



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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1. Scope and Applicability

Glossary of Terms (herein referred to as the document), of Carbon Registry-India (CR-I), herein referred to as ‘the Registry’ provides definition to the terms used in the standards, procedures, tools, guidelines and any other document(s) of the Registry.

The terms and definitions are applicable to the following:

- (i) Independent Project Proponent (IPP) involved in design, development, implementation, operation and monitoring of the project.
- (ii) Independent Methodology Developer (IMD) involved in design and development of Methodology and/or Tool(s).
- (iii) Validation and Verification Body (VVB) performing activities of validation and verification of project and assessment of Methodology and/or Tool(s).
- (iv) Stakeholders and public audience referring to and/or providing comments on activities of the Registry, project registered/seeking registration and Methodology and/or Tool(s) seeking approval and listing under the Registry.

2. Language and Interpretation

- 2.1 The language of the document is English. NCCF may translate the document in other languages. However, interpretation of English version shall hold precedence.
- 2.2 Terms defined and used in the Glossary of Terms may have also been defined by other programmes, standards and organisations. In case of any ambiguity and/or inconsistency, definition under the Registry shall hold precedence.

3. Terms and Definition

Term	Definition	Abbreviation
Additional/ Additionality	<p>A proposed project is deemed additional if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • its occurrence, and resulting net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement and additional sustainable development benefits (as applicable), would not have been possible without financial incentives from the CR-I, and • it is distinct from, and over and above the established baseline scenario. <p>Additionality is defined as the property of a project being additional.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Afforestation	<p>Transformation of land that has been employed for other uses for a period of at least 50 years, into a forest through deliberate human intervention.</p> <p>Source: (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2002)</p>	
Affected Entity	<p>An entity which is wholly or partially prevented to, achieve, or is caused to unavoidably delay the performance of its obligation to the Registry due to events of Force Majeure</p>	
Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use	<p>This category was formulated by the IPCC (2006) through consolidation of two hitherto distinct sectors; LULUCF (Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry) and Agriculture. It comprises net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement from the activities of the project in the agriculture, forestry, and other land use/land use change sectors, having a specific set of rules and requirements.</p> <p>Source: (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2014)</p>	AFOLU
Assessment		

	The process of audit conducted by an empanelled VVB, through an independent and impartial evaluation of Methodology and/or Tool design based on Methodology Document, Tool Document and supporting documents in accordance with rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry.	
Assessment Report	The documented representation of assessment of Methodology and/or Tool or its subsequent revision, prepared by VVB in accordance with rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry using assessment report template.	
Assessment Statement	The written final opinion in the assessment report of VVB based on assessment conducted of a new Methodology and/or Tool and/or its subsequent revision.	
Baseline/ Baseline scenario	The scenario corresponding to the proposed project that reasonably represents the anthropogenic emissions by sources of GHGs (for non-AFOLU projects)/ the sum of the changes in carbon stocks in the carbon pools within the project boundary (for AFOLU projects), that would occur in the absence of the project. Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	
Baseline Emissions	The GHG emissions/ changes in carbon stocks in the carbon pools (as applicable) that would occur in the baseline scenario Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	
Biomass	Non-fossilised and biodegradable organic material originating from plants, animals and/or microorganisms, including products, by-products, residues and waste from agriculture, forestry practices and related industries as well as the non-fossilised and biodegradable organic fractions of industrial and municipal wastes, including gases and liquids recovered from the decomposition of non-fossilised and biodegradable organic material.	

	<p>For purpose of AFOLU projects, the term biomass comprises both Above Ground Biomass and Below Ground Biomass.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2005) (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2006)</p>	
Biomass Residues	<p>Non-fossilised and biodegradable organic material originating from plants, animals and/or microorganisms, which can be classified as by-products, residues and waste from agriculture, forestry practices and related industries.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
CR-I Buffer Pool	<p>The common account operated and maintained by NCCF which holds buffer MCUs contributed by IPPs to cover the risk(s) associated with GHG reversals in AFOLU projects.</p>	
Cancellation	<p>The permanent withdrawal of MCUs from circulation, with each MCU representing one metric tonne of CO₂ equivalent for purpose other than offset.</p>	
Carbon Dioxide Equivalent	<p>The concentration of carbon dioxide that would cause the same amount of radiative forcing as a given mixture of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases</p> <p>Source – (Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change, 2001)</p>	CO ₂ e or CO ₂ eq
Carbon Pool	<p>A reservoir having the capacity to store or release carbon. As per the Marrakesh Accords, carbon pools can be classified into five types: above-ground biomass, below-ground biomass, dead wood, litter and soil organic matter.</p> <p>Source: (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2006)</p>	
Carbon Registry-India	<p>A voluntary carbon offset market mechanism developed, operated, maintained and governed by</p>	CR-I

	Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests. Also referred to as ‘the Registry’.	
CR-I Registry System	An electronic interface facilitating registration of an entity into the Registry and all the provisions under the Registry including that of issuance and tracking of MCUs. It comprises three distinct modules, namely a Project Database, Account-holding Services and a Trading Platform to facilitate different processes and activities within the mechanism.	CRIS
Carbon Sink	Any process or mechanism which removes a GHG, an aerosol or a precursor of a GHG from the atmosphere. A given carbon pool can be a sink for atmospheric carbon if, during the time interval, more carbon is flowing into it than is flowing out. Source: (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2018)	
Carbon Stock	The absolute amount of carbon contained within a pool at a specified time. For the purpose of use in CRI, it shall be measured in tonnes of CO ₂ eq. Source: (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2006)	
Certification	The written confirmation by VVB of amount/quantum of net GHG emissions reduction or removals enhancement achieved by the registered project based on verification during the corresponding monitoring period.	
Clean Development Mechanism	A mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol, the purpose of which, in accordance with Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, is to assist non-Annex I Parties in achieving sustainable development and in contributing to the ultimate objective of the Convention, and to assist Annex I Parties in achieving compliance with their quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments under Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol. Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	CDM

CDM rules and requirements	<p>The collection of rules applicable to the CDM that have been adopted by the CMP or the CDM Executive Board, including the applicable modalities and procedures of the CDM, standards, methodologies, tools, procedures and clarification.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Completeness check	<p>An evaluation conducted by the empanelled VVB and/or NCCF, as applicable, to confirm whether all requisite information and documents have been provided and that the submitted information/documents are complete as per the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry.</p>	
Component Project Activity	<p>A single measure, or a set of interrelated measures under a PoA, to reduce GHG emissions by sources or result in net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement by sinks, applied within a designated area defined in the baseline methodology(ies).</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	CPA
Confidential Information	<p>Any information and/or idea in whatever form, tangible or intangible, whether disclosed to or learned by the entity receiving the Confidential Information (Receiving entity), pertaining in any manner to the business of the entity disclosing such information (Disclosing entity) or to the Disclosing entity's affiliates, subsidiaries, consultants or business associates, whether in written, oral, encoded, graphic, magnetic, electronic or in any other tangible or intangible form, and whether or not labelled as confidential by the Disclosing entity or otherwise provided by the Disclosing entity.</p>	
Converted Project	<p>An External Project that is registered with a GHG programme and now seeks registration under the Registry and deregistration from the other GHG programme.</p>	
Crediting Period/ Project	<p>The duration for which verified and certified net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement</p>	

Crediting Period	<p>generated by the project are eligible for issuance as MCUs, the rules and requirements concerning the duration and the renewal of a crediting period are established by the Registry.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Deforestation	<p>The direct human induced conversion of forested land to non-forested land.</p> <p>Source: (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2002)</p>	
Degradation / Forest Degradation	<p>The changes within the forest that negatively affect the structure or function of the stand and site, and thereby lower the capacity to supply products and/or services.</p> <p>The degradation may be human induced due to activities such as overuse and/or improper management of forests, overgrazing, intentional or unintentional introduction of alien invasive species, <i>etc.</i></p> <p>Source: (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2000) (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2003)</p>	
Delegate Entity	<p>Entity (one of the IPPs or any other entity such as a consultant), in case of multiple IPPs or clustering of projects, authorised by IPPs for overall coordination, execution and management of project as well as communication with NCCF, VVB and other relevant stakeholders.</p>	DE
Detailed Project Document	<p>The document prepared by the IPP using DPD template, in accordance with rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry that sets out the details of design, development, implementation, operation and monitoring of the proposed project.</p>	DPD
Disclosing Entity	<p>The entity disclosing confidential information to the receiving entity.</p>	

<p>Double Counting</p>	<p>An event or situation when same verified, certificated and transferable emissions unit is counted towards the mitigation goal of more than one jurisdiction (or entity). Double counting includes double claiming, double selling and double issuance of units.</p> <p>Source: (Greenhouse Gas Protocol, 2014)</p>	
<p>Empanelment</p>	<p>The process of official recognition of a Validation and Verification Body by NCCF to permit the entity to carry out validation and/or verification of projects and/or assessment of Methodologies and/or Tools as per the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry.</p> <p>The recognised VVB thus is known as Empanelled VVB.</p>	
<p>Environment and Social Impact Assessment</p>	<p>A process for predicting and assessing the potential environmental and social impacts of a proposed project, evaluating alternatives and designing appropriate mitigation, management and monitoring measures.</p> <p>Source: (BBOP, 2012)</p>	<p>ESIA</p>
<p>Exigency Situation</p>	<p>A scenario, situation, event or a combination thereof which may pose a threat to health and/or life of an individual such that it may not allow or permit development, implementation and monitoring of project and/or its validation and/or verification as per rules and requirements of the Registry.</p>	
<p>Extended Stakeholder Consultation</p>	<p>The process of online public engagement, through the official CR-I website, of general public including experts, interested individuals, organisations or individuals, groups and/or communities, affected, or likely to be affected, by design, development of the proposed project or implementation and operation of a registered project, and design and development of Methodology and/or Tool.</p>	<p>ESC</p>
<p>External Project</p>	<p>A project proposed and seeking registration under CR-I that is/was registered or aims to seek</p>	<p>EP</p>

	simultaneous registration with other voluntary or compliance based GHG programmes.	
Fee	The charge levied by NCCF on the entity at applicable stages as per the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry.	
Fee Schedule/ CR-I Fee Schedule	The regulatory document prepared and updated by NCCF pertaining to charges levied on entity (or compensation paid) at applicable stages as per the provisions of the Registry.	
Force Majeure	The Force Majeure refers to any event of circumstances or combination of events that wholly or partly prevents, or causes unavoidable delays to an entity in the performance of its obligations, but only if and to the extent that such events or circumstances are not within the reasonable control, directly or indirectly, of the affected entity and could not have been avoided if the entity had taken reasonable care or complied with prudent utility practices	
Forest	<p>A land spanning more than 0.05 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds in situ. It does not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or urban land use.</p> <p>Source: (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2002)</p>	
Global Warming Potential	<p>A factor describing the radiative forcing impact of one mass-based unit of a given GHG relative to an equivalent unit of carbon dioxide over a given period of time.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	GWP
Governing Council	The apex body headed by Chairman and Chief Coordinator, Carbon Registry-India which is responsible for governing and overall functioning of the Registry including approval of RfR, RfI, Methodology approval, among others.	GC

Grand Total Possible Score	The maximum risk scores related to GHG reversal for an AFOLU project seeking registration and issuance of MCUs under the Registry or sum of Total Possible Score (TPS) of all risk categories.	GTPS
Grand Total Risk Ranking	The Ranking of risk associated with GHG reversal for an AFOLU project used to determine the eligibility of project for registration and the Minimum Buffer Percentage.	GTRR
Grassland	<p>An area where there is sufficient moisture for grass growth, but where environmental conditions, both climatic and anthropogenic, prevent tree growth. Its occurrence, therefore, correlates with a rainfall intensity between that of desert and forest and is extended by grazing and/or fire to form a plagioclimax in many areas that were previously forested.</p> <p>Source: (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 2005)</p>	
Greenhouse Gas	<p>A gaseous constituent of the atmosphere, both natural and anthropogenic, that absorbs and emits radiation at specific wavelengths within the spectrum of infrared radiation emitted by the Earth's surface, the atmosphere, and clouds.</p> <p>The gases contained within the scope of the CR-I are listed in section 3.4 of the Programme Guide.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	GHG
GHG Emission	<p>The total mass of a GHG released to the atmosphere over a specified period.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
GHG Programme	A voluntary or mandatory international, national or sub-national system or scheme that registers,	

	<p>manages accounts or GHG emissions, removals, emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement outside the organisation or greenhouse gas project.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
GHG Removal	<p>The total mass of a GHG removed from the atmosphere over a specified period.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
GHG Reversal	<p>The release of GHG previously removed or avoided, back into the atmosphere due to risk associated with the net GHG removals enhancement and/or avoided emissions corresponding to AFOLU projects.</p>	
GHG Sink	<p>A physical unit or process that removes a GHG from the atmosphere</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
GHG Source	<p>A physical unit or process that releases a GHG into the atmosphere.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
Impact Factor	<p>The ratio of cumulative SDG impact score of the project to the maximum possible SDG impact score, depicting the contribution of project towards Sustainable Development. Impact Factor can be used as a tool to compare the contribution of a project towards Sustainable Development with other projects.</p>	
Impact Score/ SDG Impact Score	<p>Score indicating positive impact on the SDG, calculated based on scale of impact and intensity of impact.</p>	

Improved Forest Management	<p>The forest management activities which result in increased carbon stocks within forests and/or reduce GHG emissions from forestry activities when compared to business as usual forestry practices.</p> <p>Source: (UN-REDD/Cambodia REDD+ Taskforce Secretariat, 2014)</p>	IFM
Independent Investigator	<p>An individual selected by NCCF who is working or reasonably stationed near the project site, free from any previous contractual obligations with IPP or VVB and assisting VVB to conduct validation or verification of the project in an exigent situation.</p>	II
Independent Methodology Developer	<p>An Entity, independent of NCCF and VVB, responsible for design and development of methodologies and associated tools for GHG quantification, as per the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry. They are responsible for preparation of Methodology and/or Tool document, appointment of ‘first’ VVB for assessment of the methodology, and preparation of other documents required during methodology submission, assessment and approval.</p>	IMD
Independent Project Proponent	<p>An entity, independent of NCCF and VVB, responsible for design, development and implementation, operation and monitoring of projects, and ensuring their conformance to the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry. It is also responsible for preparing and furnishing relevant documents, appointing empanelled VVBs and performing other activities related to registration of projects, verification/certification of emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement, and issuance of MCUs.</p> <p>In addition, the entity(s) can demonstrate project ownership in respect of the project.</p>	IPP
Issuance	<p>The official release of a specified amount of MCUs to the NCCF account after successful verification and certification of net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement, as applicable, for subsequent distribution to accounts of IPP(s) in accordance with the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry.</p>	

Leakage / Leakage Emissions	<p>The increase in net GHG emissions and/or decrease in net GHG removals outside the established project boundary due to the activities of the project.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Level of Assurance	<p>The depth of detail that a VVB designs into their validation or verification plan to determine if there are any material errors, omissions or misrepresentations.</p> <p>There are two levels of assurance, limited or reasonable, which result in differently worded validation or verification statements</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
Limited Level Assurance	<p>An assurance engagement where the risk is at a degree that is acceptable in the circumstances of the assurance engagement but where that risk is greater than for a reasonable assurance engagement.</p> <p>Source: (Australian Government: Clean Energy Regulator, 2019)</p>	
Listing of Methodology	<p>The display of approved and/or accepted methodology and associated tools on the official Registry website or interface in order to be used by IPP for project design, development, implementation and monitoring and further by VVB for the activities of validation and verification.</p>	
Listing of Projects	<p>The display of Project documents and information such as Detailed Project Document, Stakeholder Consultation Report, <i>etc.</i>, on the official Registry website or interface in order to be viewed for the purpose of extended stakeholder consultation and/or to be viewed by public for informative purposes.</p>	
Local Stakeholder Consultation	<p>The process conducted by IPP(s) for engagement of the stakeholders being directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project through at least 1 (one)</p>	<p>LSC</p>

	<p>physical meeting, apprising them of the potential environmental, social and economic positive and negative impacts of the proposed project and also seeking feedback, comments and suggestions on the proposed project.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Marketable Carbon Unit	<p>A unit issued for each verified and certified net GHG emission reduction and/or removal enhancement generated from a project in accordance with the CR-I rules, requirements and procedures. Each MCU corresponds to 1 metric ton of CO₂eq.</p>	MCU
Material Information	<p>Individual or an aggregate of actual errors, omissions and misrepresentations in the reporting that could affect the final decision of the VVB and/or the NCCF.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
Materiality	<p>An auditing concept, employed by a VVB during verification, for identification of errors, omissions and misrepresentations that could significantly affect the net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement claimed by a project activity.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018) (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Methodology/ Project Methodology / Project based Methodology	<p>A governing document, accepted or approved and listed under the Registry, applicable to specific activities of project and/or project types, containing rules, requirements and procedures for determining the project boundary, establishing the baseline scenario, demonstrating additionality, estimating/calculating net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement, and describing the overall monitoring approach.</p>	
Methodology Approval Procedure	<p>The detailed step-by-step procedure for submission, processing, final approval and listing of new methodologies and tools and their subsequent revisions under the Registry.</p>	MAP

<p>Methodology Compensation</p>	<p>The honorarium paid to IMD by NCCF <i>in lieu</i> of use of its approved Methodology and associated Tool(s) for the purpose of design, development, implementation and monitoring of Project(s). The honorarium shall be based on the MCUs issued as mentioned in the CR-I Fee Schedule.</p>	
<p>Methodology Deviation</p>	<p>The temporary and/or permanent, proposed or implemented deviation from the rules, requirements and procedures of the applied Methodologies and/or Tool in the proposed/registered project, as applicable, within the rules, requirements of the Registry.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
<p>Minimum Buffer Percentage</p>	<p>The minimum contribution percentage equivalent of MCUs required to be deposited in the CR-I Buffer Pool account to cover permeance risks associated with the GHG removals enhancement and/or avoided emissions of the AFOLU project under the Registry.</p>	<p>MBP</p>
<p>Minimum Project Term</p>	<p>The minimum period for which forestry and land use change project needs to maintain the carbon sequestered or avoided emissions to prevent GHG reversals.</p>	
<p>Monitoring</p>	<p>The process of collection, collation and storage of all relevant data required for calculating baseline emissions, project GHG emissions, GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement and leakage, as applicable, for a registered project.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
<p>Monitoring Approach</p>	<p>The overall approach which describes the methodology to be employed by the IPP(s) for calculation of actual net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement and actual contribution towards sustainable development. It contains details of data and parameters to be monitored and monitoring strategy.</p>	

	Registered monitoring approach is also used by VVB for verification of net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement and actual contribution towards sustainable development.	
Monitoring Period	The duration for which monitoring activities related to a registered project take place.	
Monitoring Report	<p>A document prepared by the IPP(s) using the Monitoring Report template in accordance with rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry, which records the net GHG emissions reduction and/or GHG removals enhancement by sinks and actual contribution towards sustainable development of a registered and implemented project for a specific monitoring period.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	MR
Nationally Determined Contributions	<p>The efforts made by each country (or Party under Paris Agreement) to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Paris Agreement (Article 4, paragraph 2) requires each Party to prepare, communicate and maintain successive Nationally Determined Contributions that it intends to achieve. Parties shall pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions.</p> <p>Source: (UNFCCC Conference of Parties, 2015)</p>	NDCs
Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests	An India based non-profit organisation established under the Societies Act 1860, working on development, operation and management of globally benchmarked India-centric voluntary standards on forest management, natural resource management, climate change, ecotourism, among others. It is responsible for development, operations, management and governance of Carbon Registry-India.	NCCF
Parallel Project	An External Project registered/seeking registration under the Registry as well as other similar GHG programme(s).	

Permanence	The longevity of the net GHG removal enhancement and/or avoided emissions, and the long-term stability of the aggregate carbon stock associated with an AFOLU project.	
Permanent Design Changes	Actual and/or proposed permanent changes to the implementation, operation and monitoring of a registered project, complying with the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry and applied Methodologies.	PDC
Programme of Activities	<p>A voluntary coordinated action by IPP(s) which coordinates and implements any policy/measure or stated goal (<i>i.e.</i>, incentive schemes and voluntary programmes) that leads to net GHG emissions reduction and/or GHG removals enhancement that are additional to any that would occur in the absence of the PoA, <i>via</i> multiple CPAs.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	PoA
Project	A common term used to denote Project Activity and Programme of Activities. See individual definition of Project Activity and Programme of Activities.	
Project Activity	<p>A voluntary coordinated action by IPP(s) involving application of a specific set of technologies, measures and/or outcomes resulting in net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement that are additional to any that would occur in the established baseline scenario.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	PA
Project Boundary	<p>The physical delineation and/or geographical area of the project and the specification of GHGs and sources and sinks under the control of the IPP(s) that are significant and reasonably attributable to the project and are in accordance with the applied methodology(ies) and associated tools.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	

Project Cluster	<p>An aggregation of several individual micro-scale and/or small-scale projects such that it allows projects to be validated, registered and subsequently verified as one single project without the loss of identity of any project in the Cluster.</p> <p>Each project in the Project Cluster is known as Individual Project.</p>	PC
Project Database	<p>A comprehensive list of all projects and approved methodologies including a tabulated summary of details concerning each individual project and approved and/or accepted methodology on a dedicated interface.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization of Standardization, 2015)</p>	
Project GHG Emissions	<p>GHG emissions associated with implementation of a project.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
Project Ownership	<p>The legal right of private or public entity(ies)/individual(s) to control and operate a project. Project ownership does not automatically provide ownership to MCUs of the project. Refer to Right to MCUs.</p>	
Project Reference Number	<p>A unique serial number assigned to each project listed under the Registry and acts as a “project identifier” for all MCUs generated by the project.</p>	PRN
Project Scale	<p>The classification of projects based on its the average annual net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement capacity.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Reasonable Level of Assurance	<p>An assurance engagement where the risk is to an acceptably low degree in the circumstances of the</p>	

	assurance engagement. The degree of assurance is high, but not absolute. Source: (Australian Government: Clean Energy Regulator, 2019)	
Receiving Entity	The entity receiving confidential information from disclosing entity.	
Reforestation	The direct human induced conversion of land that has not been forested for a period of last 50 years to forested land through planting, seeding and/or human induced promotion of natural seed sources. Source: (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2002)	
Registration	The official approval and acceptance of a proposed project by NCCF under the Registry after successful validation by an empanelled VVB and subsequent review by NCCF.	
Registration and Issuance Procedure	The detailed step-by-step procedure for submission and registration of projects, verification of net GHG emissions reduction, issuance of MCUs, and other related processes that form part of the complete project cycle.	RIP
Registry Platform	An electronic platform for the registration of projects, approval and listing of methodologies, verification of net GHG emissions reduction, issuance of MCUs, and other related processes of the Registry. It also includes project database and the Registry website.	
Rejected Project	An External Project that was previously seeking registration with other voluntary or compliance GHG programme but was not accepted for registration due to its failure to comply with rules, requirements and procedures of that GHG programme.	
Relaxation Period	The additional time period allotted to the User to pay the applicable fee to NCCF to begin evaluation of the request submitted by the User.	

Renewable Biomass

Biomass is classified as being renewable if it complies with any one of the following conditions:

- a) The biomass originates from **land areas that are forests** where:
 - i. The land area remains a forest;
 - ii. Sustainable management practices are undertaken on these land areas to ensure, in particular, that the level of carbon stocks on these land areas does not systematically decrease over time (carbon stocks may temporarily decrease due to harvesting); and
 - iii. Any national or regional forestry and nature conservation regulations are complied with.
- b) The biomass is **woody biomass** and originates from **croplands and/or grasslands** where:
 - i. The land area remains cropland and/or grassland or is reverted to forest;
 - ii. Sustainable management practices are undertaken on these land areas to ensure, in particular, that the level of carbon stocks on these land areas does not systematically decrease over time (carbon stocks may temporarily decrease due to harvesting); and
 - iii. Any national or regional forestry, agriculture and nature conservation regulations are complied with.
- c) The biomass is **non-woody biomass** and originates from **croplands and/or grasslands** where:
 - i. The land area remains cropland and/or grassland or is reverted to forest;
 - ii. Sustainable management practices are undertaken on these land areas to ensure, in particular, that the level of carbon stocks on these land areas does not systematically decrease over time (carbon stocks may temporarily decrease due to harvesting); and
 - iii. Any national or regional forestry, agriculture and nature conservation regulations are complied with.

	<p>d) The biomass is a biomass residue and the use of that biomass residue in an A/R project does not involve a decrease of carbon pools, in particular dead wood, litter or soil organic carbon, on the land areas from which the biomass residues originate;</p> <p>e) The biomass is the non-fossil fraction of industrial or municipal waste.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Renewable Energy Certificate	<p>The certificate issued by the Central Agency for renewable energy generated to the generating company as per the procedures of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission's REC regulations.</p> <p>Source: (Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 2010)</p>	REC
Renewal of Crediting Period	<p>The official approval and acceptance under the Registry for renewal of the crediting period of a registered project, after successful validation by an empanelled VVB, to allow the continued implementation, monitoring, verification, certification and issuance of MCUs.</p>	RCP
Request for Issuance	<p>The application submitted to NCCF by a VVB, using Request for Issuance form, requesting issuance of MCUs to IPP(s) after successful completion of Verification and Certification of net GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement for the corresponding monitoring period.</p>	RfI
Request for Registration	<p>The application submitted to NCCF by VVB, using Request for Registration form, requesting registration of proposed project after successful completion of the validation of project.</p>	RfR
Retirement	<p>The permanent withdrawal of MCUs from the circulation, with each MCU representing an offset of one metric tonne of CO₂eq.</p>	

Retrofit	<p>The modification of existing industrial, commercial and residential facilities, automobiles, energy conversion systems, <i>etc.</i> which are already in service, using new, improved or more efficient parts and equipment developed or made available after the time of original manufacture.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Right to MCUs	<p>The valid evidences or a written agreement signed by all the IPPs demonstrating an IPP's right to any or all MCUs to be issued or issued from project during the specific crediting period or verification period, as applicable. In case of multiple project owners, Right to MCUs could be of one or multiple IPPs.</p>	
Risk Category Score	<p>The sum of scores of all the risk types identified for the corresponding risk category.</p>	RCS
Risk Mitigation Measure / Reversal Risk Mitigation Measure	<p>The measures employed by the IPP(s) in response to the risk(s) associated with GHG reversals in case of AFOLU projects to reduce or prevent reversal of GHG from the sink to the atmosphere.</p>	
Risk Score	<p>The score of the identified risk type given on a scale based on the probability of risk and impact of risk. The scores are given on a scale of 1-5 for both probability of risk and impact of risk.</p>	
Sectoral Scope	<p>The classification of sector-wise GHG sources or collection of activities, established in Annexure 'A' to the Kyoto Protocol, that apply to projects under the Registry. A project may fall within more than one sectoral scopes.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Stakeholder	<p>An individual, community, group or organisation that is affected or likely to be affected, directly or indirectly, by the development and/or implementation of a project.</p>	

	Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	
Stakeholder Consultation Report	A document prepared by the IPP using SCR template in accordance with the rules and requirements of the Registry, containing details of Local Stakeholder Consultation, Environment and Social Impacts and safeguards, and Extended Stakeholder Consultation conducted in respect of the proposed project.	SCR
Start date/ Project Start date	The specific date (in DD/MM/YYYY format) on which the project commenced generation of GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement. Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	
Sustainable Development	The development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generation to meet their own needs. Source: (Brundtland, 1987)	SD
Sustainable Development Goals	Also known as the Global Goals, were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The 17 SDGs are integrated—that is, they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability. Source: (UNDP Sustainable Development Goals, 2016)	SDG
Technology/ Measure	A measure is a broad class of GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement activities possessing common features, for example, fuel and feedstock switch, switch of technology with or without change of energy source (including energy efficiency improvement), methane destruction, and methane formation avoidance. Two different activities can be considered to be using the same measure if they undertake the same course of action	

	<p>and result in the same kind of effect. Two different activities can be considered to be applying the same technology if they provide the same kind of output and use the same kind of equipment and conversion process.</p> <p>Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)</p>	
Terms and Conditions	A set of requirements (including legal) pertaining to operations of Registry Platform to be fulfilled by the User having User Account on the Registry Platform.	T&C
Tool	A type of document, generally used in conjunction with an applied methodology, containing detailed procedure for calculation of parameters, performing a specific analysis or methodological task.	
Total Possible Score	The highest possible score for a risk category, depending upon the number of risk types in the corresponding risk category.	TPS
Tracking	The process of keeping an audit trail of the MCUs from its issuance till its Retirement or Cancellation, including any transfer of MCUs among the Users.	
Transactional Organisation	An entity, independent of NCCF and VVB, with sole purpose of trading of MCUs.	TO
Transfer of MCUs	Crediting of MCUs from IPP account to either CR-I Buffer Pool account or to account of another IPP/TO.	
Uncertainty	<p>The parameter associated with the result of quantification that characterises the dispersion of the values that could be reasonably attributed to the quantified amount.</p> <p>Source: (International Organization for Standardization, 2018)</p>	
User	The entity (IPP/IMD/VVB/TO) having User Account on the Registry Platform.	

User Account	An account designated by NCCF to User on the Registry Platform which is operated and maintained by the User to undertake activities as per the provisions of the Registry.	
Validation	The process of audit conducted by empanelled VVB, pertaining to independent and impartial evaluation of project design based on DPD, SCR and supporting documents in accordance with the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry. Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	
Validation and Verification Body	An independent and impartial third-party entity possessing adequate sectoral competency and human resource to effectively observe, evaluate and report on activities carried out by IPP(s) for validation and verification of projects and by IMD(s) for assessment of project-based methodologies and tools.	VVB
Validation Report	The documented representation of validation activities of project design and development prepared by a VVB, in accordance with rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry using Validation Report template.	VaR
Validation/ Verification Statement	The written final judgement in the corresponding validation report or verification report by VVB based on validation or verification conducted for the project at applicable stage.	
Verification	The process of audit conducted by empanelled VVB, pertaining to independent and impartial evaluation of project implementation and monitoring based on Monitoring Report and supporting documents in accordance with the rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry. Source: (CDM Executive Board, 2019)	
Verification Report	The documented representation of verification activities of project implementation and monitoring, prepared by VVB using Verification Report Template	VeR

	and, in accordance with rules, requirements and procedures of the Registry.	
Vintage	The year corresponding to specific GHG emissions reduction and/or removals enhancement generated by a project, of particular Crediting Period.	
Withdrawn Project	An External Project that was previously seeking registration with other voluntary or compliance GHG programme, and was voluntarily withdrawn before decision on registration was made by the corresponding GHG programme.	

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Version 1.0	16.09.2021	CR-I Glossary of Terms provides definition of the terms used in the documents of the Registry and in reference to any or all provisions under the Registry.