **Annex 1**, for a *service period* of 2 years.
23. The approved *GCC and CDM methodologies*⁵ define the *GHG sectoral scope* applicable to the specific *GCC Projects eligible to use the GHG methodologies*. This allows a *Verifier* to evaluate whether they are eligible to conduct project or emission reduction verification for the specific project, under the GCC scopes (GHG, E+, S+, SDG+, C+) and applicable GHG sectoral scope⁶ (GHG-SS & TA) applied by a methodology.

6.2. Verifier Approval Tracks

24. The section and the figure-3 below describe how a potential verifier can apply for *Initial Approval* or *Re-approval* to conduct verification under *GCC Program* under different tracks.

⁵ Including methodologies approved by the Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement

⁶ For example, **Annex 4** in the Annexure to this document, maps CDM Methodologies with CDM Sectoral scopes and shall be used as a guidance for determining the relevant sectoral scopes, both mandatory and the conditional, linked to the applied methodology in which a verifier may need to have approval of GCC.

25. A potential applicant verifier, can seek approval under either of the three tracks as described below:

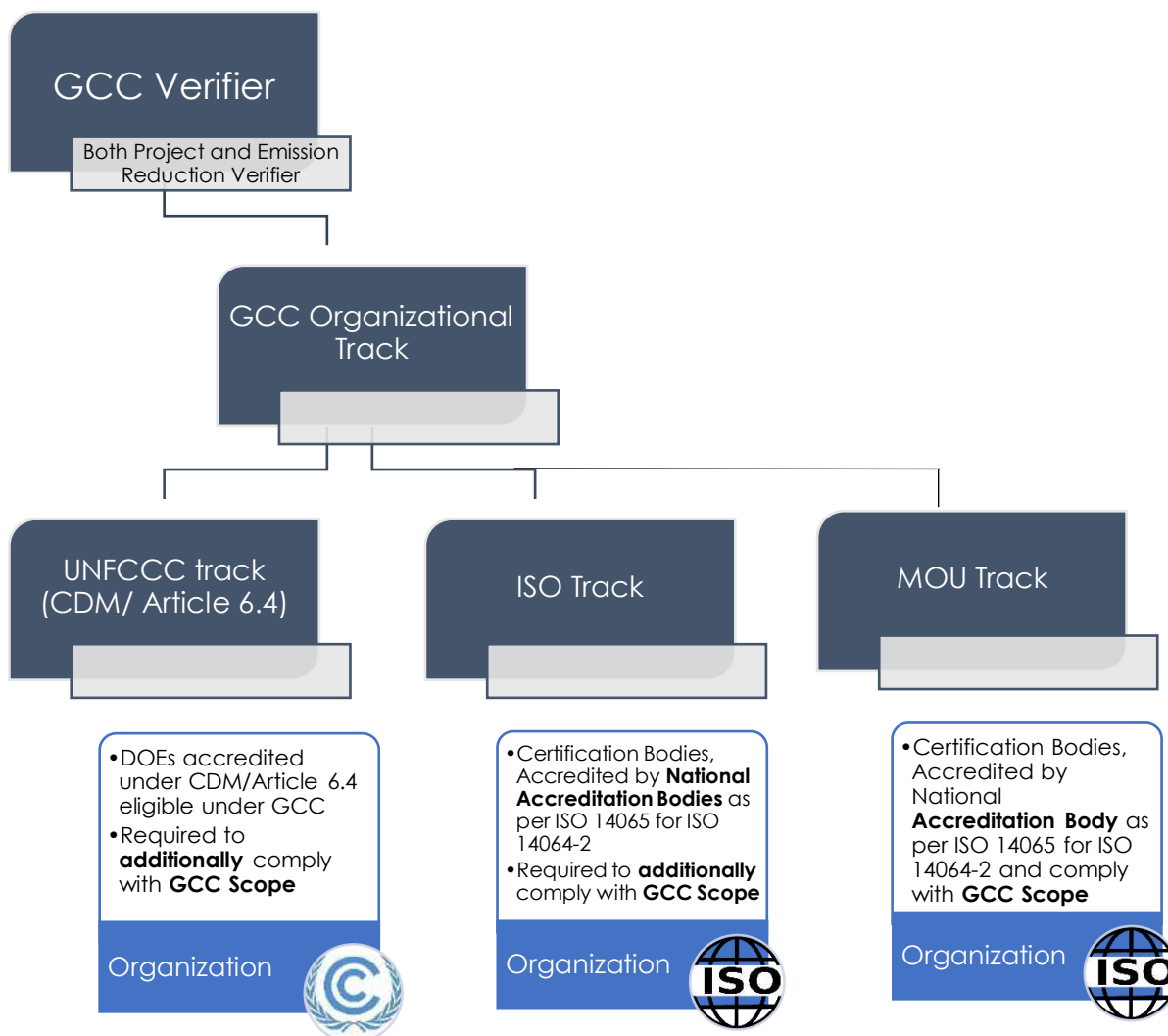


Figure 3: GCC Verification Tracks

6.2.1. Verification under UNFCCC-Track (CDM/ Article 6.4):

26. Applicant organizations, who are Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) and accredited for CDM/Article 6.4 for Validation or Verification under specific sectoral scopes, are eligible to submit applications under this track. After review of their applications, and if found suitable, only then they are considered to qualify as GCC Project Verifier or/and GCC Emission Reduction Verifier, respectively for the corresponding *sectoral scopes* only, provided they demonstrate compliance with other conditions required by this procedure. The complete accreditation process for the DOEs including initial accreditation, witnessing, surveillance, renewal of accreditation, performance assessment and other assessments and procedures is conducted by UNFCCC/CDM Executive Board/Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement. *GCC Program* shall review the accreditation status of the applicant Organizations/DOEs as maintained publicly by the UNFCCC/CDM Executive Board/Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement. The accreditation status and the submitted documents are reviewed and may need some additional assessment for this track, particularly their understanding of

GCC requirements that are additional to CDM/Article 6.4, and based on SDGs, E+, S+ and CORSIA requirements.

6.2.2. Verification under ISO-Track:

27. Applicant organizations, who are Verification Bodies accredited by National or International Accreditation Bodies⁷ as per ISO 17011 for conformity assessment for ISO 14065, are eligible to submit applications under this track. After review of their applications, and if found suitable, only then they are considered to qualify as 'GCC Certified Project Verifier' or 'GCC Certified Emission Reduction Verifier', respectively for those specific sectoral scopes⁸, provided they demonstrate compliance with those sectoral scopes and other conditions required by this procedure. GCC program also allows the application of International Accreditation Forum's requirements contained in a document (IAF MD 14) that defines the sectoral scopes for projects applying ISO-14064-2. The complete accreditation process for the applicant verifiers including initial accreditation, witnessing, surveillance, renewal of accreditation, performance assessment and other assessments and procedures is conducted by the respective National or International Accreditation Body. *GCC Program* will review the accreditation status of the applicant organizations/verifiers as maintained publicly by the Accreditation Bodies. The accreditation status and the submitted documents are reviewed and may need some additional assessment for this track, particularly their understanding of GCC requirements that are based on CDM, SDGs, E+, S+ and CORSIA requirements.

6.2.3. Verification under MoU-Track:

28. GCC Program can explore tie-up with any accreditation body by signing a Memorandum of Understanding⁹ (MoU) to provide accreditation services in accordance with GCC requirements and applicable international standards. The accreditation body, intending to have MOU with GCC program, shall demonstrate its competence to carry out assessments in accordance with the GCC requirements. The complete accreditation process for the applicant verifiers including initial accreditation, witnessing, surveillance, renewal of accreditation, performance assessment and other assessments and procedures is conducted by the approved Accreditation Body having MOU with GCC program. The applicant verification bodies who are seeking accreditation from accreditation bodies

⁷ Verifiers are encouraged to seek accreditation from the National/international accreditation bodies which are the members of International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and its respective regional forums and have signed MLAs to undergo mutual assessments.

⁸ It is possible that the sectoral scopes defined by national or international accreditation bodies may not exactly correspond to CDM/GCC sectoral scopes adopted by GCC Program or if the national or international accreditation bodies accredit organizations (verifiers) for ISO 14064-2 as a blanket approval, but does not indicate any sectoral scope approval or does not make any reference to sectoral scopes defined by GCC or CDM or IAF MD14 (https://www.iaf.nu/upFiles/IAF_MD_Appln_17011_GHGVV_09072014_Publication_Version.pdf). For such cases, the applicant GCC verifier, in its application, shall demonstrate: (a) their capability and competence to conduct verification of projects falling under the corresponding indicated sectoral scope; (b) the equivalence of the indicated sectoral scopes with those adopted by GCC; and (c) that the indicated sectoral scope complies with the requirements of those sectoral scopes adopted by GCC and CDM. This in addition to other methods, may be demonstrated by mapping the staff/auditor list with CDM sectoral scopes for allocation of competences and to qualify its personnel. The GCC verifiers shall refer to Annexes 1--4 to demonstrate this requirement.

⁹ A memorandum of understanding, or MOU, is a nonbinding agreement that states each party's intentions to take action, conduct a business transaction, or form a new partnership.

having MOU with GCC, will directly apply to the accreditation body for GCC scope and after receiving accreditation from them will be considered automatically approved by 'GCC program' for the accredited GCC scopes and duration stated on the accreditation certificate.

29. Details on the conditions which must be satisfied prior to approval as a GCC Verifier may be found in **Table 1** of this procedure and 'GCC Verifier Agreement', available on the GCC website. The **Table 1** below provides eligibility conditions and the approval criteria that need to be complied with by applicant verifiers for seeking approval or re-approval for being a *GCC Verifier*.

6.3. Overview of Approval/ Re-approval process UNFCCC (CDM/Article 6.4) and ISO- Track

30. The figure-4 below describe how a potential verifier can apply for *Initial Approval* or *Re-approval* to conduct verification under *GCC Program*.

6.3.1. Initial Approval of GCC Verifier for 2 years

31. The correct '*GCC Verifier Application Form- for seeking Approval*' (herein after called as 'form') must be used by organizations applying to become an approved *GCC Project Verifier* or/and a *GCC Emission Reduction Verifier* with the *GCC Program*.
32. Applicants must provide all information requested on this form, sign the form and the '*GCC Verifier Agreement*' and submit it electronically to GCC at operations@globalcarboncouncil.com.
33. Details on the conditions which must be satisfied prior to approval as a GCC Verifier may be found in **Table 1** of this procedure and 'GCC Verifier Agreement', available on the GCC website. Supplemental information may be submitted as attachments.
34. Upon receipt of an application, '*GCC Operations Team*' will review the information provided and report the results to the applicant within 15 calendar days, which may either be approval or rejection or request for further information. GCC reserves the right to reject applications where the applicant's ability to provide competent services under the GCC Program cannot be demonstrated.
35. The GCC Operations Team shall conduct the assessment of the application of an Applicant Verifier for Approval and of a GCC Verifier for Re-approval, as per the method stated below:
 - (a) Desk review of the application documentation submitted by the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier with a view to identifying all missing or unclear information and getting the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier to gather all necessary information and documentation to assess whether the documented systems of the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier, and its competence and operational capability to perform Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification functions comply with the GCC requirements as stated in the 'Verification Standard' and this document; and/or

- (b) On-site assessment, physical or virtual/remote, to verify the information on ground in comparison to that provided during the desk review. An on-site assessment shall take place at the central office of the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier, and may also take place at any other offices of the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier or outsourced entities where the verification/certification functions of the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier are performed. For Re-approval, the selection of these other offices will be based on the results of previous assessments (regular on-site assessments) and the results of the performance of GCC Verifiers.
36. The GCC Operations Team shall conduct a risk assessment to evaluate each application from the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier, including capability, previous track record and performance, to determine whether the assessment approach will only involve desk review of the application documentation submitted by the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier or both desk review as well as the on-site assessment, physical or virtual/remote.
37. The GCC Verifier shall bear the costs related to such assessment including the travel, boarding/lodging of the assessment team chosen for such assignment.
38. The GCC Operations Team shall inform the GCC Verifier about the assessment plan for conducting such Approval/ Re-approval assessments including the costs related to such assessments as stated above in *paragraph 49*.
39. If, after the completion of an on-site assessment, the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier has demonstrated compliance with all GCC requirements, Approval or Re-approval shall be granted to the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier, respectively, for both Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification functions and in the GCC scopes and GHG sectoral scopes in which the Applicant Verifier/GCC Verifier has demonstrated its competence to perform its Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification functions.
40. After the GCC Operations Team has granted Approval or Re-approval, the GCC Verifier is can perform Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification functions in the GCC scopes and GHG sectoral scopes. Project Verification Reports and Emission Reduction Verification Reports prepared by approved verifiers only will be accepted by GCC.
41. Upon approval of the application, 'GCC Operations Team' will invoice the applicant for the initial approval fee. Once the fee has been paid, 'GCC Operations Team' will return the signed copy of the 'GCC Verifier Agreement' to the applicant. GCC will add the newly approved GCC Verifier to its list of approved Verifiers with a validity period of 2 years or validity of accreditation for GHG (CDM or NAB), whichever is less. This list is published on the GCC website¹⁰.

¹⁰ <https://www.globalcarboncouncil.com/governance/gcc-verifiers/>

6.3.2. Performance Assessment of GCC Verifier

42. The GCC Operations Team, based on the risk assessment, may decide to subject the GCC Verifier to performance assessments at any time during the approval term of the GCC Verifier. The purpose of a performance assessment is to assess the implementation of the systems of the GCC Verifier and its competence in an approved GCC scopes and GHG sectoral scopes through an assessment of a specific Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification activity. The launching of performance assessments is subject to outcome of a risk assessment conducted by the GCC Operations Team and GCC Verifier making at least one submission of a request for registration or at least one monitoring report publicly available during the approval term.
43. The GCC Operations Team shall continually conduct evaluation of *GCC Verifier's* performance, for the approval period of two years, based on the Assessment of Projects submitted by *GCC Verifier* after *Project Verification* or *Emission Reduction Verification*. The feedback from the performance assessment is also considered during Re-Approval of the individual *GCC Verifier* and will be reported to the *GCC Steering Committee*.
44. The GCC Verifier shall bear the costs related to such performance assessment including the travel, boarding/lodging of the assessment team chosen for such assignment.
45. The GCC Operations Team shall inform the GCC Verifier about the assessment plan for conducting performance assessment including the costs related to such assessments as stated above in paragraph 49.

6.3.3. Spot-check of GCC Verifier

46. The GCC Operations Team, based on the risk assessment, may decide to conduct a spot-check of a GCC Verifier at any time during the approval term of the GCC Verifier. The purpose of a spot-check is to assess whether a GCC Verifier still meets specific requirements as stated in this document because of a specific concern regarding the compliance of the GCC Verifier with GCC requirements as stated in this document or because of inadequate performance of the GCC Verifier while conducting Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification activity. The *spot-checks* can also be triggered by the relevant stakeholders' complaints or based on random selection, of any GCC Verifier to check whether the verification is being conducted as required by the GCC rules including the submitted and signed 'GCC Verifier Application Form' and 'GCC Verifier Agreement'.
47. A spot-check may include a desk review, an on-site assessment at any office of the GCC Verifier and outsourced entities where the Project Verification and/or Emission Reduction Verification/certification activity of the GCC Verifier are performed, and/or an assessment at the site of the GCC project activity being verified/certified.
48. The outcome of spot check may result into further investigation or submitting a complaint to CDM EB/Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement/NAB/competent authority or suspension or cancellation of the Approval from the GCC. The outcome will be reported to the *GCC Steering Committee*.

49. The GCC Verifier shall bear the costs related to such assessment including the travel, boarding/lodging of the assessment team chosen for such assignment.
50. The GCC Operations Team shall inform the GCC Verifier about the assessment plan for conducting spot checks including the costs related to such assessments as stated above in paragraph 49.

6.3.4. Re-approval of GCC Verifier for next 2 years

51. After 2 years, the *GCC Verifier* can apply for re-Approval to continue to act as *GCC Verifier* for further two years. Applicants must provide all information requested on the '*GCC Verifier Application Form- for seeking Re-approval*', sign both the form and the '*GCC Verifier Agreement*' and submit it electronically to GCC at operations@globalcarboncouncil.com.
52. The re-approval process is similar to the approval process. Upon re-approval of the application, GCC will invoice the applicant for the re-approval fee. Once the fee has been paid, GCC will return the signed copy of the '*GCC Verifier Agreement*' to the applicant. GCC will add the re-approved *GCC Verifier* to its list of approved Verifiers with a validity of another 2 years or validity of accreditation for GHG (CDM/Article 6.4 or NAB), whichever is less.

6.3.5. Approval of Changes to GCC Verifier status

53. After the approval of GCC Verifier and prior to the expiry of the 2-year approval period, various changes to GCC Verifier organisation or events may occur, which may require updating the information submitted in the previous '*GCC Verifier Application Form*' and/or may impact the status to continue as the GCC Verifier. The GCC verifier shall provide notice of such changes to the GCC via email (operations@globalcarboncouncil.com) within 15 calendar days of its occurrence or earlier. Such changes may include for example:
 - (a) **Non-significant changes:** Such changes will not change or affect the status of being assigned as the approved GCC Verifier but will merely require updation of information to the GCC and will possibly include:
 - (i) Information having no impact.
 - (b) **Significant changes:** Such changes may change or affect the status to continue as the GCC Verifier and therefore will require prior approval from the GCC.
 - (i) Extension of sectoral scope;
 - (ii) Reduction of sectoral scope;
 - (iii) Change of accreditation status of CDM/Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement or NAB;
 - (iv) Transfer of accreditation to another legal entity;

- (v) Replacing management personnel, in case this does not impact CDM/ Article 6.4 or NAB accreditation; and
 - (vi) Other information that may have an impact and change or affect the status to continue as the GCC Verifier.
54. The prior-approval process is similar to the Initial-approval process as mentioned in Section **6.3** above;
55. Upon receipt of application for prior-approval, GCC will invoice the applicant for the prior-approval fee, which is same as the approval fee. Non-significant changes do not require approval and therefore there is no requirement to pay any fee. Once the fee has been paid, GCC will return the signed copy of the '*GCC Verifier Agreement*' to the applicant. GCC will update the list of approved verifiers with a validity of another 2 years or validity of accreditation for GHG (CDM/Article 6.4 or NAB), whichever is less. This list is published on the GCC website.

6.4. Overview of Approval/ Re-approval process MOU- Track

56. The applicant verification bodies who are seeking accreditation from accreditation bodies having MOU with GCC, will directly apply to the accreditation body and will be considered automatically approved by 'GCC program' for the accredited GCC scopes and duration stated on the accreditation certificate.
57. Details on the conditions which must be satisfied prior to approval as a GCC Verifier may be found in **Table 1** of this procedure and '*GCC Verifier Agreement*', available on the GCC website.
58. The list of accreditation bodies having MOU with GCC is provided on GCC website.

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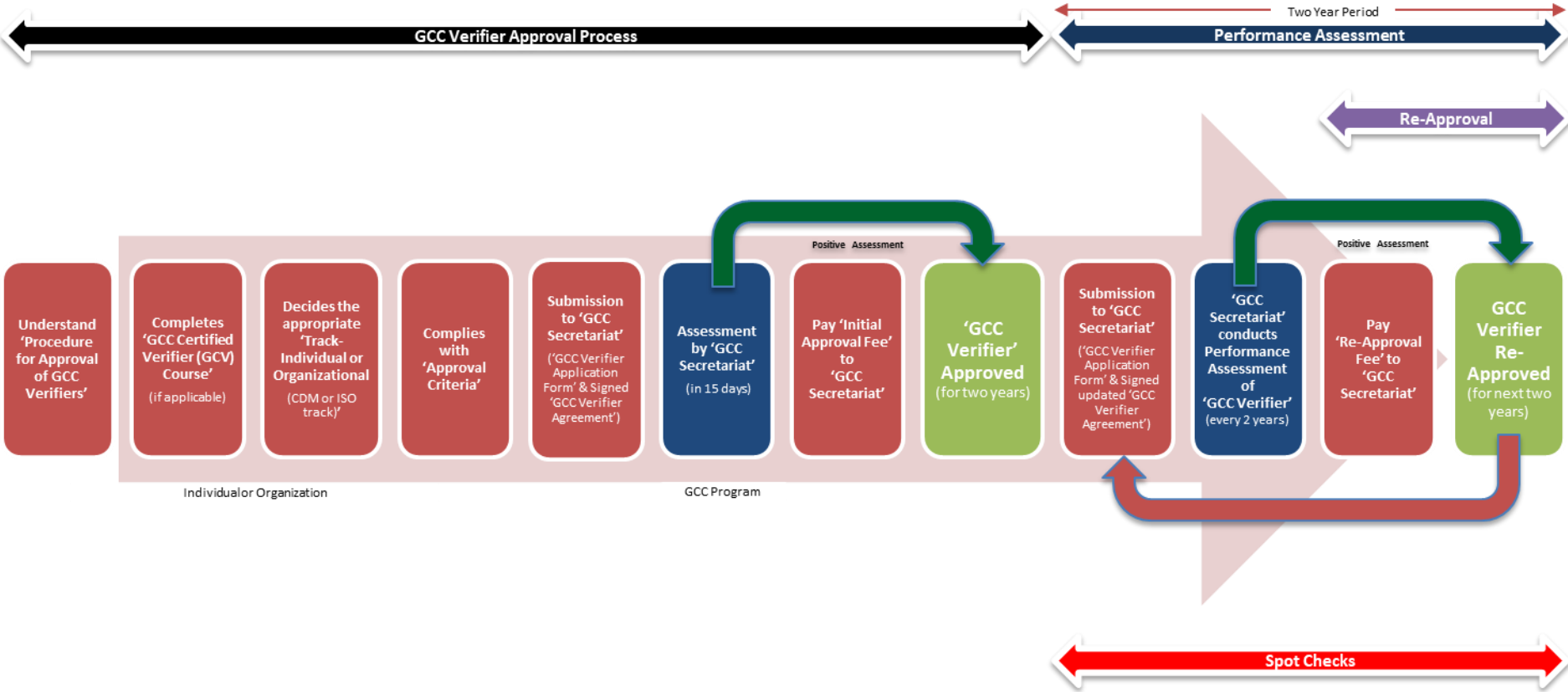


Figure 4: GCC Verifier Approval Process for UNFCCC track (CDM/Article 6.4)

Table 1: Approval Criteria for GCC Verifier*				
Criteria required to be demonstrated by the Applicants		Organizational Track		
		GCC Verifiers- MOU Track	GCC Verifiers- UNFCCC Track (CDM/Article 6.4)[#]	GCC Verifiers- ISO Track⁺
Valid Accreditation	Shall possess valid Accreditation by UNFCCC and CDM [#]	Not Required	Required as per CDM/Article 6.4 rules	Voluntary
	Shall possess valid Accreditation by National Accreditation Body as per ISO 17011 for conformity assessment as per ISO 14065 ⁺	Required as per ISO 14064-2, 3	Voluntary	Required as per ISO 14064-2, 3
	Demonstrate how you will comply with ' Sectoral Scopes ' for GCC Project Verification	As per the GCC scope defined by accreditation body having MoU with GCC	As per accredited CDM/Article 6.4 'Sectoral Scopes' for validation	As per the scopes defined by applicable national/international accreditation body or IAF-MD14 document, as relevant. [£]
	Demonstrate how you will comply with ' Sectoral Scopes ' for GCC Emission Reduction Verification	As per the GCC scope defined by accreditation body having MoU with GCC. [£]	As per accredited CDM/Article 6.4 'Sectoral Scopes' for verification	As per the scopes defined by applicable national/international accreditation body or IAF-MD14 document, as relevant [£]
Legal Status	Shall be Registered under applicable national or international law	Required to provide Information	Required to provide Information	Required to provide Information
	Shall not have any pending judicial process for malpractice, fraud and/or other activity incompatible with functions as a GCC Verifier	If this is not covered under the accreditation process for MoU track, Declaration is to be given at the time of application.	Declaration to be given at the time of application.	Declaration to be given at the time of application.
Liability	Must have appropriate Liability Insurance for a cover up to USD 5 million	Required	Required	Required

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Safeguarding impartiality	Shall act impartially and avoid any conflict of interest that may compromise its ability to make impartial decisions	Not Required for MoU track	Not Required if covered under valid CDM/Article 6.4 Accreditation	Not Required if covered under valid National/International Accreditation
Competence	The verifier/reviewer shall demonstrate how they have determined competence (GHG, UN SDGs, Do-No-harm requirements) and qualified their personnel.	Not required for MoU track with GCC scope of accreditation.	Required to be demonstrated, for example through skills, experience, qualifications including through course/examination, if required	Required to be demonstrated, for example through skills, experience, qualifications including through course/examination, if required
Verification Process Management	Ensure Project and Emission Reduction Verification process to be conducted by the Verifier as required by GCC Rules & Table 2 of “Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifier”	Not required for MoU track with GCC scope of accreditation.	Not Required if covered under valid CDM/Article 6.4 Accreditation	Not Required if covered under valid National/International Accreditation
Information Management	Ensure confidentiality of Information	Not required for MoU track with GCC scope of accreditation.	Required	Required
Fee	Pay Approval and Re-approval Fee	No fee will be charged by GCC. Accreditation charges of Accreditation Body having MoU with GCC will apply.	As per GCC Fee Schedule available on GCC website	As per GCC Fee Schedule available on GCC website
Performance Assessment	Evaluation and Assessment of Performance to be conducted by the ‘GCC Operations Team’	For MoU accreditation Bodies, this will be part of the accreditation process. GCC Program may forward the any complaints received.	GCC Program will initiate the performance assessments as per paragraphs 42 – 45	GCC will initiate the performance assessments as per paragraphs 42 – 45

* A GCC Project Verifier or GCC Emission Reduction Verifiers shall comply with ‘**Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers**’ and applicable ‘**GCC Rules**’ and submit ‘**GCC Verifier Application Form**’ & Signed ‘**GCC Verifier Agreement**’.

Organizations/Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) accredited for CDM for Validation or Verification will automatically qualify as GCC Project Verifier or/and GCC Emission Reduction Verifier, respectively for those Sectoral scopes only, provided they demonstrate compliance with other conditions mentioned in the Table above. The complete accreditation process for the DOEs including initial accreditation, witnessing, surveillance, renewal of accreditation, performance assessment and other assessments and procedures is conducted by UNFCCC/CDM Executive Board/Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement. GCC will follow and adopt the accreditation status of the DOEs as maintained publicly by the UNFCCC/CDM Executive Board/Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement.

+ Organizations/Certification Bodies accredited by National or International Accreditation Bodies, as per ISO 17011 for conformity assessment as per ISO 14065, will automatically qualify as ‘**GCC Project Verifier**’ or ‘**GCC Emission Reduction Verifier**’, respectively for those specific sectoral scopes, provided they demonstrate compliance with those Sectoral scopes and other conditions mentioned in the Table above. The complete accreditation process including initial accreditation, witnessing, surveillance, renewal of accreditation, performance assessment and other assessments and procedures is conducted by the applicable National or International Accreditation Body. GCC will follow and adopt the accreditation status of the Certification bodies as maintained publicly by the applicable National or International Accreditation Body.

£ It is possible that the sectoral scopes defined by national or international accreditation bodies may not exactly correspond to CDM/Article 6.4 sectoral scopes adopted by GCC Program. In such cases, applicant GCC Verifier needs to demonstrate the equivalence of the sectoral scopes of their accreditation body with those adopted by GCC.

7. GCC Verification and Certification process

59. For *GCC Program*, the following principles of ensuring an independent third-party verification, as shown in figure-5 below, are applied in the preparation of this document.
60. A *GCC Project Verifier* or *GCC Emission Reduction Verifier* shall comply with:
- (a) '*Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers*' as available publicly on GCC website;
 - (b) Applicable '*GCC Rules*' as available publicly on GCC website; and
 - (c) Conduct verification as per submitted '*GCC Verifier Application Form- for seeking Approval*', '*GCC Verifier Application Form- for seeking Re-approval*' and final '*GCC Verifier Agreement*' that is *signed and approved*.
61. A *GCC Project Verifier* or *GCC Emission Reduction Verifier* shall ensure compliance with the criteria for conducting GCC Project Verification as mentioned in **Table 2 below**.

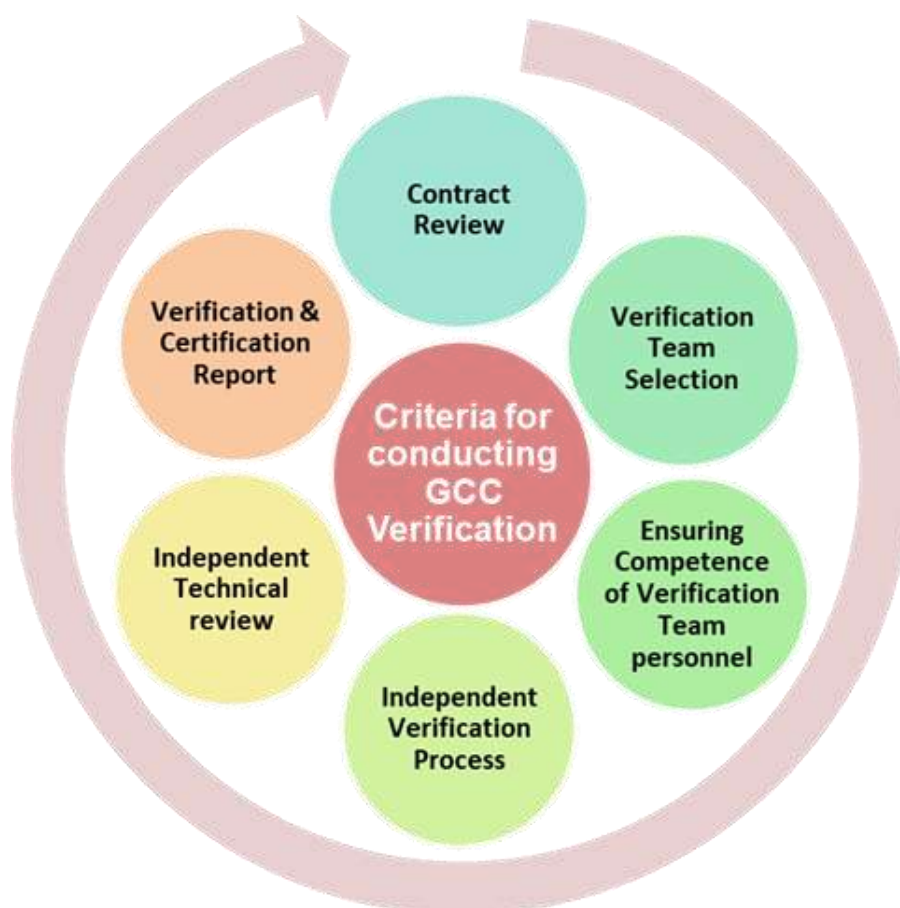


Figure 5: Principles of conducting verification

7.1. Contract Review

62. Before submitting a proposal/quotation to a potential client¹¹ and entering into a contract for the verification/certification of a *GCC Project*, a *GCC Verifier* shall conduct a contract review and ensure that:
- (a) The GCC project activity to be verified/certified falls in the GCC scopes and corresponding GHG sectoral scope(s) for which the GCC Verifier has received approval and qualified by GCC.
 - (b) It has sufficient human resources, internal or external, with the required competence to undertake the verification/certification;
 - (c) It has no impartiality issues with the conduct of the verification/certification;
 - (d) It will either conduct Project Verification or Emission Reduction Verification for the same project activity;
 - (e) Considerations such as location(s) of the client's operations, time required to complete the verification/certification and any other issues influencing the verification/certification, such as language, safety conditions, etc., have been taken into account.
63. In order to confirm the elements described in the paragraph above, the GCC Verifier shall obtain or have access to the following information:
- (a) The draft *Project Submission Form (PSF)* or *Project Monitoring Report (PMR)*, for the specific monitoring period, of the *GCC Project*, that defines the project boundaries and sites included in the assessment and provides the information on the nature of the data needed for verification/certification as well as the applicable GCC regulatory documents, *GCC/CDM Methodology(ies) and Tool* that is applied by the project.
 - (b) Information about the *Legal Owners, Project Owners* and their authorized focal point and representatives as per the most recent signed *Letter of Authorization or Nomination*, including, corporate identity, address and contact details and any information about persons or organizations engaged in the identification, development, consultancy and financing of the *GCC Project*;
 - (c) Scope of the verification/certification;
 - (d) Contract period and the liability conditions.

¹¹ Potential client of GCC Verifier shall preferable be an authorized focal point and representative as per the most recent signed *Letter of Authorization or Nomination or any authorized registered and verified legal entity/organisation*. However, the authorized focal point and representatives as per the most recent signed *Letter of Authorization or Nomination* shall be responsible, accountable and liable for the information provided to GCC verifier on issues related to GCC project activity.

7.2. Verification Contract

64. A *GCC Verifier* shall have a legally enforceable contract with the authorized focal point and representative as per the most recent signed *Letter of Authorization or Nomination or any authorized registered and verified legal entity/organisation*, for the provision of verifications/certification services and such contract shall be in the name of the *GCC Verifier*.

7.3. Selection of the Verification/Certification team and personnel

7.3.1. Verification Team

65. A *GCC verification* can be conducted by a *GCC Verifier* through its *verification team*. *Verification team*, whether composed of one or more persons, shall collectively have competence (all knowledge and skills) required as per *GCC Rules*, and the ability to apply such knowledge and skills to conduct a verification/certification. In general, a *Verification Team* means one or more qualified persons conducting a verification/certification activity and includes various roles;

(i) **Team Leader:** a qualified person appointed to direct and supervise a verification team conducting a verification/certification;

(ii) **GCC Project Auditor** or **GCC Emission Reduction Auditor:** means a qualified person appointed to conduct a verification/certification audit in a verification team;

(iii) **Financial Expert:** means a qualified and competent person who provides specific financial expertise particularly on Investment Analysis and knowledge in a verification team. The Expert shall have suitable qualification, skill and at least 5 years of experience, to assess and verify, cash flow statements as per cashflow waterfall, profit and loss statements, balance sheet, treatment of depreciation and accelerated depreciated, taxation, tax-shield, transfer pricing, assessment of Investment Analysis including Capital Asset Pricing Models (valuation analysis, returns on equity and debt, cost of debt and equity, beta value calculation of various sectors, weighed average cost of capital), financial benchmarks, treatment of inflation, IRR/NPV analysis, investment comparison analysis and software and excel based proficiency to audit Investment analysis calculations; and

(iv) **Technical Expert:** means a qualified person who provides specific technical, methodological and sectoral knowledge and/or expertise in a verification team.

66. Irrespective of the verification team, a qualified person (Technical Reviewer) shall be appointed to conduct the impartial Technical Review of the Verification Report. See next section on Technical Reviews for details.

67. Within the *GCC Verifier*, the role of a verification team is performed by at least one person. One or more persons perform the roles of verifier, team leader, and technical expert.

68. The verification team shall collectively have competence (all knowledge and skills) required as per ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 and *GCC Rules*, and the ability to apply such

knowledge and skills to conduct a verification/certification. If required, an external technical/ financial expert may assist the GHG Verifier.

7.3.2. Technical Reviews

69. The verification report prepared by the verification team shall undergo a Technical review conducted independently of the audit/verification team as per ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 and *GCC Rules*. The Technical review team shall be comprised of at least one Technical reviewer, independent of the verification team. Technical Reviewer means a qualified person appointed to conduct the *Technical Review* that shall not be part of the verification team.
70. The role of a Technical review team is performed by at least one qualified person of the organisation acting as Technical reviewer. The technical review team shall collectively have competence (necessary knowledge and skills) required as per ISO 14064-2, ISO 14064-3 and *GCC Rules*, and the ability to apply such knowledge and skills to conduct a verification/certification, including the Technical Review.

7.3.3. Competence of Verification and Technical Review Team

71. For *GCC Program*, the figure-6 below shows the competence required by third-party GCC Verifiers to conduct a GCC verification, including the Technical Review, which shall be ensured.

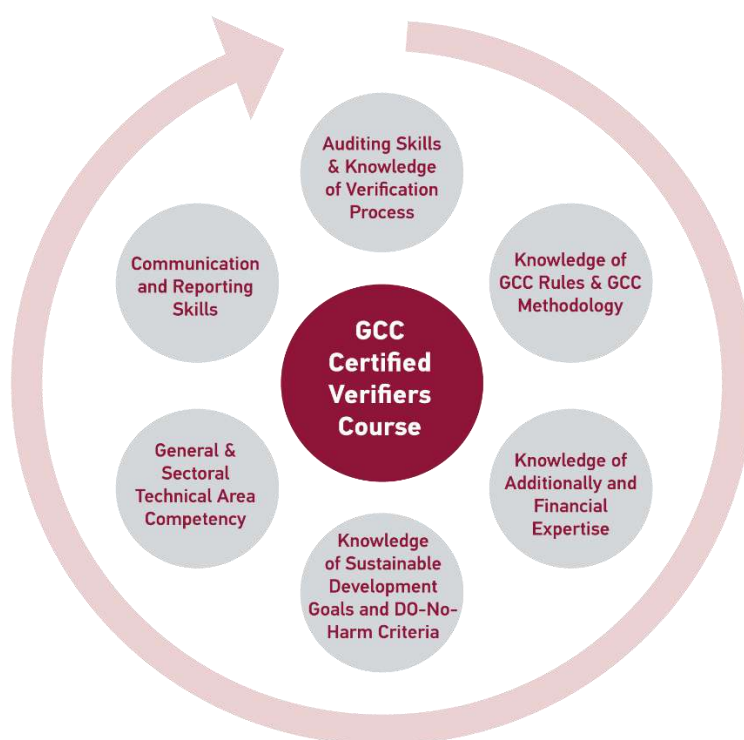


Figure 6: GCC Verifiers' competence requirements

Table 2: Criteria for conducting GCC Project & Emission Reduction Verification *

Verification to be conducted as per the Criteria below		Organizational Track		
		GCC Verifiers- MOU Track	GCC Verifiers- UNFCCC Track (CDM/Article 6.4) [#]	GCC Verifiers- ISO Track ⁺
Verification Team	The Verification team, whether composed of one or more persons, shall collectively have competence (all knowledge and skills) required as per ISO 14064-2,3 and GCC Rules, and the ability to apply such knowledge and skills to conduct a verification/certification.	The verification team is composed of at least two persons who perform the roles of verifier, team leader and a technical expert.		
Technical Review Team	The Technical review team, comprised of at least one Technical reviewer, independent of the verification team, shall collectively have competence (all knowledge and skills) required as per ISO 14064-2,3 and GCC Rules, and the ability to apply such knowledge and skills to conduct a verification/ certification/Technical review.	The role of a Technical review team is performed by at least one qualified person acting as Technical reviewer, independently of the persons in the verification team.		
Competence of Verification/Review Team - General: The verifier/reviewer shall demonstrate how they have determined competence and qualified their personnel.	Educational Qualifications	Not Required if covered under MOU Track	Not Required if covered under valid CDM/Article 6.4 Accreditation	Not Required if covered under valid National Accreditation
	Completing 'GCC Certified Verifiers 'Course', if available.	At least one member of Verification team completes this course. If not available, the competence may be demonstrated by any other methods		
	Demonstrate Auditing Skills	Required at least by one member of Verification team (refer Annex 2)		
	Demonstrate Knowledge and understanding of GCC rules	Required at least by one member of Verification team (refer Annex 2)		
	Additionality	Required at least by one member of Verification team (refer Annex 2)		
	Financial Expertise required for assessing Additionality of Projects if they opted for Investment Analysis option	Required at least by one member of Verification team (refer Annex 2)		

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Competence of Verification/review Team-GHG: The verifier/reviewer shall demonstrate how they have determined competence and qualified their personnel.	Demonstrate ' GCC/CDM Technical Area ' Competency	Required. The GCC verifier shall demonstrate the competence of the verification and the technical review team and how it has qualified its personnel. The GCC verifiers shall refer to Annexes 3-4 to demonstrate this requirement.	
	Knowledge and skills for application of Approved GCC/ CDM Methodology.	Required	
Competence of Verification/Review Team- UN SDGs and Do-No-Harm requirements: The verifier/reviewer shall demonstrate how they have determined competence and qualified their personnel.	Assessment of Compliance with Sustainable Development Goals as per GCC rules	Required to be demonstrated (e.g through course/examination)	
	Assessment of Compliance with 'Do-No-Harm' requirements as per GCC rules	Required to be demonstrated (e.g through course/examination)	
Verification Process Management	Describe the Project and Emission Reduction Verification process and how it will be conducted by the Verifier	Required to be demonstrated as per GCC Rules	
Information Management	Ensure confidentiality of Information	Required	
Project Verification Fee	Ensure that the Verification Fee is not charged more than the limits	No Requirements	
Emission Reduction Verification Fee	Ensure that the Verification Fee is not charged more than the limits	No Requirements	
Performance Assessment	Performance Assessment	For MoU accreditation Bodies, this will be part of the accreditation process.	GCC Program will initiate the performance assessments as per paragraphs 42 – 45

* A GCC Project Verifier or GCC Emission Reduction Verifiers shall comply with '**Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers**' and applicable '**GCC Rules**' and submit '**GCC Verifier Application Form**' & Signed '**GCC Verifier Agreement**'.

Organizations/Designated Operational Entities (DOEs) accredited for CDM for Validation or Verification will automatically qualify as GCC Project Verifier or/and GCC Emission Reduction Verifier, respectively for those Sectoral scopes only, provided they demonstrate compliance with other conditions mentioned in the Table above. GCC will follow and adopt the accreditation status of the DOEs as maintained publicly by the UNFCCC/CDM Executive Board/ Supervisory Body under Article 6.4 of the Paris agreement.

+ Organizations/Certification Bodies accredited by National Accreditation Bodies, as per ISO 17011 for conformity assessment as per ISO 14065, will automatically qualify as '**GCC Project Verifier**' or '**GCC Emission Reduction Verifier**', respectively for those specific sectoral scopes, provided they demonstrate compliance with those Sectoral scopes and other conditions mentioned in the Table above. GCC will follow and adopt the accreditation status of the Certification bodies as maintained publicly by the applicable National/International Accreditation Body.

72. The GCC verifier shall demonstrate the competence of the project and emission reduction verification and the technical review team and how it has qualified its personnel. The GCC verifiers shall refer to Annexes 1-4 and Table 2 to demonstrate this requirement.

7.4. Verification/Certification

73. The GCC Verifier shall conduct Verification and Certification as per section 5 of this document.

7.5. Issuance of final verification opinions, certification statements and reports

74. The GCC Verifier shall conduct Verification and Certification as per section 5 of this document and accordingly issue final Verification Opinions, Certification statements and verification reports as per standard templates available on GCC website which shall be signed by the authorized representative of the GCC Verifier.

Annexures

A *GCC Project Verifier* or *GCC Emission Reduction Verifier* shall refer to following annexes as mentioned below:

(a) **GCC scopes**

The GCC verifier shall be approved by GCC for the following GCC scopes as defined below.

- Green House Gas (GHG)
- Environmental No-harm (E+)
- Social No-harm (S+)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG+)

Please refer to **Annex 1 below**.

(b) **Annex 2: General technical knowledge collectively required by the verification team of the GCC Verifier**

The requirements provided in *Appendix 3 of 'CDM Accreditation Standard'* (version 07.0) are adopted by *GCC Program* and shall be considered as requirements that are applicable under *GCC Rules*. This appendix lists and describes the general *technical knowledge* that shall be collectively required by the verification team of the *GCC Verifier*.

(c) **Annex 3: GHG Sector specific technical knowledge collectively required by the verification team of the GCC Verifier**

The requirements provided in *Appendix 2 of 'CDM Accreditation Standard'* (version 07.0) are adopted by *GCC Program* and shall be considered as requirements that are applicable under *GCC Rules*. This appendix lists and describes the sectoral scopes, the technical areas within each sectoral scope, and the minimum *technical knowledge* corresponding to each *technical area* which shall be collectively required by the verification team of the *GCC Verifier*. The compliance to the requirements of this appendix can also be demonstrated by the *GCC Verifier* to qualify its personnel.

(d) **Annex 4: GCC Methodology mapping with Sectoral scopes**

The requirements provided in '*Standard: Applicability of sectoral scopes*' (version 01.0/ EB88, Annex 4) of CDM are adopted by *GCC Program* and shall be considered as requirements that are applicable under *GCC Rules*. This document maps CDM Methodologies with CDM Sectoral scopes (both mandatory and the conditional) and sets out the rules for determining the relevant sectoral scopes of the applied methodology in which the validating or verifying/certifying DOE shall be accredited. The approved methodologies of GCC including approved Methodologies of CDM can be applied by GCC Projects.

Annex 1:

The GCC verifier shall be approved by GCC for the following GCC scopes (GHG, E+, S+, SDG+) as defined below:

Scopes for GCC Project Verification and Emission Reduction Verification	
GCC Scopes	Requirements
Green House Gas (GHG)¹²	GCC requires demonstration of valid accreditation for the GHG sectoral scopes (SS) and corresponding technical areas ¹³ (TA), within each GHG sectoral scope. Refer to ' <i>Equivalence¹⁴ of Sectoral scopes (SS) and corresponding Technical Areas (TA)</i> ' between requirements of GCC, CDM and NAB and is given in table below.
Environmental No-harm (E⁺)	GCC requires demonstration of competence on application of GCC rules related to environmental aspects as defined by ' <i>Environment and Social Safeguards Standard</i> '
Social No-harm (S⁺)	GCC requires demonstration of competence on application of GCC rules related to social aspects as defined by ' <i>Environment and Social Safeguards Standard</i> '
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG⁺)	GCC requires demonstration of competence on application of GCC rules related to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as defined by ' <i>Project Sustainability Standard</i> '

¹² This is GCC scope for GHG is mandatory and a minimum requirement while applying as a GCC verifier

¹³ TA means 'technical area within each GHG sectoral scope' as defined by CDM Accreditation Standard in Appendix 2. GCC applies and requires the same GHG sectoral scopes (SS) and corresponding technical areas (TA), within each GHG sectoral scope, as defined by CDM Accreditation Standard in Appendix 2.

¹⁴ In doing this, refer to 'Equivalence of Sectoral scopes (SS) and corresponding Technical Areas (TA)'

For GHG, the GCC verifier shall be approved by GCC for the following GHG sectoral scopes (GHG SS & TA) as defined below:

Equivalence of GHG Sectoral scopes (SS) and corresponding Technical Areas (TA)			
Area	Global Carbon Council (GCC) (Individual and Organisational Track)	CDM Designated Operational Entities (DOE)	National Accreditation Bodies (NAB)
	Procedure for Approval of GCC Verifiers	CDM Accreditation Standard	IAF MD14 ¹⁵ document for ISO 14064-2
Green House Gas (GHG)	1. Energy (renewable/non-renewable sources) (CDM TA ¹⁶ 1.1, 1.2)	1. Energy (renewable/non-renewable sources) (CDM TA 1.1, 1.2)	Energy Industries (renewable/non-renewable sources) (CDM TA 1.1, 1.2)
	2. Energy distribution (CDM TA 2.1)	2. Energy distribution (CDM TA 2.1)	Energy Distribution (CDM TA 2.1)
	3. Energy demand (CDM TA 3.1)	3. Energy demand (CDM TA 3.1)	Energy Demand (CDM TA 3.1)
	4. Manufacturing industries (CDM TA 4.1)	4. Manufacturing industries (CDM TA 4.1)	Manufacturing Industries (CDM TA 4.1 ¹⁷)
	5. Chemical industry (CDM TA 5.1, 5.2)	5. Chemical industry (CDM TA 5.1, 5.2)	Chemical Industry (CDM TA 5.1, 5.2)
	6. Construction (CDM TA 6.1)	6. Construction (CDM TA 6.1)	Construction (CDM TA 6.1)
	7. Transport (CDM TA 7.1)	7. Transport (CDM TA 7.1)	Transport (CDM TA 7.1)
	8. Mining/mineral production (CDM TA 8.1)	8. Mining/mineral production (CDM TA 8.1)	Mining/Mineral Production (CDM TA 8.1)
	9. Metal production (CDM TA 9.1, 9.2)	9. Metal production (CDM TA 9.1, 9.2)	Metal Production (CDM TA 9.1, 9.2)

¹⁵ IAF MD14 Document: https://www.iaf.nu/upFiles/IAF_MD_Appln_17011_GHGVV_09072014_Publication_Version.pdf

¹⁶ CDM TA means 'technical area within each sectoral scope' as defined by CDM Accreditation Standard in Appendix 2.

¹⁷ For sectoral scope 'Manufacturing Industries' as defined by IAF-MD-14 document, the equivalent GCC/CDM sectoral scope is 4 and the equivalent GCC/CDM technical area is TA 4.1 excluding sectors Aluminum, Iron and steel, Refinery. For Aluminum, Iron and steel sectors, verifiers shall establish equivalence with CDM TA 9.1 and 9.2 respectively. For Refinery sector, verifiers shall establish equivalence with CDM TA 10.1.

10. Fugitive emissions from fuels (solid, oil and gas) (CDM TA 10.1)	10. Fugitive emissions from fuels (solid, oil and gas) (CDM TA 10.1)	Fugitive Emissions from Fuels (solid, oil and gas) (CDM TA 10.1)
11. Fugitive Emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride (CDM TA 11.1, 11.2)	11. Fugitive Emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride (CDM TA 11.1, 11.2)	Fugitive Emissions from Production and Consumption of Halocarbons and Sulphur Hexafluoride (CDM TA 11.1, 11.2)
12. Solvents use (CDM TA 12.1)	12. Solvents use (CDM TA 12.1)	Solvents Use (CDM TA 12.1)
13. Waste handling and disposal (CDM TA 13.1, 13.2)	13. Waste handling and disposal (CDM TA 13.1, 13.2)	Waste Handling and Disposal (CDM TA 13.1, 13.2)
14. Afforestation and Reforestation (CDM TA 14.1)	14. Afforestation and Reforestation (CDM TA 14.1)	Afforestation and Reforestation (CDM TA 14.1)
15. Agriculture (CDM TA 15.1)	15. Agriculture (CDM TA 15.1)	Agriculture (CDM TA 15.1)
16. Carbon Capture and Storage of CO2 in Geological Formations (CDM TA 16.1)	16. Carbon Capture and Storage of CO2 in Geological Formations (CDM TA 16.1)	Carbon Capture and Storage of CO2 in Geological Formations (CDM TA 16.1)

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