



LESSON 11: HOW TO REQUEST DESIGN CHANGES OR TRANSITION FROM OTHER STANDARDS



Design Change



Transition Review



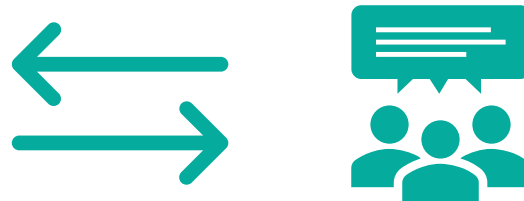
TRANSITION REVIEW

During the transition review, project developers and relevant authorities assess the project's readiness to shift from one standard (CDM with CER labeling) to another (GS4GG with VERs issuance). The review may involve examining the project's monitoring, reporting, and verification processes to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standard (GS4GG). It may also involve evaluating the project's emission reductions, sustainability goals, and adherence to safeguarding principles.

The transition review process aims to ensure a smooth and compliant transition for projects while maintaining the integrity and credibility of the new standard (GS4GG) for issuing Gold Standard VERs.

Transition Review

Refers to an evaluation process carried out to assess and ensure the successful transition of a project, system, or process from one state to another.





TRANSITION REVIEW

Timelines

- ✓ **All Gold Standard projects** registered or seeking registration with previous versions must transition to GS4GG within a specified timeframe and meet the requirements stated in the [Transition Requirements document](#).
- ✓ **Transition to GS4GG is mandatory** for all Gold Standard Registered or Issued projects, starting from March 1, 2018, at the next verification/Performance Certification or renewal of crediting period, whichever comes earlier.
- ✓ **Projects with fixed 10-year crediting periods** must transition if they have more than 24 months left in the crediting period when GS4GG is launched. Projects with a 7-year renewable crediting cycle and less than 24 months remaining must transition at the next renewal of the crediting period.
 - ✓ **Existing A/R projects** should transition at the next available Verification/Performance Certification.
- ✓ **Projects under listing or validation at GS4GG's launch** can request registration/design review with the previous version before November 23, 2021, and must comply with the requirements mentioned in paragraph 3.1.12 below. These projects should transition to GS4GG at the time of their first verification after November 23, 2021.



TRANSITION REVIEW: TYPES

GS4GG	<p>CDM projects, which include Programme of Activities (PoAs) and/or CDM Programme Activities (CPAs), that are already registered with Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) for CER labeling and want to transition to issuing Gold Standard VERs, do not need to go through deregistration from the CDM. However, it is crucial for these projects to ensure that emission reductions of a particular vintage are claimed only once, within a single scheme. To comply with this requirement, the project developer must provide a written declaration in the monitoring report, affirming that they will not issue both a CER and a Gold Standard VER for the same vintage from a project registered with Gold Standard.</p>
GS CER to GS VER	<p>The process of transitioning design-certified GS-CER projects to the GS-VER stream has been made more straightforward. However, it is essential for the transitioning project, Programme of Activities (PoA), or CDM Programme Activities (CPAs) to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the GHG Product Requirements. This includes but is not limited to adjusting the crediting period and demonstrating compliance with the eligibility requirements if the CDM crediting period start date is prior to January 1, 2016.</p> <p>The project must demonstrate the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The project faces a significant risk of discontinuation without carbon revenue.2. How the project has remained operational in the absence of carbon revenue, if carbon credits have not been issued to the project in recent years.



TRANSITION REVIEW: REQUIREMENTS

Additional monitoring requirements identified during the transition review will apply from the subsequent monitoring period.

Projects transitioning to GS4GG must comply with annual reporting requirements.

Transition projects renewing their crediting period under GS4GG must follow specific renewal guidelines.

Transition projects should maintain their existing crediting cycle and maximum crediting periods as per GS4GG guidelines.

Eligibility, methodology, and additionality already demonstrated for projects transitioning to GS4GG will not be affected.

Transition projects can use the same Validation and Verification Body for specified conditions.

Projects in transition can stack new Gold Standard Certified Impact Statements or Products over GSVR under certain conditions ([see Item 3.1.7](#))

VVB review is not required for documents submitted during the first verification after March 1, 2018.

Transitioned projects must focus on updated safeguarding principles and contribution to Climate Security and Sustainable Development Goals.

Projects under listing or validation at the launch of GS4GG must follow specific requirements to achieve Design Certification under previous versions of the Standard until a specified date.

Projects transitioning after November 23, 2021, cannot register under previous versions of the standard and must adhere to GS4GG requirements.



TRANSITION REVIEW: PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

